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There are only 3 days left until the drawing for a new automobile is held on March 10. Tickets for the drawing for a new car furnished by the Lowell Automobile Dealers Association are one dollar each and are available from the State Savings Bank, many local businesses and any Rotary Club member. PLEASE... If you can help sell tickets to your friends, relatives or fellow employees, contact Bev Hall at 897-8714, Keith Caldwell (State Savings Bank) at 897-9277 or Roger Brown (Grand Valley Ledger) at 897-9261.

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YMCA Spring Activity Line-up

The Lowell YMCA Spring Classes will kick off March 19. All six week classes will be starting the week of the 19th with sign-ups being taken now. A highlight of the Spring Session will be a Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, March 21. Starting at 7 p.m. there will be a Spring Fashion Show by Beverly Cowles, the Fashion Manager of The Patchwork Store. The outlet store for Glen of Michigan is located at Ridgemoor Center on 28th Street. Some of our local women will be participating as fashion models. DanceFIT, a cardiovascular fitness class, will be demonstrated by Peggy Murphy and Bobbie White. The winter Disco Session will be highlighted with class members and a preview of the spring Broadway Hits session. Refreshments and music by Jeanie Connell will follow the evening's events. Tickets are on sale at the YMCA office for \$1 and \$1.50 at the door, Middle School Cafeteria.

Healthy Back will be one of these new classes offered in the Spring Session. Healthy Back, a national YMCA program, is designed for those who suffer pain and discomfort in the lower back and need to increase flexibility. Disco — Everyone is doing Disco, so give it a try with Nancy Knechtel in an after-school class. Disco can be fun and great exercise. The American Red Cross's BABYSITTING COURSE will be offered at the Lowell YMCA, starting Tuesday, Mar. 20. Certification in this course will lead to the "Y" Rent-A-Kid Program. There is a great need for qualified teenage babysitters, to begin a file available to new families in our area.

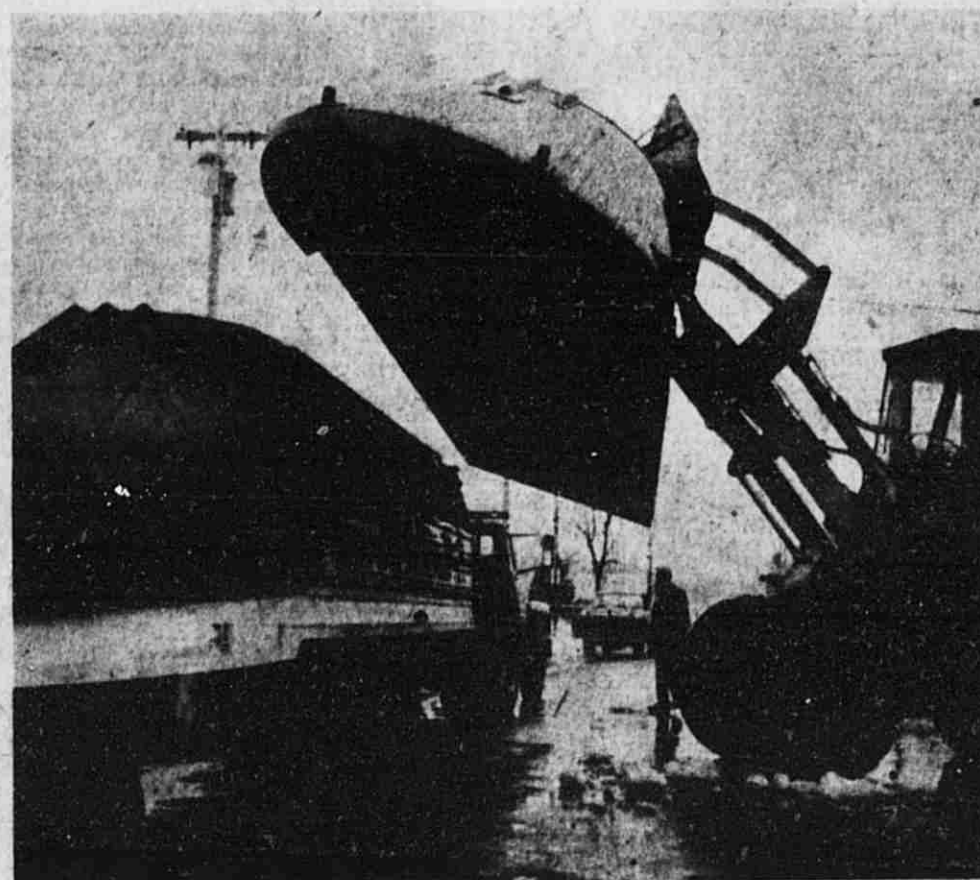
As the gymnastic season comes to a close, SPRING GYMNASIAC LESSONS will emphasize individual skills and not routines. There will be an energetic schedule of courses including 3 KIDDY GYM CLASSES, 4 ELEMENTARY TUMBLING classes, and 2 evening GYMNASIAC classes. GUITAR LESSONS will be offered morning, after-school and evenings. Instructor Jeanie Connell has been teaching Guitar in Ohio YMCA's for the past 5 years. She is a talented addition to the YMCA teaching staff. Think Spring, with indoor TENNIS to get those fundamentals down, before outside play begins. Mike Connell, YMCA Executive Director, will be offering TENNIS, MORNING FITNESS, JOGGING and FUN RUNS. Call the YMCA at 897-8445 for more information or pick up a Spring Schedule today.

