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### HEYWOOD TO SPEAK...

At the June 8 general meeting of the Lowell Arts Council, the guest speaker will be Tom Heywood, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids. He will present a slide program on the Ford Museum, showing its potential and economic growth. The Thursday meeting, to be held in the Lowell City Hall at 301 East Main Street, is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. . . .

### MOBILE HEALTH UNIT...

Kent County's Mobile Health Unit is scheduled to be in Lowell on Wednesday, June 14. The Clinic to be set up in the American Legion parking lot at 805 East Main Street, is open to all ages. Those wishing to avail themselves of the many services offered can do so from 9 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary . . .

### ONLY TEN SEATS LEFT...

On Wednesday, June 21, a bus load of parents and children will leave Lowell early in the morning. Their destination will be Chicago, Illinois, where they will spend the day touring the Museum of Science and Industry, focusing attention on the Shedd Aquarium, Coal Mine, and Submarine. The trip is being sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, who will underwrite all costs over the \$15.00 per person fee, which does not include meals. To-date, there are only 10 seats left for the trip which emphasizes parent/child participation. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Trip reservations can be made by calling 897-8545 or 897-5242 evenings . . .

### OLDEST OF 23 GRADUATES...

Mrs. Mabel D. Scott, 81, of 604 East Main Street, Lowell, was the oldest of 23 Adult High School Education students who received their diplomas last Tuesday night at Lowell High School during graduation ceremonies. A Lowell business woman 32 years, she retired in 1966 when she sold her beauty shop. She hopes to continue her education by enrolling in history courses being offered through the Lowell Public Library . . .

### TREE PLANTERS ARE BACK...

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce this week issued a note of thanks to George Watson and his crew for getting the tree planters back in place along Main Street, after the long winter. Adding to the beauty of the trees, which look like they had a healthy winter, will be the planting of flowers around the base by the various Main Street Merchants . . .

### THREE SATURDAYS OF WORK...

For three consecutive Saturdays, June 3, June 10 and June 17, the Runciman-Riverside School's PTO Playground committee and their crew of workers will be building, painting and installing new playground units at the school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This group of dedicated parents could put to use some experienced carpenters, and urge all interested parents to volunteer their help. "The children will definitely appreciate your efforts next fall." Anyone with questions, should direct them to Steve Uhen, chairperson, at 897-8238 . . .

### SCOUT'S AUCTION SATURDAY...

For several weeks now, the Lowell Boy Scouts have been exceptionally busy collecting items for a fund-raising Auction Sale. This coming Saturday morning, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. the Scouts will put all of these items on the auction block at the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington, Lowell. As they invited the public to join them on Saturday, they also expressed their "Thanks" to the many Lowell business places who made donations and to the various individuals who gave them their support. Those persons who still have unwanted items they'd like to donate to the Scouts, can bring them along on Saturday . . .

### CAR IS STOLEN...

Ralph Fluger of Lowell reported to the Lowell Police Department last Friday evening that his car was stolen from its parking place behind the Lowell Moose Lodge on East Main Street. The Lowell Police also received a confession from a male juvenile who stole a car last week in Lowell. He was released to the custody of parents, pending court action. In other police activity, Robert Cook of Lowell was cited for having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle, and was released to appear in Kent County's 63rd District Court at a later date . . .

### CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING...

Lucchesi Brothers Tire Company of 2400 West Main, Lowell is celebrating their Grand Opening all this week including Saturday. The festivities include special prices on many products and services, free refreshments, and a free door prize drawing. Store manager Wayne Porter invites everyone to stop in and get acquainted . . .

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## Alto Firm Gets Bid

Contracts for two major road projects in the Lowell area, totaling \$353,753, have been awarded by the Kent County Road Commission, reports Donald R. Schofield, KCRC engineer-manager. L. & S. Construction Co. of Alto, low bidder of five at \$192,176, was awarded the contract for widening and blacktopping Alden Nash Avenue between M-21 and Foreman St. And Veltling Contractors of Grand Rapids, low bidder of two

at \$161,577, was awarded the contract for blacktopping Grand River Drive between Segwon Avenue and Oberley Drive. The Alden Nash Avenue section is on the west city limits of Lowell and the part of Grand River Drive to be improved is on the south side of Lowell. Both are primary county roads so the road commission will pay for the projects, says Schofield. Work is scheduled to start shortly.—Dave Barnes.

## Tickets Moving At Torrid Pace

If the early ticket sale surge is any indication, then this year's Lowell Showboat production is heading for another record-breaking performance at the box office. Tickets for this year's Showboat, featuring talented singer Vic Damone, have been moving at a torrid pace. The week-long community production starts July 24 with the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre being the setting. The nightly shows start at 9 p.m.

"At this stage of the ticket sale campaign we are very surprised and pleased with the tremendous response," states Barbara Curtis, Lowell Showboat Board of Directors' secretary. "Ticket requests are coming in from all sections of the state. Many are expressing a desire to see and hear Vic Damone as he hasn't been in this part of Michigan for a long time," added Mrs. Curtis. Last summer the Lowell Showboat set record attendances with the week-long attraction of Pearl Bailey. Ticket sales for Miss Bailey exceeded over \$100,000 and Showboat officials are looking ahead to matching the 1977 figures.

"We have sold all our \$8 tickets for the Saturday night (July 29) performance and the Friday top tickets are going fast. However, we do have good seats left for the final night production, but persons must get their tickets early for the good seats for all of the six nights," continued Mrs. Curtis. The energetic Lowell Showboat bus committee has already said they probably will top last year's 80-plus bus loads. A concentrated drive by the committee has been well-received by groups from Lansing, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Greenville and many other Western Michigan communities.

The Lowell Showboat ticket office is now open daily. Reservations may be made by calling the ticket office, 897-9237.

**ROSE DRIVE INN**—800 West Main Street, Lowell. This Week's Special: Hamburgers, 50c. Tuesday Night, Family Night, Chicken Night; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions; Saturday Night, a Delicious Sizzler. c29

**GREAT CURL! GREAT BODY!**—with "Uniperm" at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7506. c29

**MODERN WEDDING**—Photography at its best. See what exciting things we can do with your wedding pictures. Modern Photographics, Lowell, 897-5606. c26

## Play An Instrument?

The Lowell Area Arts Council hopes to revive the tradition of a summer Community Band. Open to all ages, musicians from Ada, Alto, Lowell, Saranac and surrounding areas are being sought to participate. The Arts Council in announcing the band's formation also revealed that Lowell High School Band Director Robert Rice has agreed to direct the unit. The band will practice one evening a week, with the hopes of holding an outdoor concert in the park sometime this summer. If you play an instrument and would like to join in on the fun, call 897-5242, 897-8533 or 897-5658.

## Four Candidates Seek Two Open Board Seats

Besides being faced with two millage proposals, the voters in the Lowell School District will be asked to elect two members to serve on the school's Board of Education at the June 12 Annual Election.

Seeking the two four-year terms on the Board are Mary Kay Greenwald, Tom Heintzleman and incumbents Roger Roberts and Orion Thaler. On June 12, the polls of election will be open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk within the area in which they reside are eligible to vote in this election.

Voters residing south of Cascade Road will vote at Precinct 2, located at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield Avenue in Alto. Precinct 1 voters, those living north of Cascade road, will vote in the Runciman Elementary School at 300 High Street, Lowell.

