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Ada Lodge And Chapter To Honor Long-Time Members

Ada Masonic Lodge, No. 280, and Vesta Chapter No. 202, Order of the Eastern Star, will honor its 70, 60 and 50 year members at a special dinner Saturday, August 26.

A dinner at noon, catered by Mrs. Donald (Ellura) McPherson, will be served by the members of Vesta Chapter.

The afternoon's program will consist of honoring the older members of both organizations and the presentation of pins to the qualifying members.

Past Grand Master and Past Grand Lecturer Willard Saud will present 50 and 60 year pins and render greetings. Past Grand Master and present Grand Lecturer Raymond McPhee will present the life memberships and give inspirations and congratulations. Worthy Matron Victor Scholl will make the introductions.

Mrs. Helen Milburn, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chap-

ter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star will bring word from the Grand Family and honor our golden members. She will be introduced by Margo Sterling, Worthy Matron.

Lodge members to be honored as special guests are Walter Afton, sr., Russell Fox, and John Krum, 50 year members; Robert Morris, 60 year members and Clark Nellist, life member. Charles Comstock is being presented with a letter of recognition for membership of nearly sixty years.

Others to be recognized for membership over fifty years are Max Souser and Frank Averill, sr. For being nearly life members are Russell Kelley and Ralph Averill, jr.

The Eastern Star will especially honor Mary Bennett Crampton, who was initiated in December 1906; Verhe Bristol Furner in 1908, and Alice Nellist Morris and Alta Wride Johnson in 1917.

Others to be recognized who have 50 year memberships are Ruth Bates, Katherine Davis and Norma Mullenix. Anne Afton, Max Souser and Katherine Richardson for nearly 50 years.

All Lodge life members, past members, past secretaries and Eastern Star Past Matrons and past patrons will be especially honored as well.

Reservations for the dinner, made in advance, should be directed to Mrs. McPherson at 348-1141 or 897-7110; Margo Sterling, 897-9367; Victor Scholl, 676-1756; or Martha Szudzik, 676-1854. The cost will be \$2.50 per person or \$5 per couple.



COUNCIL MEETING CANCELED

The August 21 meeting of the Lowell City Council has been canceled. Any citizens wishing to bring matters before the City Council should plan to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 1978.

GRAND OPENING FRIDAY...

One of bowling's most popular professionals, Joe Joseph will participate in the official grand opening festivities at the new Lowell Lanes on East Fulton Road (M-21), west of Lowell Friday, August 18.

The 60-year-old Hall of Famer will participate in a match with Jim Matuszak of the Grand Rapids All-City team, give a clinic session and then individual instructions. He'll be at the lanes from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

PRACTICE TO START...

The girl's varsity tennis team at Lowell Senior High School will start their practice sessions Wednesday, August 23. Sign-ups for this fall sport must also be made at this time. This first practice session will take place at the high school courts, 9 to 11 a.m.

Any girls having any questions are asked to call Robin Wiest at 874-6932.

CALLS OFF MERGER...

Citation Companies, owner of Wolverine Brass Works of Grand Rapids and Newell Manufacturing of Lowell have announced that a "friendly takeover" by an Illinois holding company was aborted.

Citation is a leading manufacturer of plumbing, builders and consumer hardware, distributed nationwide from plants in Michigan, South Carolina and Illinois, with corporate headquarters in Grand Rapids. Citation has division in Battle Creek, Ludington, Lowell, Chicago, Illinois and Conway, South Carolina.

Citation reported revenues of \$48.7 million and net income of \$2.5 million or \$1.63 per share for 1977.

FAMILY FUN TIME...

In an effort to raise money for their "Safety Fund", Lowell Police Officers have booked a family entertainment show for Thursday, August 31 in the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Taking part in the program will be Clyde Moody (the Waltz King and 20 year legend of the Grand Ole Opry); Tommy Scott's original Georgia Peanut Band, featuring recording artist Scotty Lee; fun, music, authentic Indian dancers, clowns, sharp shooters, Gong the Gorilla, Hondunie Magic and the Masked Rider.

Tickets may be purchased at the Lowell Police Department, the 4-H Fair, or from Lowell Police Department officers. Proceeds will be used to purchase needed projectors, films, filmstrips and cassettes for safety talks by Lowell Police Officers in the schools and community.

