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On September 5 film Presentation
discuss self-protection for seniors with the film presentation, Neighbor Center, 214 E. Main Street. Dennis Kennedy of Wyis COLLIDE Belding were involved Wyoming. Michigan and Merrill Russell of August 21 . Both parties were driving semi tractors and Monday.
when they collided on Ottawa and Hudson Streets. POST OFFICE TO BE CLOSED.
all day Monday, September 4. There will be no deliveries and the lobby will also be closed.

## COLIDES WITH Parked CAR

A female juvenile from Lowell collided with a parked vehicle on
Chatham Street near Amity on August 21 . The accident caused Chatham Street near Am
some property damage.

## LESIURE CLASSES OFFERED .

Creative leisure classes will be offered on Wednesday afternoons
beginning on September 13 for any senior citizens interested in beginning on September 13 for any senior citizens interested in
taking part. The classes will be held at the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center, 214 E . Main Street, Lowell. Many different arts and crafts will be covered. plus occasional book reviews, musical and other
programs designed to introduce older people to new and interesting programs designed tointroduce o
ways of spending leisure hours.

## CHAMBER TO MEET.

The September meeting of the Lowell Area Chamber of downstairs meeting room of
people are urged to attend.

EarLy deadune
Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Ledger's schedule for the
next issue has been moved ahead one day. Next week's deadine for news copy and ads will be this Friday. September $\begin{aligned} & \text {. This earl } \\ & \text { deadline allows our employees to take advantage of the three-day }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { deadline allows our employees to take advantage of the three-day } \\ & \text { weekend. }\end{aligned}$
 The first involved a 16 -year-old juvenile and Mark Modders of Lak
Odessa. Both parties collided on Lincoln Lake Avenue just north of M- 21 Sunday evening. The second involved a Traverse City man
Robert Nottke, when he backed his semi.tractor trailer into a parted Robert Nowe. Wen he backed his semi-rractor trailer into a parke
car on South Water Street near the King Mill Saturday afternoon.

SENIOR BOWLING GROUP FORMING
A bowling group is being formed by the Lowell S.enior Neighbor
Center on East Main Street. The group will use the American Legion Lanes on Wednessay afternoons at $3: 30$ p.m. The new group
will meet ton September 20 for their first session. A trip to Foirlane Mall in Detroit is also being planned for Saturday, September 1 .
For further information on any Senior Neighbor activity, please call 897.5250 .

## STrivinvoit itic

Fri., Sept. 1 Thru Thurs., Sept. 7 ONE FULI WEEK
MONDAY IS DOLLAR NIGHT
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Burt Reynolds
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Starring... One Show Each Night At 8 P.M. Burt Reynolds Jackie Gleason

## Lowell Youth Accused <br> Lowell Youth Accused Three 17.year-old Lowe

II: ReFLoat the boart!
A few weeks ago I made the statement that any community
worth a toot must have some worth a toot must have some
means of identification. When you think of Tulip Festival, you think of Holland. When you
think of Cheryy Festival. you
think of Traverse C City. When think of Traverse City. When
you say Free Fair, it's lonia. The list goes on and on. Sometimes
it's the college or university that puts the town on the map.
Perhaps it's a business. King
Milling of Lowell is known the Miling of Lowell is known the
world over as is Amway of Ada.
When you say Showboat you think of Lowell. Mich.
I have had merchants tell m their attention was attracted to
Lowell, by the Showboat. PolitiLowell. by the Showboat. Politit
cians are glad to appear on our show not only local bpeat tsate our
nationwide. Many of the world's nationwide. Many of the world
greatest entertainers brag that they have appeared on the
Lowell Showboat. Nowhere in the world can you find the exac
setting that we have here at the Showboat. Lowell and its people have been good to the Showboa
and I m sure the Showboat has been rood for Lowell. Let's no Floast THE BOAT!
Last Saturdap Last Saturday people turned
out to clean up the mess at the out to clean up the mess at the
amphitheatre. Men. women and
children. It's hard to believe the excellent job they did. Channel
8 TV was on hand and if you stayed up to see the news yo
might have seen yourself on TV. 1 did. would be remiss if 1 did not I would be remiss if 1 did not
mention the great job done by
the police, the power plant, the the police. the power plant.
telephone employees, the gang
ith chain saws and trucks wh. with chain saws and trucks who
worked around the clock. A
great job well done. THANKs. See you next week in the
"Refloat the Boat" column.-


Lowell Girls March With Champs

| The Saginaires Drum and | members of the 26 -girl flag line | included playing of the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bugle Corps from Saginaw. | which. along with the corps. | Anthem for the Muscu- |
| Michigan won twelve of the 37 competitions they entered this | took top honors in many con tests. | lar Dystrophy Softball Tourn ment in July. Congratulations |
| past summer, including the U.S. | The girls traveled as far east | both girls. |
| Open National Championship | Butler. Pennsylvania. as far | Michael Clark. Lowell High |
| and the VFW National Cham. | west as Denver. Colorado and | School Accounting |
| nshhip. | to Dallas. Texas. The | served as Marching and M |
| athy Albus and Nancy Rou- | corps traveled over 7.000 miles | euvering Coordinator for |
| bush both of Lowell. |  |  |