**Tax Proposals** . . . Submitted to the voters by the Lowell School District will be the proposition to limit the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property within the school district by 17.5 mills for the year 1978; 17.7 mills for the year 1979; and 17.9 mills for the year 1980, to provide additional funds for operating purposes. Fifteen mills of each of the increases sought is a renewal of mills which expired with the 1977 tax levy.

The Special Education Millage proposition placed on the ballot by the Kent Intermediate School District asks the voters if the 1.25 mills limitation on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Kent Intermediate School District, for the education of handicapped persons be increased by 1.25 mills.

**Candidates** . . . Mary Kay Greenwald making her first attempt at securing a seat on the Board of Education, resides at 3523 Quiggle Road, S.E., Ada, with her husband, Jack, and two children, Lori, an eighth grade student, and Clay, an 11 grade student. A resident of the Lowell School district for eight years, she is employed by the Carriage House Realty firm. She has worked on many projects with the school: was part of the CECA committee; served as treasurer for "Kids Still Count Committee"; and is on the Music Parent's Booster Steering Committee.

When asked why she is running for the School Board, Mrs. Greenwald explained "Education is Priceless! Many children will not continue beyond

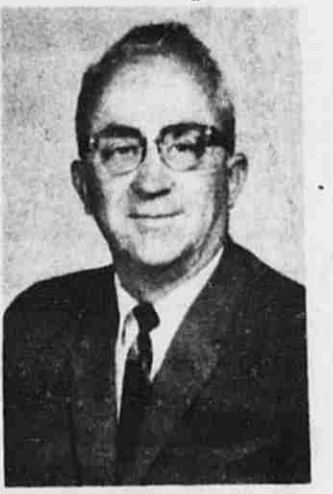
high school for that reason. Local education is the most important and the basis for all future education. "I believe as parents, it is our responsibility to give our children the best education that we can with the funds available. "I am a candidate for the Lowell School Board because as a parent I feel I can contribute a great deal to making the decisions that will assure our children the best possible education within the means of our community."

Roberts states "A larger issue is the passage of the millage vote in the district. With college costs at near \$5,000 per year, the preparation of students for this investment cannot be done at yesterday's cost. The district needs positive voices in support of the required millage. "Lowell Area Schools have good facilities, a good and capable staff. These need continuing attention for effectiveness and improvement. "The students growing up in Lowell area today need and deserve educational opportunity in an accredited system (Lowell High School will lose accreditation with reduced millage) on a par with any in the State. This cannot happen in a system levying the lowest millage in the area. Your school board has made a considered and valid proposal for needed funds. It deserves your support. "I believe the taxpayers of Lowell area need to separate the vital issue of adequate support



**Roger Roberts**  
Running for a second term, to be of service to the community is Roger Roberts, Plant Manager at Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company. Roberts, who attended Wayne State University, is current president of the Kent County Association of School Board, and the Lowell Community Fund. He is past president and chairman of the Lowell Rotary Club, YMCA Board of Directors and the United Way Fund Drive.

general responsiveness to our citizens." for education from the many side issues (total taxes too high; school support should come from income tax; "they" are trying to dictate tax rates; "they" didn't let ( ) play on the ball team) which are being used as excuses to reject millage proposals."



**Orion Thaler**  
Orion Thaler of 36th Street, Lowell, an incumbent member of the Board of Education grew up in the Middleville area, graduated from Western Michigan University in 1934 with a B.A. degree, and has lived in the Lowell area for the past 33 years. He has been involved in the schools as a parent of five children, a teacher and a board member. As a teacher for over 40 years, he feels he has knowledge of most areas of school matters. He has taught at all grade levels, was a coach and a high school principal in former years and has a sincere concern for the future of our schools and the education of our children and youth. Mr. Thaler is again offering the community a portion of his time and the benefits of his years in education. He believes that his experience as a teacher and as a board member should prove valuable in school operation as well as in curriculum matters. "I am aware of the need to spend our dollars wisely and still maintain a desirable level of education in our school system."



**Tom Heintzleman**  
Tom Heintzleman resides at 11024 Bennet Road, S.E., Lowell, and is making his second attempt at gaining a seat on the Lowell Area School Board. He is a full-time student at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, majoring in Pre-Law, and also works part-time at the Eberhard's Store in Lowell. A graduate of Lowell Senior High School, he is a veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. In stating his reasons for seeking a seat on the board, Heintzleman said "I'm only making one promise as a candidate, that is to look closely at everything from finances to curriculum, from transportation to administration. "From there, I feel the main emphasis must be on communication. The Board must let the community know exactly what is happening, where our money is going, what programs and positions are or are not necessary, and why; just demonstrating a



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## Must File Nominating Petitions By June 6

Persons planning to seek a seat in township government, this year, must file their nominating petitions by Tuesday, June 6, in order to have their name placed on the August 8 primary ballot. Petitions must be filed with the township clerk, within the area in which you are running, by 4 p.m. on the deadline day. Nominating petitions and the accompanying statements of organization are available from the clerks. Those winning election in the 1978 balloting will only serve two years. To become effective in 1980, is a new law making all township elective positions four-year terms. Presently, townships Supervisors, Clerks and Treasurers are up for election every two years, with the trusteeships being selected for four-year terms. The August 8 primary ballot will have a mandatory partisan ballot. Candidates wishing to run for a township office, after securing their petitions, must secure at

least ten signatures from registered voters in the township, in order to be eligible to run. The following is a recap of the positions up for election in August for the various townships in this area: In Ada Township, the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and constable's positions are on the ballot as is the trusteeship currently being held by Carl Keena, who is not seeking re-election. Having enlarged their township board from two to four trustees, also up for grabs will be these two new positions on the board. The other township trustee is Dr. Paul Nelson, whose term does not run out until 1980. Mr. Nelson has indicated he will file for the supervisor's job. Kenneth Anderson, Clerk, Orison Weaver, treasurer, and Russ Videan, constable, have already filed their petitions for the forthcoming election. Incumbents whose seats will be up for election in Bowne Township this August are Irwin Rodgers, supervisor; Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk; Dave Hoffmann, treasurer; Jim Willyard, trustee.

The only position within the township and up for election is the trustee's seat held by Dick Johnson, whose term expires in 1980. All of the incumbents are seeking re-election. Cascade Township will decide on a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees. Incumbents in the townships all seeking re-election are Wendell Champion, supervisor; Edward Meyer, clerk; Paul Slater, treasurer; Jack Lewis and Charles Burlingham, trustees. The remaining members of the board, whose terms are not up are Daniel Ellinger and Joseph Popma, trustees. In Grattan Township the trusteeship held by Martin Byrne will be up for election as will the clerk, treasurer, and supervisor seats. Seeking re-election is Robert Lamoreau, supervisor; Patrick

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**Fri., June 2 thru Mon., June 5**

Robert Mitchum  
Sarah Miles  
James Stewart

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EASTER SEAL CAMP - Grand Valley Easter Seals offers camp for handicapped children and adults. The camp is on Towline Lake in Montcalm County.

Children's camp is from July 9th to July 14th and adult camp is from July 17th to July 22nd.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION To The Qualified Electors Of The Lowell Area Schools

Kent And Ionia Counties, State Of Michigan. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election will be held in the Lowell Area Schools in the Counties of Kent and Ionia, State of Michigan, on Monday, June 12, 1978.

Monday, June 12, 1978. from 7:00 in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of electing two board members of the Lowell Area Schools Board for two four-year terms expiring in June 1982.

