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High-Level Scientific Pursuit



Ronald C. Moore of Lowell was among 45 high school students who participated in the 20th annual Michigan State University High School Honors Science Program.

While this summer may have been the traditional break from school for most of his peers, it was one of high-level scientific pursuit for Ronald C. Moore of Lowell who was among 45 high school students from the U.S. who participated in the 20th annual Michigan State University High School Honors Science Program.

The enrichment program, sponsored by the Science and Mathematics Teaching Center and the Department of Natural Science at MSU, and held June 26 to July 28, was available to students in the top 10 percent of their class.

The students, housed in residence halls on campus, attended lectures and went on various field trips, but spent the major portion of their time engaged in independent laboratory research with MSU faculty members in biology, biochemistry, computer science, engineering or physics.

"We try to place the students in a laboratory situation where there are no limits on their work," said Dr. Charles Peables, director of the program.

"Many of these students are able to function very well in on-going university research projects."

Moore, a computer science major in the program, will be a senior at Lowell Senior High School in the fall. He studied the image-processing of handprints and fingerprints as part of a genetic study.

"People with genetic diseases have a different classification of handprints," he said. "It's pretty interesting to study."

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Moore of 604 N. Hudson, Lowell.

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7 1/2 Miles Of M-50 To Be Blacktopped

Blacktopping M-50 in southeast Bowne Township and Kent County and three and a half miles into Ionia County is being done by Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., of Grandville at a cost of \$282,151.

The project is on Alden Nash Avenue between 84th and 92nd Streets and 92nd Street from Alden Nash Avenue east into Ionia County, says Charles K. Brooks, district highway engineer of the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation.

Length of the resurfacing is seven and a half miles, with four miles of the improvement in Kent County.

The Rieth-Riley firm made one bid on three resurfacing projects. The other two are on M-37, Caledonia, and part of BR-M21 in Grandville.

Work on the M-50 phase is slated to be completed in about a week.—Dave Barnes.

Feedback Unit To Be In Ada Area

The Kent County Road Commission's "Feedback Unit" trailer, available for public information, comments and questions on road improvements and other related matter, will be parked in two locations in the Ada area, August 15-26.

From August 15 to August 19, the Feedback Unit will be parked on Knapp Street, west of Pettis Avenue; August 22-26 on Fulton Street, west of Ada Drive.

The trailer is open to area residents from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Lowell City Council Teen Activity Center Okayed

At the Monday, August 7 meeting of the Lowell City Council, owners of P&D Distributing at 508 W. Main St., Lowell, requested that the council grant a pool hall license at the same address.

P&D plans to open and operate an adult supervised recreation center geared toward the 17 and under crowd. The center as proposed will house no more than two pool tables and assorted other coin operated games including pinball, football, etc.

The city ordinance specifies that no one under the age of 17 shall enter a pool hall unless accompanied by an adult. Councilman Richard Heath felt that the new establishment should not be classified as a pool hall, but rather a recreation center with a couple of pool tables in it. Heath went on to mention that bars are not classified as pool halls, yet they often have pool tables in them.

The council was at first under the impression that the site was zoned industrial and would require rezoning to commercial which brought up questions regarding adequate parking to meet ordinance requirements. But after some double-checking by City Manager Ray Quada, it was discovered that the site is already zoned commercial and parking could not be specified by the city anyway.

A motion from Heath allowing for provisional 90 day operation of the facility was met with unanimous council approval.

Owners of P&D Amusements could not be reached by the Ledger for further information as to when the establishment might open, etc.

The subject of a Cat Ordinance for the City of Lowell again received council attention, this time prompted by Councilman Heath. When the subject came up on the agenda, Councilman Warning made a motion that they (the council) skip it. Warning has been on the council long enough to remember the last time the subject of a Cat Control Ordinance was brought up and felt that any further attempts at establishing such an ordinance would be futile.

Heath, however, was persistent and offered to write a sample ordinance for council to review at a future meeting.

Despite a pamphlet delivered to each of the city's water customers and repeated articles and notices in the Ledger, the city recorded over thirty calls since last Tuesday when the first water bills went out with the new rates applied. All of the calls were questioning the increase in their water bill.

The rates had to be raised for several reasons, but a catch-all

statement would be that overhead at the new water treatment plant is far greater than anticipated when the plant was on the drawing board and water rates

that supposedly would have paid its way were established. Quada announced that a return visit of the Michigan Ar-tain (all new exhibits) is proba-

ble in May of 1979. Quada asked for merchant assistance in helping to keep the city's new Main Street waste receptacles from overflowing.

Trophy Is A Surprise



Frank Smith, owner of Smith-Clemenz Motor Sales, 2401 W. Main, Lowell was surprised Monday afternoon. A softball team sponsored by him won the sportsmanship trophy at the Clarksville Slo-Pitch Tournament over the weekend. As many of the players that could, showed up at Smith-Clemenz Monday afternoon for a surprise presentation of the trophy to their sponsor.

In the above photo are: Dick McNeal, Chris Briggs, Scott McNeal, Mark Smith, Frank Smith, Jim Dykstra, Ray Alexander, and Mitch McNeal. Other team members not pictured include: Tom Scheidel, Tom Smith, Terry Molag, Greg Briggs, and Mark Hines.



BAND CAMP BEGINS...

Band camp for Lowell Senior High School students will run from Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18. Full band rehearsals will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and sectional rehearsals from 1 to 3 p.m.

A complete schedule will be given on Monday morning, August 14, to everyone. All marching band students are expected to attend.

CLOSE PAPER DROP...

Due to problems beyond their control, the Lowell Area Jaycee's Paper Drop, located in the parking lot at Eberhard's on West Main Street, will be closed temporarily starting Wednesday, August 8.

In thanking the community for their support, the Jaycees also announced that the unit would be reopened as soon as possible...

DOING WHAT HE LOVED...

Comedian Frank Fontaine who starred on the 1976 Lowell Showboat, died Friday night, August 4, of an apparent heart attack, doing what he loved best, entertaining people. Fontaine had just finished his fourth encore before 3,000 people and accepted a check for \$25,000 which he said he would donate for heart research, when he walked off the stage and collapsed.