FAIR OPENS MONDAY...

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair, held in Lowell at the fairgrounds, will open this coming Monday, August 21. Over 3,000 youth from Kent County are expected to have their projects on exhibit, plus there'll be plenty of things to see and do on the fair's midway.

PLAY IT SAFE...

Play it safe, have your children immunized. Children being enrolled in any school for the first time must present proof of immunization against measles, rubella, polio, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus. Children who do not meet these standards will be excluded from school.

If your new student has not been protected against these diseases, contact your doctor, or take him to the Kent County Health Department Immunization clinic every first or third Thursday of the month located in the East-Kent Community Health Center's office located at 301 East Main Street in Lowell City Hall.

THIS 'N THAT...

The Village Inn on Lowell's West Main Street is now open daily at 9 a.m., serving coffee and rolls. The Riverside Fireplace Shoppe on East Main is now back to normal business hours after exhibiting at the Ionia Free Fair last week. The Kent County Road Commission's Feedback Unit will be in the Lowell Area at the following times and locations: August 28-September 1, Alden Nash Avenue at Vergennes Street; September 5 to 9, Lincoln Lake Avenue at Downes Street.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS...

Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will hold a special Board meeting on Monday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Offices at 12685 Foreman Road.

Another special meeting by the Board is also slated to be held Monday, August 28.

Above The Board

Battle Of The Sexes

Appearing decidedly dollar conscious, in spite of the recent successful millage election, the Lowell Board of Education doggedly attacked the issue of the battle of the sexes Monday night. With the governmental mandate of equal sports for both male and female students now in effect, the board has three choices which have to be settled before school opens: add two girls' sports; take away two boys' sports; or add one new one for the girls and delete one for the boys.

In an effort to determine the feeling of the community, a committee of citizens and staff was set up several weeks ago to make a recommendation to the board. Phyllis Lessens, spokesman for the group, reported Monday that public meetings were held which were well publicized in advance. Discussed at the two meetings were the substantial savings that the board made in athletic expense last school year by eliminating spectator buses to out of town games, by combining away-game team activities so that all teams went on the same buses and returned at the same time thus doing away with double runs, and by scheduling fewer games. In view of the savings, Mrs. Lessens said that her group felt that the school could well afford to maintain the boys' schedule and add volleyball and softball for the girls to comply with the new law.

Board members, however, were not in total agreement with each other over the committee's recommendation. It was felt by at least one that money saved is not money saved if it is spent someplace else. The problem still remains, however, that the sports program has to be equal and the issue was tabled for

further discussion.

An offer of governmental money to establish a second Headstart classroom for the system (this one at Alto) was turned down by the board at Monday night's meeting. Although the new room would be set up at no cost to the system, board members felt it was another case of "not spending money just because you have it... it eventually comes out of the taxpayer's pocket and if we don't see a real need for it, we're not going to take it."

Supt. Donald Kelly read a letter to the board which he received from John Porter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, commending Lowell Schools (particularly the Middle School) for excellent scores in the state's reading and math objective tests this past year.

The State Aid Act is now providing additional money for the local system to design and implement the reading and math program progress for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Resignations were accepted from three teachers, Ruth Cady, Bushnell kindergarten, Greg Clark, Alto reading consultant, and Jim Grant, high school special education. Chuck Bostrom also resigned as a member of the football coaching staff but will continue to be a member of the faculty.

Contracts for the following new staff members were approved: Jane Gillespie, high school speech and English; Andrew Beck, health instructor; Robert McCormick, social worker; Phillip Christensen, high school business education; Nancy LeClair, high school home ec; W. Curtis Aldridge, Ruciman second grade, and Karen Christensen, Alto first grade.

Highway Funds Are Distributed

Revenue from the state gas tax edged up a mere 1.8 percent in the second quarter of 1978 in comparison with the same three months last year, the State Highway Commission has reported.

Diesel fuel taxes were up 12.9 percent for the April-June period, but license plate fees based on vehicle weight declined by 1.1 percent, producing a 1.5 percent increase in the chief revenue sources for the state Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

"This compares with a five to six percent increase in gas and weight taxes that was the norm only a few years ago," said Commission Chairman Peter B. Fletcher of Ypsilanti. "Lighter automobiles and more efficient engines have combined to level off the revenue earmarked for Michigan's transportation programs."