AND ALSO, NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposition will be voted upon by the registered school electors of this school district at said annual election to be held on Monday, June 12, 1978:

TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE PROPOSITION FOR OPERATING PURPOSES. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by: 17.5 mills (\$17.50 on each \$1,000.00 of state equalized valuation) for the year 1978, and by 17.7 mills (\$17.70 on each \$1,000.00 of state equalized valuation) for the year 1979, and by 17.9 mills (\$17.90 on each \$1,000.00 of state equalized valuation) for the year 1980,

to provide additional funds for operating purposes (15 mills of each of the above increases being a renewal of 15 mills which expired with the 1977 tax levy)?

AND ALSO NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposition will be voted upon by the registered school electors of this school district at the Annual School Election to be held Monday, June 12, 1978, which proposition was set forth in a resolution adopted by the Intermediate School Board of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, on March 10, 1978, to wit:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSITION. Shall the 1.25 mills [\$1.25 on each \$1,000.00 of state equalized valuation] limitation on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Kent Intermediate School District, State of Michigan, for the education of handicapped persons, be increased by 1.25 mills [\$1.25 on each \$1,000.00 of state equalized valuation]?

By Ionia County: .00125, unlimited. By Boston Township: NONE. By Campbell Township: NONE. By Keene Township: NONE. By the School District: NONE.

Dated May 8, 1978. Lucille Heppa, Treasurer, Ionia County, Michigan. This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan.

To Observe Fiftieth



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. [Ray and Mary] Linton, 11418 Kirby Street, Alto, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday, June 10, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Alto Elementary School on Bancroft Avenue.

WHERE'S THE PRODUCER? Governor William G. Milliken recently announced the appointment of a 15-member statewide Nutrition Commission. The Commission will advise the state office of nutrition, review the proposed statewide nutrition plan, review budget projections for nutrition programs in state agencies, and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding nutrition policies, services and programs.

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We went camping on the Manistee River over the Memorial Day weekend and where we camp, there is a lot of black sand. My three-year-old son, Casey, managed to keep his clothes and any exposed parts of his body, completely covered with this black sand for the entire weekend. I swear that he thinks it's his civil duty to get as dirty as possible.

The second afternoon there, a friend of mine came to camp with us and when he saw Casey, he told him that his dad should trade him back in to Sears and Roebuck for a new little boy, rather than try to clean him up. Casey looked to me for some reassurance, but I agreed with my friend with the exception that instead of trading him in on a new little boy, I would trade him in on a new table saw.

At that, Casey went off to play in the dirt some more, apparently forgetting the whole thing. A couple of hours later, when Casey had a chance to talk to me alone, he came to me all teary-eyed and asked me to please not trade him in on a new table saw. I gave him a big hug and told him that I would never trade him in on anything.

I guess I had forgotten how gullible little minds can be, after all, anybody that believes in the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, The Tooth Fairy and Wonder Woman, has got to be pretty gullible.

I remember some of the whoppers told to my brothers and me that we not only swallowed but firmly believed for several years. For instance, whenever our family went to visit my grandparents, we drove through the city of Greenville. On one such trip, my father told us that the Greenville Tool and Die plant on the south edge of Greenville was Santa Claus' workshop and that the bait shop just down the road was where Mort Neff did his Michigan Outdoors show. Not only did we believe these lies, before long, we had every child in Belding's Ellis Elementary School believing them.

Thanks to my Grandpa and Uncle who are dairy farmers, we believed that chocolate milk came from brown cows and that freckles were the result of standing behind cows in the station. It was common knowledge to the younger set in Belding, that a hole where an underground storage tank had been dug up near the railroad tracks, was really "Bum's Cave" and that you dared not go near it or else the bums would get you. I don't know where that story originated but it was probably started by some father who didn't want his kid falling in the hole.

Later, while living in Saranac, my brothers and I pulled some loose spikes out of the railroad tracks for use as tent pegs. My father told us that pulling those spikes would surely cause the train to jump the tracks. After that, we spent every night for several months, lying awake until the 11:00 freight had passed safely through town.

I'm sure that there must have been dozens and dozens of these whoppers that we believed but I just couldn't think of any more so I called my brother Ed for help. At 6:45 a.m., he too drew a blank on coming up with any recollections but he did say that my youngest brother John still believes all that junk. It seems funny to me, that a guy 23 years old would still believe all that stuff but if Ed says it's true, then it must be so.

Cascade's Historical Group Sponsors Program

The "Singing Strings" will present a program of old-time songs and country music Sunday afternoon, June 11, in the Grand Rapids Public Museum. In addition, ventriloquist Wayne Brown in charge of Public Relations at Cascade Fire Department, assisted by his sidekick (dummy) "Ernie" will offer an amusing skit on "Fire Prevention" and the History of Cascade Township.

The program, given in conjunction with the Cascade exhibit, now at the museum, is open to the public without charge. Sunday hours are from 2 to 5 p.m. The Cascade exhibit will continue through Sunday, August 27. The museum is located at 54 Jefferson Street, S.E.

Annual Macker Tournay

As the NBA playoffs come to an end and the early summer weather closes in on the Lowell community, it's time for the outdoor basketball buffs to take the court for the 5th annual Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. The three-on-three competition is slated to take place on July 1 and 2. A basketball tradition in Lowell, the invitational tournament Trailblazer shrine, appropriately titled "Blazermania."

Gus and his Advisory Council, pictured above, have the preliminary plans drawn up, and many new ideas will be tested at this year's outing. The major change is the elimination of the player draft, which was used in the past to divide the teams up. This year participants will "bring their own team," in an attempt to bring about higher levels of competition. The new format will allow for more time to be spent on other phases of organization, leaving more responsibility with the individual teams.

The general theme for this year's event will be "NBA Follies." Following this theme, the McNeals have made a court renovation. The new look for the Stadium includes a Portland Trailblazer shrine, appropriately titled "Blazermania."

VANDERVEEN HOSTED Richard VanderVeen was hosted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elzinga Saturday evening, May 27th. Approximately 30 couples were there and VanderVeen answered questions from the guests. He is running for a seat in the Senate in the August 9th Primary.

Junior Rotarians, Rotariettes



Junior Rotarians and Rotariettes for the 1977-78 school year at Lowell Senior High School include, back row, from left, Chuck Kling, Dave Baerwald, Tammy Albus, Sharon Schaaf, Beth Rivers, Terri Noffke, Laurie Dey, Sharon Nugent, Dianne Kleinjan and Nancy Weeks.

Front row, Kirk Haybarker, Mike Mac Donald, Greg Briggs, Steve Westphal, Mark Smith, James Sterling and Mark Mac Donald.

Last week's Lowell Rotary meeting took on a different atmosphere as the Junior Rotarians from Lowell High School ran the program. Elected as officers from this group of young men were Dick Beach, President; Dave Baerwald, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Greg Briggs, Secretary. Mark Smith and Steve Westphal took over as song leaders.

Included also in the meeting were the Rotariettes. These girls were chosen by the High School staff on qualities such as leadership, attractiveness and appeal. This dignified group included Cindy Hinds, Sharon Schaaf, Cindy Marks, Beth Rivers, Nancy Weeks, Sue Anderson, Denise Kleinjan, Tammy Albus, Terri Noffke and Sharon Nugent.