The 56-year-old entertainer, and the father of 11 children, was known to millions as the irrepressible "Crazy Guggenheim." c3

HEALTH UNIT HERE...

The Kent County Mobile Health Unit will be parked at the Lowell American Legion Hall on Wednesday, August 9, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

The clinic, open to all ages, provides counseling on health needs and makes referrals. Immunizations, vision and hearing screening, electrocardiograms, emergency first aid and tests for diabetes, sickle cell anemia and pregnancy are also provided...

CROSS-COUNTRY MEETING...

There will be a meeting for any students interested in being a member of Lowell High School's cross-country team this year on Thursday, August 17, 10 to 11 a.m. in Room K-4 at the High School.

TOURNAMENT SATURDAY...

The annual Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Lowell YMCA, will take place this Saturday, August 12, on the high school courts, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Competition will be open to men's and women's singles and doubles, with the competitors being high school age and up. This year's tourney is being coordinated by Gordon Hill.

Entry deadline is this Friday at 5 p.m. Winners in each division will be awarded medallions and the runners-up will get medals...

CATCH TWO JUVENILES...

Two female juveniles were arrested by Lowell Police Officers recently for breaking and entering a private residence. Both subjects were referred to the Kent County Juvenile Court for hearings...

THIS 'N THAT...

Amway Corporation of Ada has purchased the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids... Unemployment rose sharply in July, climbing to 6.2 percent of the labor force, with teenagers and women bearing the brunt of the increased joblessness... The average residential customer of Consumers Power Company will pay 48 cents more per month for electricity as a result of a 4.14 percent rate increase approved by the Public Service Commission last week...

OPEN LIMITED HOURS...

In order to operate their booth at the Ionia Free Fair the Riverside Fireplace Shoppe at 103 East Main Street is open only on limited hours this week.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, they will be open only from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. They'll be closed all day Saturday...

North Division Champs

Lowell won the Tri-County Baseball League's Northern Division championship last Saturday, August 5, by defeating Portland 5-4 in a game that went 12 innings.

The championship Lowell team, coached by Allan Baird, consists of Kim and Craig Wurm, Dave Meyers, Mike Zaagman, Greg Bailey, Paul Havens, Mark Gillard, Bob Pickard, Jerry Uzaz, Randy Hummel, Sherwin Beck, Rick Ruprecht, Ron Alzano, Eric Kreuger, and Tony Stormzand.

Lowell will meet Caledonia

this Thursday at Fallsburg Park, 6 p.m., for the first round of the championship play-offs, in a best two out of three tournament.

The second round of the playoffs will be at Caledonia on Sunday, August 13, at 2 p.m., with the final game being played on August 17, if necessary.

Teams in the Tri-County League include, Southern Division, Ionia, Pewamun, Portland and Westphalia; Northern Division, Caledonia, Lowell, Belding and Saranac.

GREAT CURL! GREAT BODY! With "Uniperm" at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main St., Lowell, 897-7506. c39

Week Long Open House

Again this year, the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium and Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association will sponsor a week-long open house at the James C. Veon Observatory near Lowell.

Each evening, from Monday through Friday, August 21st through the 25th, the facility will be open for a special audio-visual presentation and tours. When sky conditions permit, visitors will also be invited to observe sky objects through two large telescopes. Hours are from 8:30 to 11 p.m. each evening. There is no admission charge.

For further information, call 456-3985 weekdays. The observatory is located on Kissing Rock Road, southwest of Lowell.

Hot Pursuit Ends With Apprehension

Ralph A. Torres, Jr., 22, of Grand Rapids and Linda G. Niles, 26, no permanent address, have been charged with stealing a car from Dale's Used Cars in Grand Rapids, and burglarizing the VIP Club in Ada at 7815 E. Fulton Road.

Acting Wyoming Municipal Court Judge Joseph Kelly set bond of \$10,000 on each in the car theft case and 63rd District Court Judge Joseph White set another \$10,000 bond on each on the burglary charge.

In addition, Grand Rapids District Court Judge Gordon Doherty set a \$3,000 bond on Niles who is charged with forgery, uttering and publishing. She allegedly forged a name to, and cashed a \$517 federal income tax return check.

Torres and Niles were arrested following a high-speed chase July 30 that started when a Grand Rapids police officer attempted to stop their car, because it appeared to have a

defective exhaust system.

Police chased the car east on E. Fulton at speeds in excess of 100 mph. City police and Kent County Sheriff's Deputies finally boxed in the vehicle about one mile west of Lowell in the Lowell Lanes parking lot.

The car, driven by Torres, allegedly was stolen four days earlier. The couple was linked to the burglary after police found VIP checks inside the car.

ENTERS GUILTY PLEA...

Danny Boy Pethers of Ada plead guilty to using a motor vehicle without intention to steal before Judge Charles W. Simon, jr. last week in Ionia County District Court.

Pethers was arraigned on charges of unlawfully driving a vehicle and a second count of using a motor vehicle without intention to steal.

His case was continued for pre-sentencing.

Senior Citizens Enjoy Outing



Lowell senior citizens enjoying a summer party in Caledonia Lakeside Park on August 2.

Thirty people from the Lowell area were guests of the Caledonia Senior Citizens at a summer party in Caledonia Lakeside Park on Wednesday, August 2.

Senior groups from throughout the county, as well as from Holland, Hastings and Woodland, made up the audience of more than 800 who enjoyed a variety of entertainment provided by the seniors themselves. Emory Bowen, accompanied by his wife, Ann, played several violin numbers.

The rains came midway thru the afternoon and halted the festivities. It was a very damp party that rode the bus back to Lowell's Senior Neighbor Center.

Trusting that the weather will be more cooperative, Senior Neighbors centers in Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood and Lowell will meet for a picnic in John Ball Park on August 24.

A box lunch will be served, and entertainment will follow in the afternoon. Emerson Stevens, representing the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, will lead group singing.