Second quarter distribution amounts to cities and villages, in this area, compared to the same period of 1977 include:

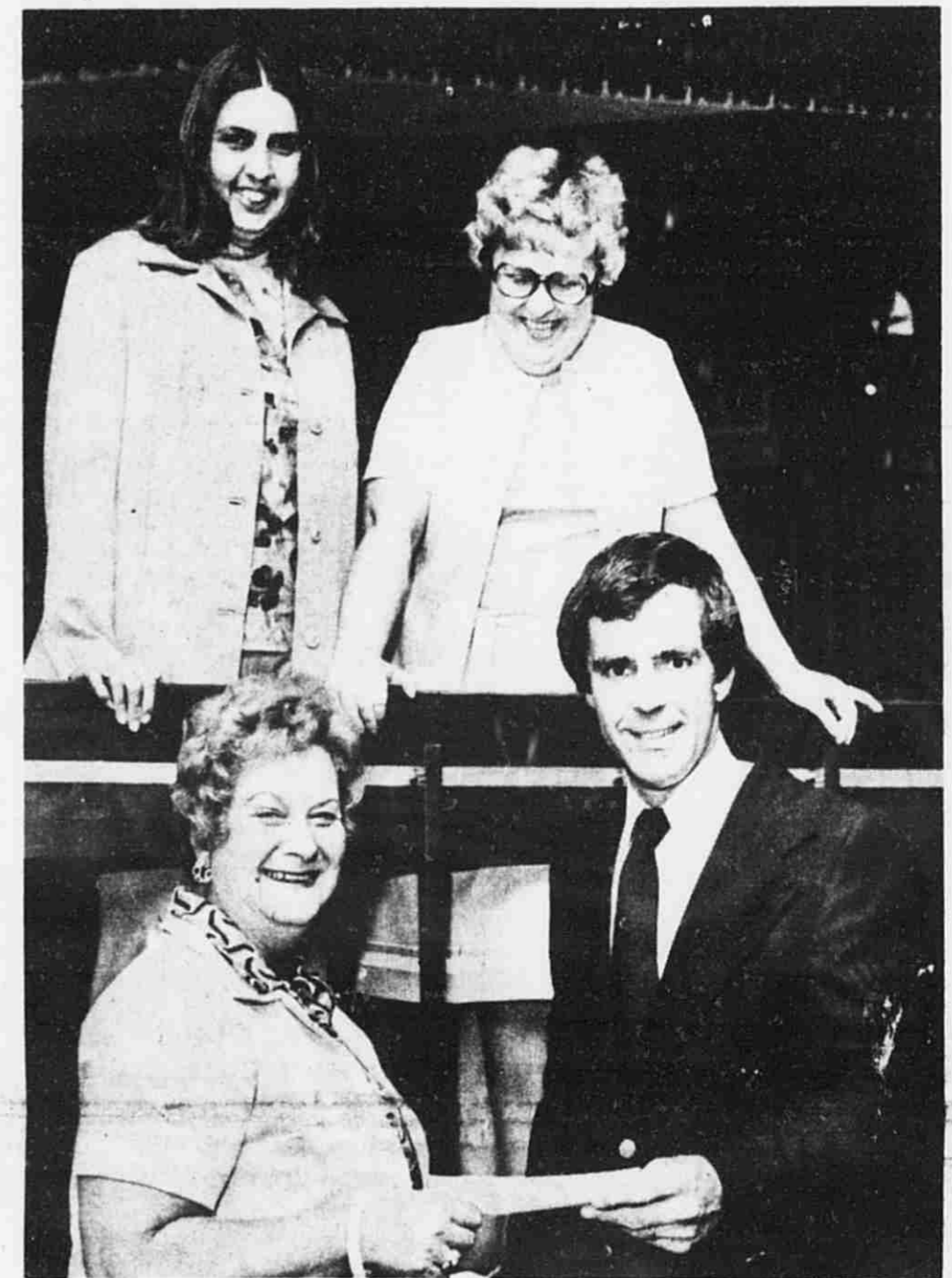
Clarksville, \$2,475, 1978, \$2,435, 1977; Lowell, \$16,711, 1978, \$16,415, 1977; Saranac, \$6,662, 1978, \$6,553, 1977.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Hippy Burgers 89c. Tuesday Night, Family Night, Burger Night; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions; Saturday Night, A Delicious Sizzler. c40

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Gets Contribution



Chuck Lippert, president of the Lowell Showboat, was at Amway Corporation's headquarters in Ada recently to accept a \$1,000 contribution to the Showboat from that firm. Representing Amway were Colleen Swan (bottom row), Sharon Eickhoff (above left) and Bonnie McNeal.