After being introduced, Susan (McPherson) Smith from Albion College, gave a very interesting speech about the future for these young ladies. A dance program was put on by a group of girls from the high school, displaying different dances and the history of each.

James C. Pace, Former Superintendent, Dies Unexpectedly

James C. Pace, former Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools, died unexpectedly early Sunday morning in Silver Lake, Wisconsin. He was 51 years old.

Pace had successfully recovered a few months ago from difficult open heart surgery and had returned to his position as business administrator for the Salem, Wis. School District. He was also serving the State of Wisconsin on the Trico Cetac Funding Board out of Racine at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Iris; two sons, Steve of Lowell, and Jack of Middleton, Wisconsin; three daughters, Mrs. Dolores Newlands of Pontiac, Mrs. Jan Zapf, Silver Lake, Wisconsin, and Mary Jean Pace, Kenosha, Wisconsin; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Koller and Mrs. Beverly Malcolm, both of California, and Mrs. Betty Hering of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and two grandchildren.

An educator for the past 20 years, Pace also had another consuming interest, that of law enforcement. It was through his efforts that the Lowell Police Reserve unit was established in its present form. During the race riots of a few years back Supt. Pace worked long and hard to develop the reserve group as a backup for the regular police department and

the unit has been a decided asset to the community ever since. Services will be held Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. at Strang Funeral Home in Antioch, Illinois. The family requests that no flowers be sent but that contributions can be made to the Silver Lake Rescue Squad at Silver Lake, Wisconsin.

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Witt; and several nieces and nephews. Burial services, under the arrangements of the Al Mortuary, were conducted at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

JENSEN - Thelma M. Jensen, 75, of Greenville died Saturday morning, May 20, at United Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Jensen was born March 28, 1903, in Clarksville, the daughter of Charlie and Alice Hunt.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin, whom she married June 12, 1924, at Lakeview; a son, Lawrence, Greenville; a sister, Mrs. Florence Mattson, Lakeview; a brother, Johnny Hunt, Ithaca; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Brown-Teman Funeral Home, Greenville, Interment was in Trufant Cemetery.

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Besides his wife, Jean, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Suzanne VanWeelde and Mrs. Christine Bartram; five grandchildren; his father, Robert; three brothers, Joseph, Ralph and Edward; and three sisters, Mrs. Ernest Hepp, Mrs. Donald Morton and Mrs. Howard De-

Witt; and several nieces and nephews. Burial services, under the arrangements of the Al Mortuary, were conducted at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

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**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
An open house for Evelyn Denny to celebrate her birthday will be sponsored by her children, Bob, Janice, and Sylvia. Neighbors and friends are cordially invited June 3, 4-6 p.m. at 504 E. Main.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PARK LUNCHEON**  
The Christian Women's Club of Grand Rapids will gather at Byluma's Restaurant, East on Friday, June 9, for a Friday Afternoon in the Park Luncheon, beginning at 12:30 p.m. A special feature will be a presentation by Nancy Klonpar, arts area artist. Joan Engel will provide the music, and Marcie Woods will be the guest speaker. Reservations, which are needed by Tuesday, June 8, can be made by calling 676-1356 or 942-5179. Free pre-school care is available.



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Jr. High Youth Group 5:45 p.m.  
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m.  
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Sunday School 11:15 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
(Member United Church of Christ)  
North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell  
897-8200

DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
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Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Church School 9:45 a.m.

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ELDER IVAN STARK, PASTOR

Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Fellowship 7:30 p.m.  
Communion-First Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2287 Segwun, S.E.  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

MARK BUCKERT, PASTOR

Ron Moynkynen, Elder 897-9551

**Farewell Reception Sunday To Honor Rev. P. Carpenter**

The Reverend Philip Carpenter who has served the parish at the Vergennes United Methodist Church for the past ten years will be honored at a "farewell reception" Sunday, June 4.

The party will be held at the church, located at the corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue, between the hours of two and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Carpenter is leaving the Vergennes Church to become the Chaplain at the Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids.

**Promoted**

William Andrew ("Drew") Condon, a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School, has been promoted to Service Coordinator in the Life Insurance division of State Farm Insurance Company.

He presently is working in the Michigan regional office in Marshall and effective June 12, will be in the Pennsylvania regional office in Springfield.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ferris State College, Condon began his career with State Farm in June of 1977.

**Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell**  
1151 West Main Street — 897-8841  
REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT

Worship Service 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Supervised Nursery During All Services

**Eastmont Baptist Church**  
5038 Cascade Road, S.E.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of Alto**  
Corner of 60th Street & Bancroft Avenue  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Jr.-Sr. High Young People 8:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

REV. GEORGE L. COON  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA)**  
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**Snow United Methodist Church**  
3189 Snow Avenue, S.E.  
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REV. ALLEN WITTRUP 942-6765

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 11:05 a.m.

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**Vergennes United Methodist**  
Corner Parnell Avenue & Bailey Drive  
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Church School

REV. PHILLIP CARPENTER  
"Little White Church On The Corner"

**Lowell Assembly of God**  
Meeting in American Legion Building  
805 E. Main Street

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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**Happy Birthday**

June 2: David Thaler, Lindsay Fonger, Scott McNeal, Linda Bartlett, Rhonda Alderink, Mary Parker.

June 3: Dee Ann Griffith, Gordon Sharpe, Gordon Rogers, Agnes Ridgway.

June 4: Eva Johnson.

June 5: Marion Yakes, Barry Blasher, Nancy Kyster, Stacy Martin, Norma Hemmings, Charles Rogers.

June 6: Mary Coverston, John Fahmi.

June 7: Leona Block, Jean McKay, David Roth, Gaud Rivette, Karen Saladino, Tony Beahler.

June 8: Barb Brown, Nancy Bieri, Mark Mattis.

**Homespun Devotions**  
By Pauline E. Spray

... he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:17).

Promises are easy to make but difficult to keep many times. Once Dad promised to build us a log playhouse when we were youngsters. I remember how eagerly we looked forward to the day when the project would be completed. For years we lived in anticipation. But our dream never came true.

Dad's intentions were the best. But, with hungry mouths to feed, shoes to buy, obligations to meet, and a thousand and one other things to do, he never got around to building us a cabin.

Often we're unable to keep the promises we make in good faith. Conditions prove impossible to bring them into fulfillment. Situations prevent us from doing those things which we had hoped to do.

However, God is able to keep His promises. And He does. We can rest assured that if we trust in Him we shall abide with Him throughout eternity. We will want to listen to His instructions and seek to please Him with our whole heart. Physical life may cease, but eternal bliss will go on forever—because "He promised."

Prayer: Dear God, I thank Thee for the promise of a heavenly home when this life is

# Pre-School Is A Learning Experience

express feelings and responsibility for their own actions. They care for plants and animals and watch them grow. They experience many uses of the senses as they touch, feel, listen, smell, taste and observe. Registrations for the Pre-School for fall, 1978, are being accepted now with two sections completely filled. There is room for a few four-year-olds and for children who will be three years old by September 1st.

Parents should call the United Methodist Church office, 897-7514, for a registration card immediately in order to get their children on the list for this fall.

# Installation Marks End Of First 50-Year

The Women's Club of Lowell enjoyed their annual Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers Wednesday, May 17, in the Educational Building of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

The formal meeting was preceded by a luncheon prepared and served by Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach and her committee from the church circles.