All persons in the area who are over 60 are invited; reservations may be made by calling 897-5250.

The allotment of meals available to the Lowell area for home delivery has been increased. People over 60 and home-bound are urged to call the Center if they would like to receive a hot nutritious meal at noon, Monday through Friday. Contributions are voluntary.

CENSUS TO TAKE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment in this area during the work week of August 14-19.

The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of approximately 70,000 households throughout the United States.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential.

Football Practice Starts Monday

Conditioning practice for the 1978 football season at Lowell High School will start this Monday, August 14.

Juniors and Seniors should be at the field house at 8 a.m., Sophomores at 9 a.m. and Freshmen at 10 a.m.

Bring clothes to work out in and helmets will be issued at that time. Cost for practice jerseys, mouth guards and insurance is \$10.

Head coach Gary Rivers announced his five assistants this week. They are: Mike Clark, Jack Ogle, Andy Beck, Phil Christensen and Scott Vashaw. The exact positions will be announced at a later date.

One last reminder that physi-

cals for any boy interested in sports for the 1978-79 school year, will be given this Friday, August 11, at 7 p.m. in the High School locker room.

Lowell School Board Agenda

Five items have been placed on the agenda for the Monday, August 14 meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education.

The meeting is slated to start at 7:30 p.m. in the Board offices at 12685 Foreman Road, in the Middle School. The agenda will include:

Milk Bids; Title IX Report; Teacher resignations; new teacher contracts; and Board committees.

TOPS IN TV

Tiny Monaco ranks first in TV sets per capita, a study says. U.S. is second, then Canada. c39

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Skateboard Popularity...
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Welcome Finnish Visitor



Lowell Lions Club member Bud Gauger, right, extends a warm welcome to Lea Hanikka of Finland who is visiting this country under the Lion Youth for Understanding program. Lea was accompanied by Ron Mookkynen, left, her local host. Ms. Hanikka told of her life in Finland to the members of the Lowell Lions Club recently at an outdoor barbeque held at the home of M. Gauger.

MUSHROOMS SPARK THIS MEAL-IN-ONE



Out of the cupboard, out of the freezer, and in minutes this hearty, flavorful Tuna Mushroom Skillet casserole is ready to serve. A very special mushroom flavor is developed by the fact that both cream of mushroom soup and a can of sliced mushrooms are used. Sliced fresh mushrooms would be delicious in it if you have them on hand. Canned mushrooms, of course, are ready to add as they come from the can, whereas fresh mushrooms should be sautéed briefly before mixing with the other ingredients.

TUNA MUSHROOM SKILLET

- 2 cups enriched precooked long grain rice
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (3 to 4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, undrained
- 1 tablespoon instant minced onion
- 3/4 cup sliced mushrooms, undrained
- 1/2 teaspoon tarragon leaves, crushed
- 1/16 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen peas
- 2 cans (7 oz. each) tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (optional)

In a large skillet combine rice, mushroom soup, water, mushrooms, onion, salt, tarragon and black pepper; stir well. Add peas. Bring mixture to a boil, breaking up peas with a fork. Add tuna in large chunks. Simmer, covered, until liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally to prevent rice from sticking, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Sprinkle with cheese, if desired. Yield: 4 portions.

Girl's [7,9] Finals

Red Tornadoes	10	0
Clarksville Phillies	6	4
Bad News Bears	5	5
Road Runners	4	6
Alto's Finest	3	7
Lowell Super Team	1	9

the Women's 'A' Division Championship. Also congratulations to Rook-Lowell (two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Grathen, Mrs. Marian Jones and Mrs. Elva Ayres) and Mrs. Eugene (Lea) Lee, both of Belviding; 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Burial services will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Grand Rapids.

Women's Softball
The Women's Softball tournament begins Monday and will run through Sunday. Congratulations to Coach De-Ann Eddy and Barb Yezzo and the Lucchesi's team for winning.

Some people once believed that shooting arrows under a fruit tree would cause the fruit to fall off the tree just as the arrows fell.

Notice To The Citizens Of GRATTAN TOWNSHIP And The Public

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held Wednesday,

August 23, 1978

at 8:00 p.m. Grattan Township Hall in Grattan at which time the following subject will be considered, and at which meeting any interested person will be heard.

The purpose of the hearing, a request for variance to build a garage on a nonconforming parcel, Michael Williamson, Lot 163, Causeway Drive, Murray Lake, Lowell.

Harriet Kramer, Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals
Grattan Township

POTPOURRI

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred (Beatrice) Dory have moved from Lowell to 609 North Morton, Lot 26, St. John's, Michigan 48879.

Kjell S. A. Mansson from Tabby, Sweden, will arrive in Lowell later this month to spend a year, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club. His host families will be Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zeigler, Rev. and Mrs. Rommie Moore and Rev. and Mrs. Dean Bailey.

Karen Anderson is traveling in Europe, while spending the summer in Sweden.

Donald L. Reedy of Century 21 Reedy Realty, Inc., Lowell, was one of almost 500 brokers/managers attending a special "Managers As Leaders" seminar at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago on July 25-28.

Maintaining a 3.50 grade point average or better has earned the placement of three Ada area students to the winter semester honors list at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Chosen from the top ten percent of their academic class were Carol A. Gaskin, 3131 Howlett, junior; Craig A. Mulder, 9494 Bailey Drive, senior; and Lori Stegmier, 3151 McCabe, sophomore.

Deborah Lee Sarty, 575 Honey Creek, Ada, graduated cum laude from Central Michigan University. Mt. Pleasant with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science. She received her degree at the end of the winter session in May.

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Y BALL BITS

Boy's Cadet [6,7,8] Finals

W L	9 0
Alto Golden Eagles	6 3
Sparrows	5 3
Clarksville 'T' Birds	5 3
Robins	5 4
Orioles	5 4
Bluejays	5 4
Alto Blackbirds	4 5
Cardinals	3 6
Crows	3 6
Eagles	0 9

Girl's [10,12] Finals

8 0	Heart Breakers
6 2	Clarksville #5
4 4	Lowell #1
1 7	Lowell #3
1 7	Alto Back-Crackers

Don and Maggie MacNaughton of Lowell and Lorraine and Walter Kohler of Lakeview attended the Behnke reunion last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Behnke, Lake Odessa.