Council Hears Future Plans For City Parks

The Lowell City Council was presented with an outline of the future plans of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for improvements to the city's parks. The outline included short and long range goals of the board. Plans for the upcoming year include completion of work started on the tennis courts in recreation park, installation of new electric and water service to the camping area in Recreation Park, installation of outdoor shower and concrete spectator area at the King Memorial Pool and installation of a caboose as a children's play area near the Foreman Building. Other items on this year's docket include a play sculpture from the Lowell Area Arts Council to be installed near the Foreman Building and also a bike rack, picnic tables and trees in that area.

Pontoons Arrive For New Showboat

The first visible sign of Lowell's new Showboat came to Lowell last Thursday in the form of four army surplus bridge pontoons. The pontoons were purchased from a private owner in Lansing and were shipped here by O.E. Bieri and Sons. In all, six of these pontoons will be used to float the new Showboat. The other two were located and purchased in Helena, Arkansas and are to be shipped here soon with the freight being donated by Steelcase Corporation. The pontoons resemble a flat bottom aluminum fishing boat and are about thirty feet long. Each one weighs 1,800 pounds, is seven feet wide and 41 inches deep. The pontoons have a rated capacity of sixteen tons each while drawing 35 inches of water. Being constructed of aluminum and magnesium with steel ribbing, the pontoons should be virtually maintenance free and last for many, many years. Total cost for the six pontoons was \$7,500. Construction of the new boat should be starting soon near the city garage. A model of the new boat will be unveiled at the Showboat Dinner Dance to be held this weekend.



The cooperation and charity of hundreds of Lowell Showboat supporters over the past few months is finally paying off in the first stages of the construction of a new Showboat. Here, the very first of the army surplus bridge pontoons to be used for flotation is lifted for the truck that delivered them.



RETURN

It is finally time to turn in all those ticket stubs and money for the new car drawing to benefit the Refloat the Showboat Campaign. The drawing will be held at the annual Showboat Kickoff Dinner Dance this Saturday evening. Tickets should be turned in to Shirley Smith at That SPECIAL Place or the State Savings Bank. This is your last opportunity to get a chance on the 1979 auto furnished by the Lowell Auto Dealers.

SPRUNG

Remember the little poem, "Spring is sprung..."? This past week's warmer weather and thinning snowbanks have convinced the natives that winter is on its last legs. Don Green of Pleasant Street spotted a robin last Wednesday. With slightly longer days it's easier to find the toothbrush and harder to get the children to bed. Several kinds of flu are making the rounds. It all adds up to "Spring is springing...". at least.

GOOD KIDS

Mrs. Ebe Wynjtes of Blue Water Hwy., Lowell, called to report that twenty to thirty deer have been feeding near her home and have found two young friends from Saranac. Two boys, unidentified, have gone out of their way to bring hay and other feed for the starving deer. Mrs. Wynjtes thought that these two polite young men should know how their kindness had touched her. She had been letting the deer "prune" her bushes, much to the dismay of her husband. "So many kids leave bad impressions," she said, "and I thought someone should know there are good kids, too."

GALLONS NEEDED

Norm Borgerson of the Lowell Lions wants help from the people of Lowell and it won't cost a cent. The Lowell Lions will sponsor a Blood Drive on Monday, April 2 from 3-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Only three percent of the population provide all the blood donated. There is a real need. Mark your calendar.

LAST CHANCE

There is still time to audition March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School for the Gong Show. The Show goes on March 23. Any kind of act is welcome. The Music Booster's are sponsoring the event and plan to use the proceeds to buy new band uniforms. For information, call 897-7116 or 897-9310.

WALK-A-THON

The Jaycees are at it again, making plans for another spring Walk-a-Thon. This time money earned will go for Muscular Dystrophy. Get your walking shoes in shape and watch for further details in the Ledger.

CHAMBER ALERT

There will be an important Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. City Manager Ray Quada has asked to be on the agenda. Also to be discussed are membership, summer activities and filling the vacant businesses. Interested persons are urged to attend.