Club president Mrs. Rommie Moore conducted a short business meeting before program chairman Mrs. Harold Jefferies introduced her daughter, Mrs. William (Joanne) Forsyth who explained her work at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

One of four counselors at the Center, Mrs. Forsyth told how they assist patients with various problems. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. V. A. Watts, past president of the Club, was in charge of a short game-fun session, which all in attendance participated in.

The day was concluded with the installation of officers for their ensuing year. Taking office

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# Personal Share Groups

P.E.P. staff, Yveli Casner and Gary Vincent, share a skit on openness, honesty and acceptance as part of a share group they are leading. The group began Thursday, May 25, and will continue for several weeks. The objective of the group is personal growth in an accepting atmosphere. This will be done through sharing concerns and participating in exercises to develop communication and coping skills used in everyday life.

If others indicate interest, more of these small, personal share groups will be formed. These groups are free of charge. If you'd be interested contact P.E.P. at 897-7987 or Larry Russell at 897-8445.

**YVONNE BRIDGE LUNCHEON**  
YMCA Bridge Final Luncheon will be planned for June 10 at Deer Run Golf Club. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by D. plate cards. We invite former members and interested players to call the YMCA office—897-8445 for reservations.

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# IN AND AROUND SARANAC

**Meet The Candidates**  
At the June 1st meeting of the Saranac Community Schools' Board of Education, the voters of the school district will get a chance to "meet the candidates" running for the board.

Seeking the one-year trusteeship, open for a four-year term, on the June 12 ballot are Robert A. M. Clark, Sharon S. Banks and J. Bernard Adgate.

Thursday's meeting is slated to start at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Junior-Senior High School.

A discussion will also evolve around the renewal millages which are to be voted upon.

The ballot asks for a renewal of seven mills for three years, and the renewal of two mills for one, plus the election of one trustee.

Those voters wishing to secure an absentee voter's ballot may pick one up in Room 107 of the Junior-Senior High School, or by writing the Superintendent of Schools.

**Life-Long Saranac Resident Passes**  
Durward C. Olmstead, a life-long resident of Saranac, passed away Wednesday morning, May 24, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, at the age of 62. He resided at 156 Bridge Street, Born July 31, 1915, in Saranac, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Maude Simpson) Olmstead. He attended Saranac Schools, and on July 18, 1936, he married Christel Vogt of Ionia.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Rootman-Lake Funeral Home with the Rev. James Frank of the Galilee Baptist Church officiating. Burial was made in Saranac Cemetery.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Ardith Magers of Belknap, and several nieces and nephews.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Empyemsa Society.

**June Jamboree Opens Thursday**  
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Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Morrison Lake Pavilion.

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**NO PROFIT IN Can Hoarding**  
Hoarding soft drink cans now in hopes of reaping rich rewards of ten cents per can after December 3 will prove a useless venture.

"When Michigan's new mandatory container deposit law takes effect December 3, consumers will be charged a minimum ten cents deposit on each glass and metal beverage container and the deposit will be refunded by retailers upon return of the container," according to James A. Hillan, Holland, president of the Michigan Soft Drink Association.

"We have been receiving scattered reports that some people already are saving cans in hopes of turning them in after December 3 and collecting the ten cents deposit.

"Unfortunately for these hoarders, their cans will be valuable only as scrap.

"When the returnable container system goes into effect, all soft drink cans will be stamped with the word 'Michigan' and the amount of deposit. Cans without this legend will

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Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

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Young Peoples' Altarglow 8:30 p.m.  
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Wednesday — Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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They obviously are using the tactic of wearing the people down—by repeatedly calling for a vote until we surrender and give them what they demand.

The school superintendent stated publicly that time consumed in educating the voters to give him what he wants is an imposition on him. We submit that if he spent less time on such politics and more time working as an efficient administrator, concerned with expenses—he would be a better administrator.

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# LOWELL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 5-4-78

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONNECTION NOW OR HEREAFTER OF PREMISES TO THE M-21 INTERCEPTOR SEWER LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CONNECTION THERETO AND AVAILABILITY THEREOF AND FOR CHARGES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE THEREFROM; TO REQUIRE SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FOR PREMISES HEREAFTER OCCUPIED OR PLATTED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO SAID SYSTEM AND TO THE USE THEREOF FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE.**

### THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.00** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Township of Lowell M-21 Interceptor Sewer Connection Ordinance."

**SECTION 1.01** Whenever used in this ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context:

(a) The term "Township" shall be construed to mean the Township of Lowell, the term "County" shall be construed to mean the County of Kent, acting through the Kent County Drain Commissioner or the Kent County Department of Public Works, and the term "City" shall be construed to mean the City of Lowell, all in the State of Michigan.

(b) The term "Board" shall be construed to mean the Township Board of said Township of Lowell, the legislative and governing body thereof.

(c) The term "M-21 Interceptor Sewer" shall be construed to mean the pumping station and force-main facilities constructed in the fall of 1975 commencing at Cumberland Avenue and M-21 and then proceeding east along M-21 and Boves Street and connecting to the City's collecting sewer system in Boves Street.

(d) The term "sewage disposal system" shall be construed to mean any collection or interceptor sewers located within the Township and connected to City sanitary sewer system together with any portion of the City's collection and treatment system to be used by customers within the Township.

(e) The term "system" shall be deemed to refer to the said sewage disposal system.

(f) The term "available public sanitary sewer" shall be construed to mean a gravity public sanitary sewer system located in a right-of-way, easement, highway, street or public way which crosses, adjoins or abuts upon the property and passing not more than 200 feet at the nearest point from a structure in which sanitary sewage originates.

(g) The term "structure in which sanitary sewage originates" or "structure" shall be construed to mean a building in which toilet, kitchen, laundry, bathing or other facilities which generate water-carried sanitary sewage, are used or are available for use for household, commercial, industrial or other purposes.

(h) The term "sewage disposal services" shall be deemed to refer to the collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage originating now or hereafter in a structure.

(i) The term "unit" or "Units" shall be related to the quantity of sanitary sewage ordinarily arising from the occupancy of a structure by a single family of ordinary size and the benefit derived therefrom, and shall be defined or determined from time to time by the Township. Said determination of units shall be based upon studies, relative to the quantity of sewage generated by different types of use and occupancy of premises and shall be kept up to date and revised by resolution of the Township Board as needed as new studies are made and through experience gained by actual operation.

(j) The term "interceptor connection fee" shall be deemed to mean the amount charged at the time and in the amount hereinafter provided, to each premises in the Township for connecting or being connected to the system M-21 Interceptor and represents the proportionate cost allocable to such premises for the interceptor facilities by which sewage disposal services are immediately provided to the premises.

(k) The term "availability fee" shall be deemed to mean the amount charged at the time and in the amount hereinafter provided to each premises in the Township for the availability to directly serve said premises by the facilities of the system and represents the proportionate cost allocable to such premises for the lateral service directly available to the premises and the general benefit derived therefrom.

(l) The term "charges for sewage disposal services" or "charges" shall be deemed to mean the amount charged to each premises in the Township for sewage disposal services which may include a debt service factor.

(m) The term "inspection and approval fee" shall be deemed to mean the amount charged to each applicant by the Township to connect said premises to the system to cover the cost of inspecting and approving the physical connection to the system and the issuance of a connection permit.

(n) The term "service stub charge" shall be deemed to mean the amount charged to each premises in the Township for the actual construction of one or more service stubs from the system to the property line of the premises at the time such service stub is constructed.