Mrs. Eickhoff works in Corporate Services, and Mrs. McNeal is employed in the Public Affairs Division at Amway. Mrs. Swan is employed in Corporate Engineering. All three women are Lowell residents and represent only a few of many Amway employees who are active as volunteers in the Showboat program each year.

Amway Corporation, a personal selling firm operating in the United States and eight foreign countries, makes an annual contribution to the Showboat as part of that company's extensive community relations program.

Primary Election Results

Voting was very light in the August 8 primary election, in this area, but it was enough to give most incumbent candidates another term in office.

Dr. Paul F. Nelson outpolled fellow Republican V. Bette Roberts, 474 to 271, to win the supervisor's job in Ada Township.

Winning trusteeships on the Ada Township Board were Inogene Vader with 378 votes, William Havenga, jr., 356, and George Karaganis, 348.

Other candidates for that office were Harry R. Gaskell, 308, Martin J. Allen, sr., 223, David Ver Sluis, 202 and Harvey M. Eickhoff, 111.

Township clerk Kenneth Anderson and Treasurer Orison Weaver were renominated with no opposition.

Bowne Township — Republican incumbents will continue to head the township. They are: Supervisor Irvin Rodgers, Clerk Sandra Kowalczyk, Trustee James Willyard, and Treasurer David G. Hoffman.

Cascade Township — Republican incumbents, with no opposition, will continue their current township jobs. They are: Supervisor Wendell Champion, Clerk Edward Meyer, Treasurer Paul Slater and Trustees Jack Lewis and Charles Burlingham.

Grattan Township — There were no races in Grattan Town-

ship as Democrats incumbents Robert Lamoreaux, supervisor, Patrick Malone, clerk, Lucille Slowinski, treasurer, and Martin Byrne, trustee, won renomination.

On the Republican side Maynard Butts, supervisor candidate, and John A. Poulas, running for trustee, were nominated.

Lowell Township — Incumbent Trustee Carl Haddan, running on the Republican ticket turned back challenger William Eggleston, 62-50; the only opposition in the township contest.

Supervisor Harry Yeiter, Clerk Carol Wells and Treasurer Doris Boyd, all Republicans were unopposed.

Vergennes Township — Incumbent Treasurer Elmer R. Wittenbach won renomination, turning back a challenge by Diane J. Brown.

Incumbents Irene Osborne, clerk, and Richard Bieri, trustee also won renominations. Roger A. Odell won the Republican party's nomination for supervisor without opposition.

Governor — Democrats, Zoltan Frenzy 146,741, William Fitzgerald, 231,606, Patrick McCollough 104,623, William Mills 98,844; Republican William Killen 373,966.

U.S. Senate — Democrats, Anthony Derezinski 51,476, Carl Levin 216,991, John Otterbach-

er 49,044, Philip Power 108,889, Paul Rosenbaum 45,386, and Richard VanderVeen 85,769; Republicans, Robert Griffin 309,844, L. Brooks Patterson 26,427.

U.S. Congress, 5th District — Democrat Dale R. Sprick 19,470; Republican Harold S. Sawyer 26,427.

State Senate, 31st District — Democrat Getsy J. Flory 7,827; Republican Robert VanderLaan 17,202.

State Representative, 90th District — Democrat Carl Redding 2,436; Republican Martin Butth 5,073. 88th District — Democrat Avis J. King 2,158; Republicans, Alan Cropsy 2,994, James Koenigsnecht 2,185; Max Tullis 1,270, John Fox 977.

Kent County Board of Commissioners, 3rd District — Democrat Thomas Heintzleman 647; Republican John Forshar 791, Jo Somerville 1,243.

Appeals Court, 3rd District — Kenneth Block 62,539, Joseph Swallow 56,220; Barbara MacKenzie 112,320.