OFF THE FLOTTER

Arrested by Lowell officers on Friday afternoon for failure to pay fines and costs was Cecil Sturdavant, Jr. Uninjured in an accident at Division and Avery Sts. on Friday evening were Roger Estes when the car he was driving was hit broadside by a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old juvenile who failed to yield the right of way at the intersection. Ernest W. Hoover of Lowell paid \$29 for speeding in Ionia County. Charges against Brian D. Moore and James Hansma were dropped when the complainant refused to press charges. Lowell police officers investigated 18 accidents in February, all property damage reports.

Honors Farmers March 14



Dr. James Anderson

Dr. James Anderson will be the featured speaker at the Lowell Rotary's annual Farmers' Day Program on March 14. The event is co-sponsored by King Milling Company and the Lowell State Savings Bank and will be held at the First United Methodist Church. Between 60-80 farmers will be the honored guests.

Dr. Anderson is Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Michigan State University, a post he has held since May of 1977.

He holds three degrees in agricultural engineering: the B.S. from the University of Georgia, M.S. from North Carolina State University and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Dr. Anderson was born in Odum, GA, and now lives in Okemos, MI, with his wife, Dorothy and five children.

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Goals set for coming years by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board include a bridge to and the development of the four acre island just below the dam on the Flat River and general improvements to all of the city's parks. A yearly recreation survey is scheduled to help update the recreation master plan.

A public hearing before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 8 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall for the purpose of discussing the city's needs in parks and recreation. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

In other business, the council approved a low bid of \$2,550 from Gray's Custom Upholstery for installing carpet on the main floor of Lowell City Hall. After some discussion, the council opted to also have a pad installed under the new carpeting, an item which was not included in the bid.

The council authorized a low bid of \$5,909.47 for the purchase of a 1979 Ford LTD police cruiser from Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc., of Lowell. The deal includes the trade-in of the city's 1977 Dodge police cruiser.

GOOD COFFEE — \$25 cents at Paul's Family Showboat Restaurant. c11f

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ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Hot Dogs, 40c. Tuesday Night, Family Night, Burger Night, Wednesday Night, Chicken Night.

CHICKEN TAKE-OUT

Thursday night, Liver & Onions; Saturday night,

SIZZLER NIGHT

BREAKFAST SPECIAL French Toast, Coffee, 99c. c17

New/Old Model-A At Zeiglers

For the first time, the fun of an authentic reproduction automobile can be enjoyed by the average person. This reproduction is in the form of an exact copy of a 1928-29 Ford Model A Roadster, molded in fiberglass and mounted on a 1979 Ford Pinto drivetrain.

This Golden Anniversary Model A Roadster is a limited edition and will be allotted to an average of one for every Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealer, so

Moose Plan Irish Feast

Moose members are planning an Irish "Smorgasbord" for Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at their lodge.

They will serve Irish Stew with a salad bar. Proceeds from the event will go into the emergency fund for those in need on the sick or injured list.

The Lowell Moose will host a night in honor of Richard Nead. A dance will follow the St. Patrick's Day feast from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Members and their guests are invited.

The Model A's will be delivered in the fall and are available on a first come, first served basis. Harold Zeigler Ford is taking orders now.

get your order in now. Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc., of Lowell is the dealer for this area. Every consideration has been made to keep the car's appearance as authentic as possible yet maintain the low price of \$5,950, F.O.B. Detroit.

MESC Rep Now Local

Michigan Employment Security Commission now has a representative in the Lowell area to help with individual employment needs.

If you are looking for work, whether for a CETA position or in the private sector, contact the East Kent Community Center at 897-8485 or stop by on either the first or third Tuesday of the month at 10763 Grand River Avenue, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Standard color on the 1928-29 Model A Ford Roadster reproduction is pale yellow body with black fenders and skirt. Other colors are available as options.

Busy Agenda For LAAC

Folk music and blue grass entertainment by Preston and Marsha McCracken will be featured at the March meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council on Thursday, Mar. 8, in the Bush-

nell Kiva, 700 Elizabeth St., Lowell. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Members of LAAC hope that anyone interested in the organization or any of its programs will feel free to come to the meeting. Each monthly meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month and features a program followed by a break for refreshments. Visitors are welcome to stay for the business meeting which follows.

Important items of business are on the agenda for Thursday. Michigan ARTRAIN will return to Lowell in early April and LAAC will join the City of Lowell in hosting the event. Workers for all phases of ARTRAIN's one week stay are needed.

Also to be discussed are the parent-child bus trip, Foreman building graphic, and early plans for Phillipsburg Fall Festival. New members are especially urged to make room in their busy schedules for this very important meeting.

AND YOU THOUGHT THEY GREW IT THAT WAY

The first pencil with an attached eraser was patented by Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia on March 30, 1858. Realizing the students' propensity for errors, Lipman provided a pencil with a groove at one end in which a piece of prepared rubber was glued. This freed pupils from the clumsy slate-and-chalk methods of earlier schooling.