(o) The term "premises" shall be deemed to mean the lands included within the boundaries of a single description as set forth, from time to time, on the general tax rolls of the Township as a single taxable item in the name of the taxpayer or taxpayers at one address but in the case of platted lots shall be limited to a single platted lot unless an existing structure is so located on more than one lot as to make the same a single description for purposes of assessment or conveyance now or hereafter.

**SECTION 1.02** Public sanitary sewage systems are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and the Township. Septic tank disposal systems are subject to failure due to soil conditions or other reasons. Failure or potential failure of septic tank disposal systems poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare; presents a potential for ill health, transmission of disease, mortality and potential economic blight and constitutes a threat to the quality of surface and subsurface waters of the state and the Township. The connection to available pu-

successive charges to be due and payable on the first day of each succeeding period. Charges shall be billed at least one month before their due date.

**SECTION 2.01** The said system shall be used for the collection and transportation of sanitary sewage only. Downspouts, footing drains, well ties, or any conduit that carries storm water or ground water, alone or in combination with sanitary sewage, shall not be connected to the system, directly or indirectly. Industrial and commercial waste shall be discharged into the system only in compliance with the standards and regulations of the City.

**SECTION 3.01** Structures in which sanitary sewage originates located in the Township in the area served by the system for which there is an available public sanitary sewer of the system shall not be used or occupied, after the effective date hereof, unless said structures are connected to the sewerage disposal system. Provided, that structures within the Township in which sanitary sewage originates before availability of the system or any part thereof to serve such structures shall be connected to said system within twelve (12) months after the system becomes available to serve said structures. Plans for premises in the area served by the system sub-divided into three or more lots or parcels, after the effective date hereof, shall not be approved on behalf of the Township and none of said lots or parcels shall be improved by the erection of a structure thereon unless lateral sewers to serve all of said lots or parcels and to connect same to the systems are available as part of the system or shall be installed at private cost (or the estimated cost thereof deposited with the Township) in the manner, size, and location approved by the Township.

**SECTION 3.02** Owners of structure within the area in the Township served by the system in which sanitary sewage originates, as of the effective date hereof shall pay an interceptor connection fee upon connection to the system in the amount of \$275.00 per unit, payable in four (4) equal installments, with interest on unpaid balance, payable annually at the rate of 6% per annum, the first principal and interest installment being payable on or before the next following March 1st, and succeeding installments being payable on or before each March 1st thereafter. Any such owner may discharge the obligation to pay such interceptor connection fee by the payment of \$275.00 without interest in cash for each unit within 30 days of actual connection, or may pay any part of such interceptor connection fee in cash without interest within 30 days of actual connection, and thereafter prepayment of said interceptor fee may be made in advance by paying interest on the amount prepaid to the next succeeding March 1st following the date of prepayment.

**SECTION 3.03** Any owner of a structure or premises within the area in the Township served by the system in which sanitary sewage does not originate, as of the effective date hereof, who thereafter improves the same by the erection of a structure or structures thereon in which sanitary sewage originates, and which structures are hereafter connected directly to the system, or indirectly to the system through other public or private sewers hereafter constructed in the area in the Township served by the system, shall pay an interceptor connection fee in the amount of \$275.00 per unit in cash at the time a connection permit is issued by the Township, which fee shall be in addition to any other fee or charge paid or being paid hereunder with respect to said premises.

**SECTION 3.04** Prior to connection to the system, an owner of a structure to be connected to the system shall secure a connection permit from the Township. A connection permit and service stub inspection fee of \$25.00 per service stub is hereby established. If, however, unusual circumstances demand, the Township may charge inspection costs on an hourly basis with a minimum fee of \$25.00.

**SECTION 3.05** The number of units to be assigned to any particular premises used for other than single residence purposes shall be determined by the Township Board. Said Township Board, if the circumstances justify, may assign more than one unit to a single family dwelling. No less than one unit shall be assigned to each premises but, for purposes of computing the connection fee, units in excess of one may be computed and assigned to the nearest tenth. Once any premises has been connected to the system and has been assigned one or more units, subsequent changes in the character of the use or type of occupancy of said premises (including destruction, removal or abandonment of any or all improvements thereon) shall not abate the obligation to continue the payment of the connection fee charged to said premises in the amount and for the period hereinabove provided, for the number of units assigned to said premises at the time of connection. If subsequent changes at any time increase the amount of sanitary sewage emanating from the premises, the Township Board shall increase the number of units assigned to said premises and thereupon an interceptor connection fee of \$275.00 per unit computed on the same basis for the additional units, shall be payable in cash at the time a construction of other permit is issued by the Township for such changes in use or at the time such change in use occurs, if no permit is issued or required.

Charges for sewage disposal services to each premises within the Township connected to the sewage disposal system shall be \$6.00 per unit per month and may be amended by resolution from time to time by the Township Board and shall be subject to any obligations and limitations set forth in any agreement pertaining to the system between the Township and the City. In addition to the City rate, the charge shall include an amount to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of sanitary sewer facilities located within the Township.

No free service shall be furnished by the system to the Township or to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality. Charges for services furnished by the system shall be billed and collected by the City on a periodic basis the first such charges for each premises to be due and payable on the first day of the established billing period following by at least one month the date such premises are connected to the system and

successive charges to be due and payable on the first day of each succeeding period. Charges shall be billed at least one month before their due date.

**SECTION 4.01** When the structure in which sanitary sewage originates has not been connected to an available public sanitary sewer system before use and occupancy or within the 12 months period provided in this ordinance the Township shall require the connection to be made forthwith after notice, which may be by first class or certified mail or posting on the property, to the owner of the property on which the structure is located. The notice shall give the approximate location of the public sanitary sewer system, which is available for connection of the structure involved and shall advise the owner of the requirements and of the enforcement provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.01** Where any structure in which sanitary sewage originates is not connected to an available public sanitary sewer system within 90 days after the date of mailing or posting of the written notice, the provisions of this ordinance shall be enforceable through the bringing of an appropriate action for injunction, mandamus, or otherwise, in any Court having jurisdiction. Any violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

**SECTION 6.01** Any person, firm or corporation convicted of disposing of sewage in a manner contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or failing to connect with an available public sanitary sewer as provided herein, or in any other way violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subjected to a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court, together with costs of said prosecution. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 6.02** If any charges for sewage disposal services are not paid on or before the due date then a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto. In the event that the charges for any such services furnished to any premises shall not be paid within 120 days after the due date thereof, then all services furnished by the sewage disposal system may be discontinued. Service so discontinued shall not be restored until all sums then due and owing, including penalties and interest, shall be paid, plus all expenses incurred by the Township for shutting off and turning on the service.

**SECTION 6.03** If any installment of an interceptor connection fee is not paid on or before the due date, the same shall draw interest at the rate of 1% of 1% per month until paid in full. In the event that any such installment remains unpaid for 120 days or more after the due date, service may be discontinued as provided in Section 6.02, and shall be restored until all amounts due are paid plus the shut-off and turn-on charges so provided are paid.

**SECTION 6.04** Charges for sewage disposal services furnished by the system to any premises; and the interceptor connection fee, pertaining to any premises, shall be a lien thereon as of the due date thereof, and on September 1st of each year the Township Treasurer shall certify any such charges and installments which have been delinquent ninety (90) days or more, plus penalties and interest accrued thereon, and plus an additional amount of 6% of the aggregate amount, to the Township Board who shall cause the same to be entered upon the next Township and County tax roll against the premises to which such services shall have been rendered and against which such trunkage connection fee, availability fee and service stub charge has been placed, and said unpaid charges and unpaid fees, with penalties and interest accrued thereon, shall be collected and said lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in respect to taxes assessed upon such roll.