Circuit Court, New Seat — Randall Hekman 13,593, Woodrow yard 15,827; J. Robert Smolenski 12,907.

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Mills, Covered Bridges Recall State's Past

The creaking sound of water wheels and the echo of hooves against hand-hewn timbers still can be heard in Michigan's mills and covered bridges, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

The tiny community of Ada near Grand Rapids is home of the 125-foot Ada Bridge, which in 1867 was the first to span the Thornapple River. It now is open to foot traffic only.



Mills and covered bridges in Michigan recall a bygone era when water provided the power to work grain and saw timber. Some mills and bridges are still in use, while others are preserved as historical landmarks.

- 1 Dundee Community Center/Millhouse, Dundee
2 Cumtch Community Center/Millhouse, Cumtch
3 G. Mann & Sons Mill, Manistee
4 Greenfield Village mills and Ackley Bridge, Dearborn
5 Belle Isle Golf Course Bridge, Detroit
6 Ford Northville Village Plant Mill, Northville
7 Tom Walker's Grist Mill, Parshallville
8 Cider and Fruit Cider mills, Rochester
9 King's Animaland Park Bridge, Richmond
10 Historical Crossroads, Vliet
11 Flint Bay Valley Inn Bridge, Bay City
12 White's Bridge, Smyrna
13 Fallsburg Bridge, Lowell
14 Ada Bridge, Ada
15 Dutch Windmill, Holland
16 Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Mill, Mattawan
17 Morris Bridge (Abandoned only), Niles
18 Langley Bridge, Centreville
19 True Grist Ltd., Theatre, Homer

Five other bridges are of more recent construction. Newest is at Bay Valley Inn near Bay City. Until 1972, when sides and roof were installed, the 72-foot-long structure was a railroad bridge.

At 282 feet, Langley Bridge on the St. Joseph River near Centreville is the state's longest covered span. Constructed in 1887, it too, can be driven by auto and seen from a nearby riverside park.

Those wishing to photograph the 46-year-old Morris Bridge, a 40-foot-long structure on private property near Niles, must call (616-683-3329) a week in advance.

Other mills have been saved from the wrecking ball and are now serving a variety of other purposes.

A 90-year-old flour and grist mill at Homer now is home of True Grist Ltd. Dinner Theatre (517-568-4151). In Rockford, a mill more than 100 years old has become the Old Mill Restaurant (616-866-4306) in that city's restored Squires Street Square.

Centers used for meetings and senior citizens programs. The mill's watershed remains at Lake Odessa and the Chain-O-Lakes Travel Trailer Club in Hastings.

A waterwheel at the Ford Motor Company's Northville Plant is being powered by electric lighting. Although no tours are offered, visitors can feed ducks at the plant mill-pond.

Two mills presently under restoration can be visited at the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery in Flint's northwestern corner.

The oldest state business on its original site is Manchester's E.G. Mann & Sons Feed Mill (313-428-7077). Tours of this water-powered mill must be arranged in advance.

Holland's Windmill Island is the site of a 200-year-old Dutch windmill still grinding flour that visitors may purchase.

Power for cider making at Tom Walker's Grist Mill (313-629-9079) near Parshallville comes from a turbine turned by water from Ore Creek.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 18: Dora Isler, Nella Sterling, Melanie Nelson. August 19: Bessie Clarke, Barbara Webber, Kenneth Bryan, Sharon McFall. August 20: Anthony Koster, Thelma Roth, Page Lombardo.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Willard Jr. of Charlotte, Kenneth of Lake Odessa, Ronald of Woodland and LeRoy of Clarksville; one daughter, Marie Michael of Saranac; one brother, Walter of Rochester, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Edna (Barbara) Fitzgerald of Grand Rapids; four grandsons and one granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife Thora, his children, Mrs. Lottie Hoffman, Mrs. Grace Stahl, both of Alto, Mrs. Colleen Robbins of Bradenton, Fla., Dawson of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Iva McIntyre and Mrs. Sabie Baker, both of Lowell, three brothers, Seymour Dawson of Bradenton, Fla., Lloyd Dawson of Lansing and Lester Dawson of Clarksville; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell with interment following in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The Rev. James Parks, Faith Lutheran Church, was the officiating clergyman.