Henry VanderVannon, Vannon Chrysler-Dodge, Inc., 930 W. Main, Lowell

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OBITUARIES

MILLER — Glenn F. Miller, sr., of 146 South Pleasant Street, Lowell, passed away Monday morning, August 7, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. A long-time resident of this area, he was 73 years old. Funeral services for Mr. Miller will be conducted by the Rev. Richard VandeKieft of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell on Wednesday afternoon, August 9, at the Roth-Gers Funeral Home in Lowell. Mr. Miller leaves his wife, Margaret; his children, Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Morris, Glenn

and Ellen Miller, jr., Eugene and Ethel Averill, Glenn and Nancy Averill, all of Grand Rapids; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Grathen, Mrs. Marian Jones and Mrs. Elva Ayres of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Norma Mullenix of Sparta; one aunt, Mrs. Lulu Elbey of Rockford; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Metcalf-Jonkoff Funeral Home in Grand Rapids with the Rev. Jack C. Richards of Ada Congregational Church officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. The family suggest memorials to the Ada Rescue Squad. **WARD** — Mrs. Lillian M. Ward, 82, of 709 Burns Street, S.W., Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday evening, August

1, at the Belding Community Hospital. She is survived by three sons, Roy of Ionia, Herbert and Lloyd of Grand Rapids; three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Mingerink and Mrs. Virginia DeCommer, both of Grand Rapids; and Mrs. Elva Ayres of Lowell; 35 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Wood of Sarasota, Florida. Mrs. Ward resided at the Sullivan-Bory Funeral Home in Grand Rapids where funeral services were held Friday afternoon, August 4. The Rev. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church of Lowell was the officiating clergyman and interment was made in Saranac Cascade. **VAN TIMMEREN** — Charles Van Timmeren, aged 87, of Ada passed away Tuesday evening, August 1, at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. (Leone) Van Timmeren in Ada. Funeral services, under arrangements by the Zaagman Memorial Chapel, were held Friday afternoon at the Ada Community Reformed Church. The Rev. Wilfred Fiet officiated and burial was made in the Ada Cemetery. Besides his son, Mr. Van Timmeren is survived by a daughter, Jennie Van Timmeren of Kalamazoo; two step-daughters, Barbara and Betty House; one son, Edward Van Tier; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. **FINGLETON** — Graveside funeral services were held Friday morning at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell, for Gerald J. Fingleton, aged 55, of Grand Rapids, who passed away Tuesday evening, August 1, at St. Mary's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; five sons, Frank of Kentwood, Jerry, Richard and Robert, all of Grand Rapids; and Charles of San Francisco, California; five daughters, Caroline of Muskegon, Frances of New York, Charlotte, Cynthia and Catherine, all of Grand Rapids; and three grandchildren.

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ASSETS	
FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS	\$6,178,110.50
LAND CONTRACTS	\$ 158,808.86
LOANS ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$ 33,987.00
OTHER LOANS	\$ 27,201.90
CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS	\$ 373,000.34
OTHER INVESTMENT SECURITIES	\$ 162,717.98
LEASEHOLD ALTERATIONS, LESS DEPRECIATION	\$ 5,832.98
OFFICE EQUIPMENT, LESS DEPRECIATION	\$ 3,192.27
DEFERRED CHARGES	\$ 1,976.67
	\$7,444,927.52
LIABILITIES	
PASS BOOK SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$6,510,521.94
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 809.65
LOANS IN PROCESS (DUE BORROWERS)	\$ 365,046.96
DEFERRED CREDITS ON LAND CONTRACTS	\$ 24,591.48
SPECIFIC RESERVES	\$ 4,331.67
LEGAL RESERVE	\$ 302,486.81
UNDIVIDED PROFITS RESERVE	\$ 237,137.01
	\$7,444,927.52

We, Peter Speerstra, President and David F. Coons, Secretary of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
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Bell Proposes New Discount

Michigan Bell has proposed major new discounts for zone calls made weekends, evenings and late night which would save telephone customers in the Detroit, Grand Rapids and Pontiac areas \$7.7 million a year. The discounts—the first ever proposed for zone calls—were submitted to the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing. The telephone company is proposing offsetting increases in the per-minute charges for zone calls to help make up for the drop in revenues which would result from the discounts. This would have the effect of moderately increasing charges for zone calls made during the day, according to R. L. Thole, Michigan Bell Manager. With the proposed "off-peak" discounts in effect, cus-

tomers in the three communities would save 50 percent on zone calls made anytime Saturdays, Sundays before 5 p.m. and every night from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. the next day. In addition, there would be a 30 percent discount for zone calls made from 5 to 11 p.m. weekdays and on Sunday. Detroit, Grand Rapids and Pontiac are the only areas in the state which have zone calling. With the new 50 percent discount and the proposed increases in effect, the charge for a five minute near zone call made during off-peak times would be reduced from 26 cents to 13 cents, Thole said. The cost of a comparable five-minute far zone call would drop from 52 cents to 26 cents. Today, a five-minute near zone call costs 23 cents and a five-minute far zone call costs 41 cents. "By shifting calls to the off-peak time periods, we can help reduce the long-term need to enlarge network facilities and thereby save money for our customers and the company," Thole said. "The major consumer benefit of both proposals," he added, "is that they would give Michigan Bell customers new options to help them reduce their monthly telephone bills." Noting that the Public Service Commission has endorsed "pricing which provides opportunities for customers to minimize their peak discount proposals" are entirely consistent with that philosophy.