## Suffers Minor Injuries



Lowell Police, Kent County Sherif's offficers and Bud's Ambulance were called to the acene of a Nast, Alto. Armstrong, northboand on Alden Nash, lost control of his vehicle on wet pavement jusi




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For the second year in a row Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc. hass purchased the grand champlon steer at Adsmond, a resident of Walker and a member of the Byron Center Beef Clab.
The steer welghed 1,125 pounds and sold $a t$ auction for 52.15 . Left to right in the above photo are Steve Adsmond, John Clore and Larry Bacon. Cloce and Bacon are sales manager and awice manager

looking back... a few notes from Ledgers of 10, 20 , 30, 40, and 50 years ago..
ten years ago
A 3.3 increase in Lowell Schools operational millage passes by a single vote $458-457$. A recount seems possible.
The Lowell $S$ tate The Lowell State Savings Bank broke ground for its new
Westown Branch A mid-November completion date is eyed by the bank. As receipts from the Dinah Shore show were tallied, the
Lowell Showboat was hoping to top their previous Lowell Showboat was hoping to top their previous total net
of S 14.000 .00 . John Paul Jones, well-known Grand Rapids consultant was being eyed by the Lowell Planning Commission as the
City's fuuture planner Wedding vows were recited by Christine Conroe and
Barry Jackson, both of Sorac. Barry Jackson, bow of Saranac. The wedding was held in
the Saranac Community Church with Rev. John Hancock officiating.
twenty years ago
The engagement of Pat
Thomet was announced.
Thomet was announced.
A record number of to Stuart A. A record number of students, 1,300 , were expected at
Lowell Schools for the 1958 -59 school yearBorn to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Holst, a boy, Kent James
weighing 6 pounds and weighing 6 pounds and 13 ounces.
Lowell citizens are shocked at talk
Lowerl citizens are shocked at talk from the Kent County
comptroller that the Library may be closed to trim the country's 1955 budget.
Winner of 5 Acade
Winner of 5 Academy Awards, "Around the World In 80
Days" was playing at the Strand Theatre in Lowell. The Days" was playing at the Strand Theatre in Lowell. Th
event called for a one quarter page ad in the Ledger. thirty years ago
It was announced that "upwards of 500 people"
attended the Lowell Community Picnic at Fallasburg Park the previous week. Number three on the Radio Company's top ten
for the week was "It's Magic" by Vic Damone. for the week was "It's Magic" by Vic Damone.
Kent County males 18 or older, along with their peers across the country begin signing, up for the nation's first
peace time draft. peace time draft.
A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jones at Blodget1 Aboy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jones at Blodgett
Hospital on August 29 , no further details were given. Unet the Lowell Local Newews Charles Doyle. Don. Roth
and Royce Story were spending the weekend at Grand and Roy
Haven.

> forty years ago

The teaching staff for the Lowell School District's upcoming $1938 .-39$ school year numbers 22 .
The Lowell Common Council made application to the W.P.A. for the construction of 3.810 feet of new sewer in the city at a cost of $523.641,10$. The Village's share of that
cost being $\$ 2,619.20$ or 11.2 percent.
Hundreds attend a flower show in Alto hosted by the Hundreds attend
Alto Garden Club.
Broadcast brand smoked hams were selling for 21 cents
per pound at the Lowell Kroger Store. fifty years ago
A. H. Stormzand and Merrit Miller met with a bad
accident when driving on Lincoln Rd., headed for Murray Lake. Stormand. drivin his own Rc., headed for Murray
ditch rather than drive into to take to the ditch rather than drive into a herd of cattle driven onto the
road by two young boys. The headiline read: "Saved the road by two young boys. The headiline read: "Saved the
Cows. Wrecked the Car, Hurt the Men." Fisy" Wray and Gary Cooper were starring in "The First Editor of the Ledgeatr. F. M. Johnson who was more affectionately known as Uncle Marcus, took a shot at
women's skirts in his "cory corner. He wrote, "If some women knew how funny they looked from the rear with
their skirts three inches above the knee, they their skirts
the hems.
It was back-to-school time and you could put the
students in the family into new leather shoes from the students in the family into new leather shoes from the
Popular Shoc Store for $\$ 1.29 . \$ 2.9$.

Exchange Student Sponsored


 back-up.
From left to right in the photo above
Ron Moore, and Rev. Rommle Moore.
On July 23 Lowell Rotarians On July 23 Lowell Rotarians
welcomed their newly arrived exchange student, discussed the drive to restore the Showboat and hosted representatives of


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Rotary President Don Roche-
leau reported encouraging early
progress in the campaign to
rais funds to replace the Show.
boat, induding the fact that
cals are coming in from many
parts of the state, demonstrat-
ing the impact of Showbat
beyond the Lowell community.
Program chairman King yore still time to schedule