The infant is survived by his parents, Mike and Cyndie Blakeley; his grandparents, Mrs. Rich Mahyanki, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blakeley and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Busman; two aunts, Denise Withey and Ruth Blakeley; and two uncles, David and Kenneth Blakeley.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell, with the Rev. George L. Coon officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

Lenning Will Play For Aquinas College

Rory Lenning, a graduate of Forest Hills Northern High School, has signed a letter of intent to attend Aquinas College and play basketball this fall.

At Forest Hills Northern under Coach Jim Ogilvie, Lenning averaged 18 points per game and 10 rebounds. He was an all-league performer and received honorable mention on the All-State Basketball team.

At Aquinas the 6'5" guard/forward will be coached by Terry Bocian.

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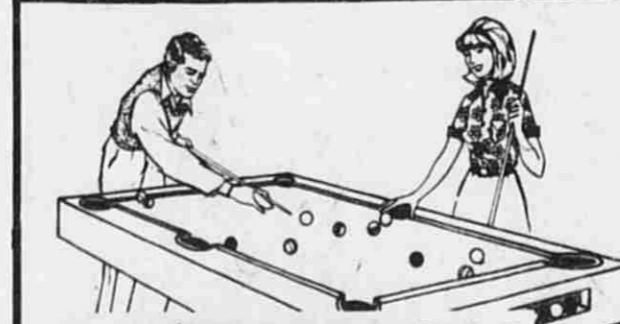
BLAKELEY — Christopher Blakeley, aged 10 days, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 1978, at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

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involved in putting the show together, and it really was evident in the end result. I believe what accented the show more than any other factor, was the personal touch you and the staff offered.

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Many Memories Recalled

Reunions always consist of reminiscing and eating too much, especially when octogenarians get together after over seventy years.

The Fallburg School Reunion on August 12 was no exception. A mutually delightful surprise was in store for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rainer of Tampa, Florida, and some of their peers.

United In Marriage Miss Mary J. Bailey and Jeffrey R. Brower were united in marriage on Saturday, August 5, at the First Congregational Church in Ada.

Attending the couple were Martin Minard as maid of honor and Jonathan Bortsch as best man.

To Hold Monthly Business Meeting

Discussions evolving around "old" and "new" business will be the format for a gathering of Chapter 1388, Lowell Women of the Moose, on Monday, August 28.

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Third In Series... 'Pictures To Live With'

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News Briefs... Three Saranac men were arrested by Ionia County Deputies last Wednesday at the Ionia Fairgrounds.

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ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW AND SWAP MEET... Vintage automobiles of yesterday's motoring world will

The Battle Creek Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, sponsor of the show, expects well over two hundred area car clubs are expected to join in the exhibition.

LEGAL NOTICES

FAMILY LAW CENTER 400 Federal Square Bldg. Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503... ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please take notice that the Finance Committee and the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee of the Board of Commissioners for Kent County will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revenue sharing budget as part of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget of Kent County on August 30, 1978 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room, 310, at the County Administration Building, 300 Monroe N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN BUDGET SUMMARY BY MAJOR FUNCTION

Table with columns: FUND NO., GROSS REQUIREMENTS, REVENUE SHARING, GENERAL OPERATING, CASH AND/OR REVENUES, NET REQUIREMENTS. Rows include Legislative, Judicial, Staff Agencies, Public Safety, Health, Public Welfare, Library, Recreation, Other, and TOTALS.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 10th day of July, 1978.

PRESENT: The Honorable George V. Boucher, Circuit Court Judge. On this 13th day of June, 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 3151 North 27th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 10th day of October, 1978.

FAILURE TO comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 1637 Vinocetti, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 12th day of October, 1978.

FAILURE TO comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

Public Hearings will be held before the Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee, on Monday, August 28, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 E. Main Street.

1. The request of Mr. Gerald Colburn to rezone a parcel of property located at the corner of Lafayette and King Streets, from A-1 One Family Residential to A-3 Multiple Family and Apartments.

2. The request of Dr. Harold R. Myers to rezone a portion of a parcel of property on West Main Street, to a point approximately 500 feet South of Main Street, from A-1 Agricultural-Residential, to C-3 Commercial.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was P.O. Box 38033, Kuwait, Kuwait, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 26th day of September, 1978.