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To the Editor:
I'd like to express sincere thanks to the community of Kent for their support of the recent baseball benefit for Multiple Sclerosis. A total of \$461.95 was raised to purchase medical equipment for patients in Kent and 12 surrounding Western Michigan Counties. The organizers Nick Sullivan, Randy Hendrick and Garbit Graham along with the teams; the Lowell Beer Store and VFW, Warden, have made it possible for countless MS patients to increase their everyday independent functioning with new equipment. It is comforting to know that in this era of bureaucracy a small town can pull together in an effort to help one another.

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By Roger Brown

I did a little reading over the weekend and in the particular book that I was reading, some comments were made regarding the fact that "Earth has suddenly become a powerful source of radio energy". The point of this statement is that our endless stream of radio and TV programs are now bouncing around the solar system, just waiting to be tuned in by some intelligent creature with a TV set.

The writer went on to say, "It is a sobering thought that Gomer Pyle and the Beverly Hillsites may be among our chief interstellar emissaries."

A sobering thought indeed, but also very intriguing, at least it was to me. My first thought was that the article had to be 10 to 15 years old because of the writer's use of the Beverly Hillsites and Gomer Pyle as examples to make his point.

I let my imagination run free and came up with a few far-out but I suppose possible situations involving being from another planet tuning in some more up-to-date American TV shows.

Can you imagine a green, teenage, female on the planet Gratiebreath tuning in the Muppet Show every Thursday night because she is head-over-heels in love with Kermit the Frog? Imagine if you will, a platoon of virile, young soldiers from Kaitandrea swooping down in a flying saucer, capturing a TV transmitting tower in Idaho and making demands that Wonder Woman be turned over to them.

Or how about an espionage mission to Earth from the planet Tavemor with the interplanetary spies stepping out of their space vehicle in what they thought were perfect Earthling disguises. This plan falls through however because they based the disguises from viewing a single TV show and simply weren't able to mix with our society looking like Ernie, Grover, Big Bird, and Cookie Monster from Sesame Street.

I can see some guy on the planet Trissledome watching the latest episode of Little House on the Prairie, scratching his head and wondering how-in-the-heck we Earthlings are able to send these TV signals out to him when it takes Pa Ingalls three days to fix the wheel on his wagon.

Here's one that's easily imaginable. A family on Gestion finishes supper and sits down in front of the TV for some evening entertainment. The father spins the dial, briefly tuning in each Earth station and then switches to the broadcast from the planet Kestation for some decent programming.

I agree with the author that it is sobering to think that we Earthlings are being portrayed throughout space by what we choose to watch on the tube. But when it comes down to it, I almost think that I would rather have beings from another planet tuning into the Gong Show instead of the Six O'Clock News.

ROTARY Express

NOTES
Lowell Rotarians, meeting on August 2, expressed congratulations to Lowell Postmaster and Rotarian Charlie Doyle on his recent election as President of the Michigan Chapter of the National League of Postmasters. President Don Rocheau announced that Kjell Mansson, the foreign exchange student for this year, will arrive from Sweden on August 20. He will be attending Lowell High School this fall and his first hosts will be the Rommie Moore family.

The guest speaker, Judge Woodrow Yared, was introduced by Roger Roberts. Judge Yared, in discussing some of the complexities facing members of the judiciary, stressed that in this, as in other areas, there are no simple solutions. This means that to do a thorough job the court needs to know the background of those who appear before the court.

He gave high marks to the quality of those who do the pre-sentencing investigations for the Kent County Courts. He pointed out that regardless of the names applied in some states to "new" sentencing systems, the judge is still required to take individual circumstances into account.

Comments
Evaluation of Kent County's soil and water resources will be the topic of discussion at the public meeting August 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Alpine Township Hall on M-37 north of Grand Rapids.

Concerns expressed by local people will aid the Kent Soil Conservation District in their conservation programs and help the Soil Conservation Service develop a program to address specific problems.

Terry Ringler, SCS, and Dick Reath, County Extension Service, report early responses include erosion and drainage on agriculture land, loss of important farmland to irreversible uses, urban sprawl, and adequate information and education.

Copies of Kent Soil Conservation District's Long Range Program are available for those who would like to review what the District thinks are the major problems in the county, as compared to your opinions.

Express your comments August 15 or call the district office at 361-5345. Written comments will be received until August 18. We need your ideas!

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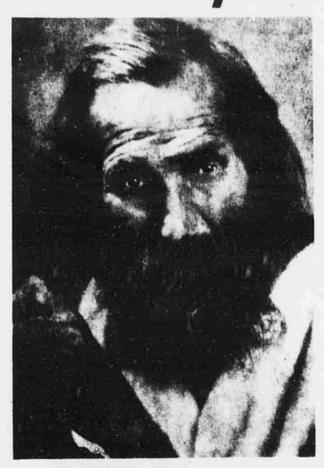
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Buses will be operating so if you would like to ride the bus call Pastor Coon. Parsonage Phone: 868-6912 or at the Church office 868-6403.

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Bible School At Calvary Christian

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Celebrate Twenty-Fifth

Mr. and Mrs. William Wierenga, Jr., of 11220 Bailey Drive, Lowell, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Monday, August 7.

In honor of the occasion, their children, Tom and Sue Greenlee of Grand Rapids, Bill and Joanne Wierenga of Lowell, and Sharon Wierenga, at home, are honoring them with a family dinner party at Finger's Restaurant in Grand Rapids on Friday, August 11, at six o'clock.

After the dinner party, the Wierengas' family and friends will meet at their home on Bailey Drive.

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By Pauline E. Sray

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As soon as we awaken in the morning we are faced with this challenge. The kitchen is barely straightened up, the beds made, the floors swept, and again it is time to cook. The afternoon hours pass quickly. Again we are faced with the problems of meal preparation.

Now wouldn't it be wonderful if we could skip all this fuss? If we could eat enough at one setting to last us twenty-four hours, there would be more time for other activities. But it cannot be done.

Just as we need frequent nourishment for our bodies, so we need frequent nourishment for our souls. Human strength is maintained largely by the food we eat. Our souls need the nourishment furnished by the heavenly manna found in God's Word—just as our bodies need "three meals a day."