**SECTION 7.01** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the same shall not affect any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 8.01** All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9.01** This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety and shall become effective immediately upon publication in full in the Grand Valley Ledger, a newspaper published or circulated in this Township.

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## Consignment Sale Added To 4-H Dairy Program

A new addition to the 4-H dairy program will teach Kent County 4-H'ers the basics of marketing dairy animals, says Kenneth Cornelisse, Ext. 4-H Youth Agent.

The new statewide 4-H dairy consignment sale will give 4-H'ers a chance to sell a dairy animal," says Cornelisse. "In the process they will learn how dairy farmers sell their cull animals and buy replacements for their herd. It's also an excellent chance to see what type of animals the farmers want to acquire as replacements in their herd."

Each Kent County 4-H dairy project member, aged 9-19, can consign one cow or heifer to the sale by contacting Cornelisse before June 1.

All sale animals must be either registered or identified grades. The 4-H'ers are also required to provide buyers with health records, recorded pedigrees and production records.

The sale, sponsored by the 4-H dairy developmental committee, will be held at Michigan State University, August 24. A \$5 fee will be charged to all participants. For further information contact Kenneth W. Cornelisse at 774-3265.

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The Cascade Township Planning Commission will hold three public hearings on Monday, June 5, at the Township's administration building at 2800 Orange Street, S.E.

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1201 McKay Tower  
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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER  
STATE OF MICHIGAN - Circuit Court for the County of Kent  
File No. 78-34668-DM  
SUSAN KAY SHOFFNER, Plaintiff,  
VS.  
RICHARD ARLEN SHOFFNER, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 2nd day of May, 1978.

PRESENT: The Honorable GEORGE R. COOK, Circuit Court Judge.

On this 2nd day of May, 1978, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 504 5th St. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 2nd day of August, 1978.

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VALENTINA SILVA, Plaintiff,  
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DAVID BALLI SILVA, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 14th day of April, 1978.

PRESENT: The Honorable GEORGE R. COOK, Circuit Court Judge.

On this 28th day of March, 1978, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was Route #1, Box 225, San Benito, Texas, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 14th day of July, 1978.

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For WEST MICHIGAN Sportsmen by Denny Geurink

**NEW TROUT SIZE & CREEL LIMITS?**  
The Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries Division has announced that it is recommending some major changes involving the state's various trout species. Both streams and lakes would be affected if these changes are approved.

One of the changes being considered is the establishment of a statewide size limit of eight inches on all stream-caught trout. This would represent an increase from seven to eight inches on brookies and a cut from ten inches to eight inches on all other trout and salmon.

As for Michigan's lakes, the Fisheries Division is recommending a ten inch limit on all trout and salmon statewide. That would extend the protection of a ten inch limit to brook trout in lakes. All other trout and salmon are already under a ten inch size limit on lakes.

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**CAMEL SPECIES**  
There are two species of camels, the one-humped Arabian camel, or dromedary, found across northern Africa, and the studier, two-humped bactrian camel, found in Asia's Gobi Desert.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark VanKoevever are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lisa Marie, born on Thursday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. She tipped the scales at eight pounds, three ounces and was greeted at home by her two-year-old sister, Jamie.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit DeGoon of Ada and Mr. and Mrs. John VanKoevering of Hudsonville.

**POTPOURRI**  
Lori Ann Courser of Lowell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication and theatre in commencement ceremonies at Albion College, May 6. A graduate of Lowell Senior High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Courser, 203 N. Hudson Street, Lowell.

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## Doyle Bid Gets House

The Kent County Road Commission has sold to the highest bidder two buildings which must be removed to make way for the relocation of the south end of Parnell Avenue. The highest bidder was Robert Doyle of Dearborn, Mich. Beginning June 10 and continuing daily through the summer, the Village offers strolling minstrels, a music revue, an old-time medicine show and vignettes by the likes of Ben Franklin, and others.

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## Twp. Petitions, Cont'd.

Malone, clerk; and Lucille Slawinski, treasurer.

The term of trustee Eugene Maidens will not expire until 1980.

**Lowell Township** voters will select a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, one trustee and a constable.

The current township officials are Harry Yeiter, supervisor; Carol Wells, clerk; Doris Boyd, treasurer; Carl Haddan, trustee; and James Hutson, constable. Thus far, all have indicated they will run in the August primary.

Only the trusteeship held by Dick Huver will not be up for re-election.

In Vergennes Township, Supervisor Carl Kropf has indicated that he will not seek re-election this year.

The August ballot, however, will carry the names of the incumbents who have filed for re-election: Irene Osborne, clerk; Elmer Wittenbach, treasurer; and Richard Bieri, trustee.

Adelbert Odell's trusteeship on the board is good until 1980.

According to Kent County Clerk Jack Bronkema, June 9 is the last day that those with second thoughts about political offices have to withdraw from the August 9 primary.

### INCREASE IN FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENTS SET

Low-income families will get a cost-of-living increase in food stamp allotments on July 1.

The monthly allotment for a family of four, for example, will increase from \$174 to \$182. The July 1 adjustments are based on March food cost data.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) by law must adjust food stamp allotments twice a year, on January 1 and July 1, in line with food price changes reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index.

**TO BUY, SELL, RENT OR TRADE—USE THE LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS**

## Public Hearing Held

A public hearing, regarding a request for the rezoning of a 10.2 acre parcel of land was held before the Lowell Planning Commission at their regular meeting May 22.

The request for rezoning, from Gow (John) Ramjeet and his associates, regards property that they hold an option on, located on the north side of M-21, just west of the State Savings Bank's branch office.

According to Bob Tole who spoke on behalf of Ramjeet and his associates, immediate plans for the parcel, if rezoned include a 60,000 sq. ft. mall. Future plans would include a fast food restaurant and possibly other businesses.

A preliminary site plan showed the proposed mall located to the northwest corner of the parcel, 55 feet from the north lotline. Included in the 55 feet between the mall and lot line is a 25 foot green belt.

On the half dozen Valley Vista area residents present, two voiced their concerns regarding the project. John Fox and Ed Warble, whose property abuts the north boundary of the parcel in question said the mall would detract from their property values because of its traffic, noise, appearance and lighting.

The property is currently in a Public Urban Development (PUD-2) that allows for the building of multiple family dwellings, and or, office buildings. The Planning Commission stated that they wouldn't be interested in rezoning the parcel for commercial use (C-3) but

might go along with rezoning it a PUD-3 (commercial).

The main advantage of changing the property to a PUD-3 status would be that no building could take place until individual plans were approved by the Planning Commission at a public meeting. This would allow the planning commission and the nearby residents to have a say in how the project would be built and guarantee that adequate green belting, location of buildings, etc., would meet their specifications.

Ramjeet and Tole said that they would be happy to work along these lines with the City providing special meetings could be held to keep the project moving without having to wait for regular monthly meetings to come up.

Planning Commission Chairman Bill Doyle said that special meetings would be no problem and that nearby residents would be notified of any meetings regarding the project.

City Manager Ray Quada and City Planner Dennis Elsen of Williams and Works are currently working with Ramjeet and Tole on a site plan to be submitted to the commission.