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RED HAVEN PEACHES: Starting August 21, Hesser's Fruitland, 5529 Lincoln Lake Road, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Phone 691-7739.

ADDA VILLAGE HARDWARE: Ada Village Hardware 577 Ada Dr., Ada 676-8111.

AUCTION: Located 3/4-mile north of Lippert Pharmacy, N. Washington Street, at Lowell, north side of Cemetery. Friday, August 18 - 12:30 Sharp. HOUSEHOLD AND ANTIQUES. Charles Houseman, Owner.

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Handle 8,364 Stray Dogs And Cats

A joint statement by the Humane Society of Kent County, a privately-funded society, and the Kent County Animal Shelter, a publicly-funded facility, reveals that in the first six months of 1978, these two facilities accepted a total of 8,364 dogs and cats.

Of these, 6,816 or 81% were destroyed. For the like period last year 7,832 dogs and cats were taken in and 6,489 or 83% were destroyed.

"It is necessary that people be reminded of the great numbers of healthy, appealing animals that must die because of their owner's carelessness," said Mark Miller, county dog warden. "They need to know that it is both inhumane and expensive to discard pets for little or no reason or to let them breed when there are already too many."

Together, the Humane Society and the Animal Shelter accept an average of 1,394 animals a month. The average cost of processing an animal through a shelter is \$17. Given the fact that the animal shelter collects \$4 for every owned dog picked up and requires no fee for picking up stray dogs, and that the Humane Society requires no fee for accepting either owned or stray animals, it follows that taxpayers and Human Society supporters are subsidizing irresponsible pet owners.

The Humane Society in the first six months of the year accepted 5,021 dogs and cats, destroyed 3,942, returned 270

lost pets to their owners and placed 380 in new homes.

The Animal Shelter accepted 3,343 dogs and cats in that period, destroyed 2,874 and returned 469 to their owners.

"It is significant that only 14% of the lost animals brought to our shelter are reclaimed," commented Betsy Pullen, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Kent County. "Due to the ready availability of kittens and puppies, many people don't bother to look for their lost pet, finding it easier to pick up another instead."

The imbalance between the tremendous numbers of animals born and the relatively few numbers of responsible pet owners can be solved through enforcement of leash and licensing laws, strict requirements for the sterilization of animals from shelters, the discouragement of further pet breeding and programs aimed at educating the pet owner.

Nominations For Medal Of Merit

Congressman Hal Sawyer's Medal of Merit committees have begun accepting and reviewing nominations for the second annual Congressman's Medal of Merit presentations.

The Medal of Merit program was established by Congressman Sawyer to honor those individuals who have made great sacrifices for others, yet received little or no recognition for their efforts.

Two committees have been established to award congressional medals for feats of heroism and outstanding community service. One committee represents Kent County, the other represents Ionia County and the other eight townships included in the Fifth District.

Nominations can come from the general public or members of the committees.

To be eligible, a nominee, must have accomplished his or her outstanding deed between July 4, 1977 and July 4, 1978. The nominee must also be a U.S. citizen, or have applied for citizenship, and reside in the Fifth District.

Nomination forms are available in Congressman Sawyer's District office, Room 166, Gerald R. Ford Federal Bldg. Completed forms or suggested nominees should be mailed to the Medal of Merit Committees in care of the District office.

ROTARY NOTES

Donald and Ellura McPherson provided a special evening for Rotarians and their guests on August 9 when they opened their lovely home and grounds for an outdoor dinner party.

The spacious lawns and fine old trees combined with Mrs. McPherson's outstanding buffet made it a memorable evening for the seventy-seven in attendance. A special bonus was the inclusion of "Clan McPherson" haggis among the appetizers.

No formal program was scheduled. It was an evening of good food and good conversation in fine summer weather. It was West Michigan at its best.

CROSS-COUNTRY MEETING, AUG. 17

Students interested in being a member of Lowell High School's Cross-Country team will meet Thursday, August 17.

"The meeting is slated to start at 10 a.m. in Room K-4 at the high school," explains coach Tom Stahr.

"All those wishing to participate in this sport, during the 1978-79 school year, should be in attendance," he added.