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YOUTH GROUP LEAVES ON BICYCLE TRIP

The youth group from the Eastmont Baptist Church left on a bicycle trip to Mackinac City, Monday, August 7. They will be gone until August 12.

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"Letter From Washington"
By Congressman Hal Sawyer

The Carter Administration announced this month that inflation is running higher than original projections. The Administration's prediction is now a 7.2% increase in the cost of living for 1978. If that figure holds true, it will be the worst bite out of the wallets of Americans since inflation pushed consumer prices up over 12.2% in 1974.

Housing costs continue to be a major concern of the American people. During the period 1972 to '76 the increased cost of housing drastically outpaced the growth in family incomes, effectively pricing countless families out of the housing market.

Trends in income, prices and housing costs from 1972-'76, show that:

- Residential construction costs grew at an annual rate of eight percent during the period;
- The cost of improved building lots increased almost 13 percent per year;
- Median sales price climbed at an average annual rate of 12.4% during the period on a new single-family home and 9.3 percent on an existing home.

Homeowner costs—property taxes, insurance, maintenance, repairs, fuel and utilities—increased at an average annual rate of 8.15 percent; and

- Higher mortgage interest rates, when applied to higher sales prices, increased the typical monthly loan amortization payment for a median price home by 80 percent over the four-year period.

The median family income, on the other hand, rose during this period at an annual rate of 7.05 percent, lagging well behind housing inflation.

In the face of this alarming trend, the Department of Housing and Urban Development appointed a Task Force on Housing Costs to assess and analyze the extent to which housing costs have risen for reasons other than general inflation, and to develop specific solutions to the problems that H.U.D. and other institutions can act upon to reduce or stabilize housing costs.

The Task Force report has now been submitted to H.U.D. Secretary Patricia Harris. It is the product of more than nine months work and she can accept or reject all or parts of the report.

I urge a very careful public review of the Task Force report and prompt action to implement those sections which will have the greatest impact on reducing costs.

The report recommends, basically, that the Federal Government lead a concerted attack on high land, development and construction costs, and casts H.U.D. in a leadership role to head up the nationwide effort.

It proposes:

- A concerted effort at all levels of government to eliminate cost-inflating standards and regulations, and streamlining of those dealing with financing, land development, housing construction and rehabilitation.
- Thorough study of the cost impact of local property taxation and hazard insurance fees, and exploration of innovative utility-property tax and insurance practices.
- Encourage States and localities to adopt model building codes, which do not unnecessarily increase the cost of housing.
- Monitoring of price trends for critical building materials, fixtures and appliances, and coordination with the Forest Service and others to ensure a steady supply of lumber and wood products.
- Deregulation of the FHA interest rates and modification of statutes to make available 35-year, non-payment mortgage loans for first time homebuyers.

If it is appropriate that H.U.D. give immediate attention to the Task Force report and input from the general public, the report clearly indicates that government red tape has had an adverse effect

on the housing industry. I would only hope that in its efforts to minimize some of the costly regulations that H.U.D. does not find it necessary to create another mini bureaucracy.

I would be interested in your views on this subject. Send them to me in care of "Letter from Washington," Room 166 Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Stiff Gets Study Grant

Cary Stiff, co-publisher of the Clear Creek Courant in Idaho Springs, Colorado, is one of 12 journalists from across the country to be awarded a fellowship to study at Stanford University for the 1978-79 academic year.

The fellowships, which begin in September, are funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Under the terms of the grants, the 12 fellows receive tuition and a \$15,000 stipend to attend independent study and attend specially designed seminars over the nine-month period. The study does not lead to a degree, however.

"Few professions demand the depth and breadth of knowledge that journalism does of its participants," said Joseph D. Duffy, chairman of Endowment.

Stiff, 41, who cofounded the Courant with his wife, Carol, in 1973, will use the grant to study history, political science and law at the private California university.

He and his family expect to move to the Palo Alto, California area at the end of August, returning to Clear Creek County, next June.

In their absence, the Courant will be edited by Rick Schwab. Stiff is a 1959 graduate of Dartmouth College and has an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University in New York. From 1946 to 1973 he was on the staff of the Denver Post.

A graduate of Lowell High School, Stiff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Stiff of Dogwood Drive, Ada.

TWO WASHINGTON BUS TRIPS IN SEPTEMBER

Congressman Hal Sawyer has scheduled two constituent bus trips to Washington, D.C., during the month of September. One will leave on the evening of September 12 and return on the morning of September 17. The other will leave on September 26 and return on October 1.

The bus trips are a fun and inexpensive way to see our nation's capital. Guided tours of the Capitol Building, a chance to see Congress in action and a "coffee and donuts" meeting with Congressman Sawyer are included in both trips. There will also be plenty of time for sightseeing.

Cost is \$120 per person (based on double occupancy of a room) and include bus transportation and motel accommodations. Reservations can be made by calling the district office at 451-8383.

MOTORCYCLE RACES SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Championship professional AMA sanctioned Half Mile motorcycle racing returns to the Ionia Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon August 12, 2 p.m. during the Free Fair.

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Special Millage Election

Voters in the Ionia County Intermediate School District will vote September 12 at a Special Millage Election that would provide funds for constructing and operating a vocational education skill center, if passed.

The last day to register with your city, village or township clerk or a Michigan Secretary of State's office is Monday, August 14.

Intermediate Superintendent Thomas Ferguson explained the purpose of the election is to ask the voters to vote two mills for vocational education.

The election is the result of recommendations to the board of Ionia County Intermediate School District by five citizens and educator committees which have surveyed vocational training needs in Ionia County over the past two years.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 12. Registered voters will cast their votes at their local school election precincts.

All voters must be registered, even in the rural school district, which includes Coon, Benedict, Lake, Haynor, North LeValley, L. P. Spaulding, Piper, Shiloh, and Palo Schools.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at Belding, Ionia, Lakewood, Portland, or Saranac School District administrative Offices. Absentee ballots for rural school voters may be applied for at Ionia County Intermediate School District office, 2190 Harwood Road, Ionia, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A solo home run by Al Vissar, Ionia, was the only long ball evenged by the steady-hitting Louie.