### BEEF REFERENDUM

The National Cattlemen's Association intends to have another referendum vote by next spring on the beef check-off program. The referendum vote last year failed to obtain the two-thirds majority needed for passage. NCA said some of the funds obtained would go for human nutrition research.

## RECYCLING FAMILIES

Wilhelmina Wright



This fourth article in a nine part series on the Family Life Cycle discusses "The Crowded Years."

The Crowded Years refer to those years when you have more than one pre-schooler at home. It is not unusual to have four children under five. These are the years when you can be totally exhausted because there are a lot of physical demands. There is a lot of giving involved. Also during these years the marriage can suffer a great deal because the mother is tired and busy and there is more pressure on the father to bring home the money.

Problems you encounter include discipline and the rivalry of the children. You also must help each child to feel like an individual. The older child must learn how to cope with jealousy when the next one comes along. When children are fairly close together and the same sex, they tend to become very competitive. In order to counteract some of this feeling, some hospitals are talking about allowing the older child to be a part of the birth process.

Sometimes an older child may regress such as going back to the bottle or using baby talk when a new baby is brought home. These things are not

unusual. The parents can help by making the child feel more loved and more secure.

Mothers often expect more of an older child . . . the child becomes her helper. Helping out can help the child feel important, but it can be overdone.

Even though you prepare a child for a new birth, the reactions may not be what you expect. The child may expect someone to play with, but the baby sleeps and only the mother 'plays' with it.

Sometimes the child will show jealousy by overmothering the baby. Just remember, wherever there are people, there's jealousy. It's O.K. as long as the child does not become harmful to the baby.

Sometimes the mother gets lost in the shuffle . . . her self hat gets lost. At this time the couple may have to renegotiate. The husband may be invited to help or someone else may be found to help.

Family Service Association, a United Way agency, serves people from all walks of life. If you have a question about the agency or family adjustments, call 774-0633. No one is refused help because of an inability to pay.

## Driver Ed. Cars Furnished By Vennen



Paul Northuis, Director of Driver Education at Forest Hills Public Schools takes the keys to a new Dodge from Vince McCambridge of Vennen Chrysler-Dodge, Inc. (formerly Jackson Motor Sales). The car is one of five being furnished to Forest Hills Schools for this summer's driver education program. The cars, furnished at no charge by Vennen Chrysler-Dodge, includes four Dodges and one Chrysler. All of the cars are brand new and equipped with air conditioning, dual controls, power steering and power brakes.

### GUEST GUESSED

The White House guest list at a recent gala state dinner described Robert Sowa as a Manchester, New Hampshire state representative. He dined on supreme of royal squab. New Hampshire authorities say,

however, that Sowa has never been a state legislator. He is a used car dealer, and a convicted felon. Red-faced White House officials said later Sowa was an avid supporter of Jimmy Carter in the vital New Hampshire primary.

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## Accident Injures Two



Injuries to two cyclists was the result of a car/motorcycle accident in Lowell at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, May 30. The accident happened as the car, [northbound], attempted a left turn from Foreman onto Suffolk and was struck by the motorcycle traveling south on Foreman. The driver of the motorcycle, Donald Allersma, 35, of 1238 Beckwith Drive, Lowell, was treated at the scene for a fractured right leg, lacerations to the knee and upper leg, and a shoulder injury. A passenger on the motorcycle, 6-year-old Victor Sturgeon of 257 Donna Drive, Lowell, was treated at the scene for a possible fracture of the left leg. Both were taken to Blodgett Hospital via Bud's Ambulance.

The driver of the car, Pamela Zeen Knulper, 17, of 11268 Dorothy Street, Lowell, was not injured. The accident is still under investigation by the Lowell Police Department and no tickets have yet been issued.

### LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS

### LOWELL YMCA CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tennis Lessons — Adults. Classes meet Tuesdays or Thursdays. Begin June 6 and June 8, 7 p.m. 6 weeks of instruction by Gordon Hill.

Tennis Lessons — Youth. Classes meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 20-July 20. 8 hours of instruction by Sue Maston.

Summer Tumbling & Gymnastics. Classes meet Tuesdays, June 20-August 1. Classes for Advanced Gymnastics, Beginning and Advanced Pre-School Tumbling.

Canoe Trips. Training and Trips for two age groups. Age 7-10 and 11-14.

Bus Trips. Trip to "Impression 5, The Hands On" Museum—the museum where you explore the world through your senses. Friday, July 14.

Deer Park Funland Trip—Enjoy a day of fun at West Michigan's only Amusement Park—Rides—Feed the Deer—Friday, June 30.

YMCA Annual Road run—August 12.

Beginners Silver Smithing Class—Begins June 5. All classes and trips limited in size—sign up early.

## "Letter From Washington"

By Congressman Hal Sawyer

Lobbyists can have a major impact on federal legislation, yet the present law governing their activity is vague, ineffectual and unenforceable.

As a result, there has been only one successful prosecution since the Lobby Disclosure Act became law in 1946.

However, a bill now pending in Congress would force lobbying activity to be done in the open. The Public Disclosure of Lobbying Act of 1978 has cleared the House and now goes to the Senate.

This bill, which came out of the House Judiciary Committee, of which I'm a member, is intended to safeguard governmental functions by making public the efforts by various special interest groups to influence the legislative process.

I support this bill and made several contributions to it when it was in the Judiciary Committee. In essence, it would:

—Apply to organizations which seek to influence the content or disposition of any bill, resolution, treaty, nomination, legislative hearing, legislative report or investigation in Congress.

—Require registration by any organization which, in any quarterly reporting period, meets either of these criteria: a) spends \$2,500 to retain a firm to lobby, or b) employs one staff person at least 13 days or two or more staff people at least seven days, and which spends \$2,500 in lobbying activities.

—Stipulate that organizations, in their registration statement, give the identity, nature and location of the organization, as well as the officers, directors, retainees and employees who lobby on its behalf.

—Require qualifying organizations to file a quarterly report with the General Accounting Office. This report should: identify the major lobbying issues, employees or retainees employed to lobby; list quarterly expenditures and each known "direct business relationship" between the reporting organization and a federal officer or employee.

The bill also would tighten several loopholes in the 1946 law. That law does not require registration of lobbyists who spent their own funds in lobbying efforts; it does not apply to lobbyists' contract with congressional staff members; nor does it apply to indirect lobbying efforts, such as letter-writing campaigns to Congress.

One of the worst aspects of the 1946 law is that it does not give any federal agency clear responsibility and authority to enforce compliance with the act.

In contrast, the bill which has passed the House has a lot of teeth in it. It confers enforcement authority on the Justice Department and provides that willful and knowing violations of this act, as well as false statements, would be punishable by a maximum of a \$10,000 fine and/or two years imprisonment.

I would be interested in your views on lobby disclosure. Send them to me in care of: "Letter from Washington," Room 166 Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

### CHANGE IN BEEF GRADES OPPOSED

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in a recent USDA hearing, voiced strong opposition to a proposed change in the government beef grading program which would require use of an "ungraded" label. Said the AFBF: "We are opposed to use of the 'U.S. Ungraded' label because it would downgrade the quality of the product (in the minds of consumers) and also limit the sale of meat under retail trade names. This requirement would likely transform the voluntary meat grading system into a mandatory program. The cost of this added program may well be reflected in lower prices to farmers. It's totally unacceptable."

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