New Buds On The Family Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thaler of Sparta announce the arrival of their son, Scott Stephen, on Tuesday, August 8, 1978, at Muskegon's Hackley Hospital.

The new arrival tipped the scales at eight pounds.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler of Lowell.

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Jamie Smith Receives Promotion

Jamie J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Smith of 10737 Settlewood, Lowell, has received his first promotion in the U.S. Air Force. Smith, promoted to airman,

recently completed technical training at Shppard Air Force Base, Texas, and is now assigned at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The airman is a 1977 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.



looking back...

a few notes from Ledgers of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years ago...

We're starting a new column here, perhaps I shouldn't say new because it's been done in the Ledger before. At any rate, here it is, I hope you like it. If you have any suggestions on how we could make it a little more interesting, please give us a call.

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BUICKS

	List	Clearance
Electra, 2 Dr.	\$8,933.50	\$7,424.00
Electra, 2 Dr.	9,942.50	7,827.00
Electra, 4 Dr.	9,308.50	7,713.00
Electra, 4 Dr.	9,363.50	7,757.00
Electra Park Ave.	11,677.50	9,402.00
Riviera, 2 Dr.	11,148.55	8,759.00
LeSabre Cust., 4 Dr.	7,714.95	6,586.00
LeSabre Cust., 4 Dr.	7,458.95	6,393.00
LeSabre, 4 Dr.	6,012.95	5,273.00
LeSabre Cust., 4 Dr.	8,421.95	7,134.00
LeSabre, 2 Dr.	7,072.95	6,087.00
LeSabre Spt. Cpe.	8,814.25	7,097.00
Regal, 2 Dr.	5,804.54	5,284.00
Regal, 2 Dr.	7,110.54	6,203.00
Regal, 2 Dr.	6,754.54	5,887.00
Regal, 2 Dr.	7,028.54	6,149.00
Regal Spt. Cpe.	7,769.90	6,478.00
Regal Spt. Cpe.	8,070.90	6,738.00
Century Wagon	5,706.54	5,126.00
Skylark, 4 Dr.	5,662.30	5,008.00

CHEVROLETS

Caprice, 4 Dr.	\$7,332.95	\$6,239.00
Caprice, 4 Dr.	8,733.50	7,021.00
Caprice, 2 Dr.	7,477.95	6,353.00
Impala, 4 Dr.	6,055.95	5,251.00
Impala, 2 Dr.	6,833.95	5,689.00
Impala Wagon	7,621.55	6,470.00
Monte Carlo Landau	7,811.90	6,598.00
Monte Carlo Landau	7,287.90	6,089.00
Monte Carlo Landau	7,202.90	6,277.00
Monte Carlo Cpe.	6,526.90	5,706.00
Monte Carlo Cpe.	6,689.90	5,833.00
Malibu Classic Landau	6,992.54	5,814.00
Malibu Classic Landau	6,022.54	5,307.00
Malibu, 4 Dr.	5,244.54	4,680.00
Malibu, 4 Dr.	6,107.54	5,403.00
Malibu, 4 Dr.	5,182.54	4,627.00
Malibu Wagon	6,448.54	5,692.00
Nova, 2 Dr.	4,685.30	4,111.00
Nova, 2 Dr.	5,128.25	4,710.00
Monza Wagon	5,028.30	4,685.00
Chevette, 4 Dr.	4,253.15	4,041.00
Chevette, 4 Dr.	4,398.15	4,007.00
Chevette, 2 Dr.	3,743.15	3,565.00
Chevette, 2 Dr.	3,799.15	3,612.00
Chevette, 2 Dr.	3,870.15	3,674.00

TRUCKS & VANS

C-20 Pickup	\$5,769.14	\$4,921.00
K-20 Pickup	7,398.36	6,234.00
K-20 Pickup	8,445.36	7,151.00
C-20 Pickup	7,020.92	5,887.00
C-10 Pickup	6,461.70	5,489.00
C-10 Pickup HD	7,368.70	6,057.00
C-20 Suburban	10,315.40	8,656.00
G-20 Sportvan	7,232.15	6,267.00
El Camino	5,564.10	4,995.00
El Camino	6,189.10	5,483.00
LUV Pickup	4,689.30	4,398.00
LUV Pickup	4,554.30	4,301.00
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