The tournament win climaxed a dramatic season turnaround for C&J who dropped 4 of its first 5 games in regular season play. By the end of the season the Louie was the only team to defeat regular season Division I champs Bill's Gym.

The tournament proved a frustrating experience for Haver's. After losing the opening game to the same C&J team, Haver's advanced steadily in the losers bracket. A victory over Division II champs Aerool Kids in the semi-final earned Haver's another confrontation with the Louie.

The tournament win gives C&J two championships in the last three years in the post-season tournament.

Married

Miss Suzanne Perry and Roy Lawrence Mills exchanged their vows of Holy Matrimony before Rev. Edna Jean Horn on Sunday afternoon, July 23, at the Faith Building on the Ionia Fairgrounds.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Goldie Winslow of 347 High Street, Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. George Mills, sr., of 9172 West Riverside Drive, Saranac.

The bride's attendants were Midge Hewitt and Patricia

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IT'S A BOY...

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller of 106 Center Street, Saranac, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, August 1.

He made his arrival at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital at 6:42 p.m., and weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

New Births...

Lyle C. Lombardo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lombardo of Clove Lane, Saranac, will be attending Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan for the fourth summer season, August 8 through August 20. Lombardo will be majoring in Art.

Central Michigan University's winter semester honors list includes two students from the Saranac area. They are Nancy K. Hubble, 6608 Bluewater Highway, Hesperia, and Jennifer Patrick, 5982 David Highway, Sophomore. The girls completed 12 or more letter-graded hours of on-campus credit during the semester and had a grade point average of no lower than 3.50, to be named to the honors list.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lee Gurnee, neehausers, Braubler, are residing at 945 Pottery Road, Saranac, following their marriage July 28 at the Clarksville Wesleyan Church.

C&J Wins Tournament

Thursday night C&J Lounge captured the Saranac County Education Softball Tournament Trophy from a good Haver's Refrigeration team. Combining timely hitting with excellent defense C&J's scored an 8-1 triumph. Only run for the usually hard hitting Haver's team came on a four base error. A solo home run by Al Vissar, Ionia, was the only long ball evenged by the steady-hitting Louie.

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Nowak Honored

William Nowak of Saranac has been honored with a conspicuous and distinguished service award for more than 20 years' service to youth programs and veterans' organizations.

The award presentation was made by Duane R. Brigstock of Battle Creek, State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, on behalf of the Ionia County Chapter No. 429.

Assisting in the ceremonies August 2 was Jack Theisen of Saranac, Adjutant of the Ionia Chapter.

ROETMAN AND LAKE SELECTED TO HEAD "WALK FOR HEALTH"

Ed Roetman of Ionia and Robert Lake of Saranac have been named co-chairmen of the fourth annual Michigan Lung Association's "Walk For Health."

Their appointments to head the walk have been revealed by Bernice Falsetta, special events chairman for the Michigan Lung Association in Ionia County.

Each year, approximately 150 walkers from Ionia, Saranac, Portland, Lyons, Mait, Palo, Belding and Lake Odessa participate in the 20-mile hike to raise funds to fight lung disease.

Roetman and Lake are working to establish an exact date for the event, which will be in late September or early October, and a route which the walkers will be taking.

They are also working to coordinate recruit leadership for nine sub-committees, which is needed for the project.

FUNERAL MASS SAID FOR CECIL SIMMER

Cecil Simmer, aged 71, of 300 Summit Street, Saranac, passed away Wednesday evening, August 2, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

A resident of Saranac for 30 years, Mr. Simmer was a member of St. Anthony's Parish and was employed at the Saranac Milk Plant when he retired.

He was born in Deal City, Michigan, April 20, 1907, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Emma Laubenthal) Simmer.

His survivors include two brothers, Wilfred of Saranac and Miles of Houghton Lake; three sisters, Mrs. George Lowe of Houghton Lake, Mrs. Robert Hunter of Virginia and Mrs. Duane Butcher of Saranac; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was said Saturday morning, August 5, with Father Donzola officiating at St. Anthony's Parish, Saranac. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell.

Arrangements were made by the Roetman-Lake Funeral Home of Saranac.

LOWELL OUTDOOR EDUCATION

There are many animals in the forests and fields that are often overlooked because of their size or ability to conceal itself. One such animal is the weasel. Actually, there are three species of weasels in Michigan, the least, long-tailed and short-tailed weasels.

Weasels are not large animals, the largest in Michigan being about the size of a red squirrel. What these animals lack in size, however, they more than make up in their ferocity. Weasels have been known to kill an occasional rabbit and pheasant but their main diet consists of rats and mice.

The long-tailed weasel is widely distributed throughout the state and has a unique adaptation, uncommon to most weasels, which is the long-tailed weasel will change the color of its coat from a deep brown to a bright white during the winter. This adaptation allows the animal to capture prey animals easier during a time when there are fewer to be caught. In southern Michigan, this metamorphosis may be incomplete, leaving the coat brown with patches of white.

The weasel is a very efficient hunter and is able to tackle animals much larger than itself. Weasels have long, narrow bodies that enable them to kill prey in its burrows. It has been observed that weasels have a habit of killing in excess of their needs but this is not clearly understood.

Weasels will build a nest in a pile of rocks or in a hollow log and bear five to eight young in April and May. The young are independent upon their mother who does most of the raising of them. After six weeks, the young will begin to follow their mother and learn hunting skills. By fall they will separate and go their own ways. Adult weasels spend most of their adult lives alone and pair up for a relatively short time in the spring.

Weasels are fairly abundant in Michigan but are rarely seen because of their size and ability to hide. The weasel is beneficial to man because of its ability to capture large numbers of rodents—Steve Harrington.

FRISBEE BANNED

"They spoke the horses," was the reason given by city officials for banning frisbees from the public streets of Mackinac Island. Horses are the primary form of transportation on the scenic resort island. Violators could get up to 90 days in jail.

Garbage Gaffe

Mayor Ron Trantham and City Manager Kenneth Michael of Asheville, N.C., got behind the wheels of garbage trucks recently to replace striking sanitation workers but were quickly ticketed by police for driving without the proper license.

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Veterinarians have unveiled a prescription-only oral contraceptive for female dogs that can be slipped in with the dog's food and has proven 90 percent effective. It would work on cats, too, but they won't touch the stuff.

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FARM BUREAU TALKS TRADE WITH CHINA

An American Farm Bureau Federation mission to China, led by President Allan Grant, left August 2 en route to Peking. The Farm Bureau leaders will initiate exploratory talks with the Chinese to trade possibilities. In October, Secretary of Agriculture Bergland will visit the People's Republic of China to discuss the possibility of expanding exports to that country.

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COMING EVENTS

THURS., AUG. 10: Next regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 will be Thursday, August 10, 8 p.m. at the Post. 1979 dues are now due.

FRI., AUG. 11: Reservations for the Ice Cream Social Luncheon sponsored by the Christian Women's Club of Grand Rapids, Friday, August 11, 2:30 p.m. at Bylsma's Restaurant, East, can be made by calling 455-0644 or 676-1356. Reservations are necessary and cancellations are essential. Free pre-school care.

SAT., AUG. 12: This Saturday, August 12, the Fallasburg School reunion will be held in Section 2A of Fallasburg Park. Bring a dish to pass, own table service and beverage. Anyone who ever attended the school, taught there, or was a neighbor is urged to attend. The School Museum will be opened.

SAT., AUG. 12: The Stauffer Family reunion will be held this Saturday, August 12, at Fallasburg Park. The afternoon's activities will get underway at 1 p.m.

MON., AUG. 14: The Monday, August 14 meeting of the Lowell Showboat Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Ellen Biernacki residence. Please have all flower show reports ready to hand in at this meeting.

WED., AUG. 16: The Garden Lore Club of Lowell will meet at the home of Edna Overway Wednesday, August 16, for a potluck picnic at 12 o'clock noon. There will be a "White Elephant Sale." Assisting Mrs. Overway, as hostesses, will be Delores Laux and Del Driftmeyer.

WED., AUG. 16: Past Matrons and families of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, are invited to Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup's cottage for a picnic on Wednesday, August 16. Dinner at 6:30. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. Car pool will form at Masonic Temple at 5:45 for those who want a ride. If you want to go for a swim—go earlier. Anyone wishing directions to the Jessup's cottage, call Marlene Jackson, 897-7643 or Doris Boyd, 897-8152.

WED., AUG. 16: The Alto Garden Club will meet Wednesday, August 16, at the Bowne Center United Methodist Church for a weiner roast.

THURS., AUG. 17: St. Mary's Altar Society, Lowell, will hold their annual rummage sale Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's School, Spring at Amity Street.

WET SIDEWALKS DON'T CAUSE RAIN
While the Nation's "Inflation czar" now claims that reducing the inflation rate if largely a psychological problem, recent financial data indicates the problem is rooted in the rate of growth in the money supply. Chicago banking authorities now peg the annual rate of money supply growth in excess of 13 percent since Chairman Miller took the helm of the Federal Reserve on March 8 of this year.
Comment: The Administration's anti-inflation program of "symbolic voluntarism" will not work until the Administration reduces federal expenditures—pegged at 15 percent higher this year than last year—and the Federal Reserve reduces the growth in the money supply. In short, price increases and psychology do not cause inflation—just as wet sidewalks do not cause rain!

In Germany



Cpl. George E. Ralmer serving with the U.S. Army in Baumholder, Germany, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has received a Commendation for Outstanding Service as a Senior Mechanic. Ralmer will end his tour of duty in Germany in September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ralmer of Lowell.



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Welcome Home Party



A "Welcome Home Party" for Steven Hewitt will be held this Friday, August 11, at the Key Heights Recreation Hall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hewitt, 11383 Sara St., Lowell.

Promoted

Marine Lance Corporal Gregory T. Thompson, son of Rev. Joseph L. Thompson of 8945 Vergennes, Ada, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. He joined the Marine Corps in December 1976.

Kissing Rock Hill Attracts Visitors

Have you ever spent an evening on Kissing Rock Hill? If not, you will have ample opportunity when the James C. Veen Observatory is open not only on Saturday, August 12, but also Monday through Friday, August 21-25 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. regardless of weather. Two fully equipped telescopes are used for observational purposes on clear nights. The largest of the two is a 12 inch Borrr reflector from which very faint and extended celestial

subjects, such as nebulas and clusters can be seen. In addition to telescopic observations, there will be a special audio-visual presentation, inspection of equipment, and tours of the facility. Admission is free. Co-sponsoring the annual five-day Open House, is the Grand Rapids Astronomical Society and the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium. The Observatory is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Avenue, S.E., Lowell.

To Begin Resurfacing

Grand Rapids Asphalt Co. of Grand Rapids was the low bidder of five at \$85,929 for blacktopping Parnell Avenue from Foreman Street to M-21, reports Donald R. Schofield, engineer-manager of the Kent County Road Commission. Resurfacing is slated to begin shortly and will be completed by Labor Day if there are no delays.

Part of the Parnell project, 1.2 miles long, is the relocated south end between Settlewood Drive and M-21. Cost of the grading, graveling and installation of drainage structures in the entire stretch was \$302,057. Total cost of the project, including the blacktopping, is \$387,986.—Dave Barnes.

Yeiter - Carigon Vows Exchanged

Connie Sue Carigon and Gary Curtis Yeiter were united in marriage July 1 in the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carigon and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yeiter, both of Lowell, are parents of the couple. Maid of honor was JoEllen Green. Bridesmaids were Bonnie Carigon, Candy Reedy,

Mary Jo Fox, and Theresa Saganek. Flower girl was Jody Kennedy. Best man was James Rash. Groomsmen were Alan Arnett, David Arnett, Jeff Rash and Don Riemersma. The reception was held in the Forest Hills Snowmobile Clubhouse in Ada. The couple will live in Lowell.

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