Two From Lowell To Tour Europe

Blue Lake's International Exchange Program will observe its tenth anniversary this summer when 250 talented young musicians and singers tour four European countries during June and July. Blue Lake is a fine arts camp located at Whitehall, MI.

It began in 1970 when a 90-voice choir from Blue Lake toured England, Belgium and Germany. Since then, 1,500 young American musicians—mostly from Michigan—have visited 120 communities in 12 European countries.

In return, nearly 3,000 members of 40 European and Japanese bands, orchestras, choirs and dance groups have come to Michigan to perform in communities throughout the state.

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days, Lowell, 897-7560. c17

SCRATCH PADS — Assorted weights, colors, sizes... all are priced at a cheap, cheap, cheap 40 cents per pound. Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.



Two Lowell-area youth will be among 250 talented musicians who will participate in the tenth annual Blue Lake International Exchange Program tour of Europe this summer. Members of four musical groups—band, orchestra, choir and jazz band—will leave Lowell June 19 and return July 15 following performances in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Germany. Shown are (from left) Band Director Dr. Leonard Falcone of Lansing; and Band members Barry Eldridge and Dolly Gerard.

STRAND		PETER FRAMPTON	
FRI., MARCH 9		THE BEE GEES	
THRU		IN	
MON., MARCH 12		"SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND"	
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		Monday Night All Seats	\$1.50
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Craftsman Still Active At 71



Walter Vanderhout of Lowell guides a piece of wood through the saw on its way to becoming a doll-house sized chair in a matter of minutes.

by Robin Uphorne
He's worked his farm, raised horses, cattle and three children. On top of that, he's worked in a furniture factory for 51 years.

modified the plans of the windmill to make it stronger. Within moments Vanderhout can turn a piece of wood into a doll-house sized chair.

"I've been makin' these since I was a kid," Walt says. "I got kinda roped into it down there when I worked for Johnson's."

They had a showroom right in the factory and they made the finest furniture, well, a bunch of kinds good, cheap chair and I sat there and made them each a chair.

"I thought I'd catch it from the boss for doin' it, but Earl Johnson came over there after they left and says to me 'Now look Walt, from now on when any of these women come through the shop to look over, make 'em a chair. Have it over my hand and make a couple while they're here.' Well, I've got chairs all over the world."

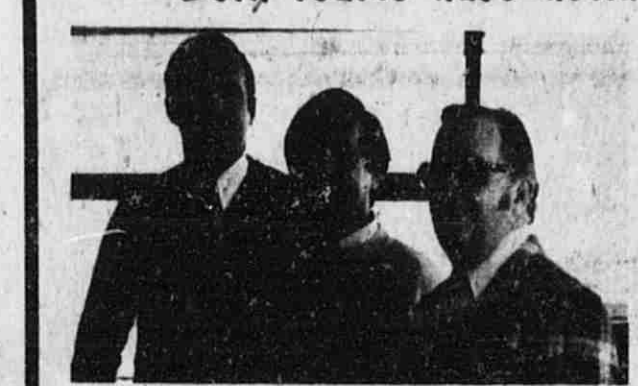
Walt, who is 71, and his wife Bertha, 67, have been married for 48 years. They live on a 65 acre farm that Walt bought from his folks in 1948. They have two daughters, Pat and Bonnie; a son, Roger; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Walt keeps busy with his wood, saws, farm and grandchildren. He walks with a spring in his step as he does his chores and speaks of younger days.

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Coming Events...

MAR. 1-APR. 1: Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's "Annie Get Your Gun" by Irving Berlin with choreography by Ken Tepper and musical direction by Robert Wegman...
MAR. 12: Lowell Music Boosters Club monthly meeting...
MAR. 13: Regular Showboat Garden Club meeting...

Group Sees Government In Action

Thirteen Lowell High School students attended one-day Close Up program in Lansing on Tuesday, February 27. In this program they learned about Michigan's legislative processes "close up" LIS history and social studies teacher Jerry Bieracki accompanied them.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF MARCH 12
Mon., Mar. 12: Fruit Juice, Italian Spaghetti, Fiesta Salad, French Bread, Choice of Fruit, Milk.
Tues., Mar. 13: Barbecued Chicken, Tossed Salad, Fresh Corn on the Cob, Assorted Fruits and Cookies, Milk.

HELP WANTED
Automobile Mechanic needed at once for our used car department. Some experience helpful but not necessary. We will train the right person. See Vince McCambridge at VENNEN DODGE CHRYSLER

Obituarial...

STONEBREAKER — William T. Stonebreaker, aged 70, of 1521 Laurie Gail Dr., Lowell, passed away Wednesday morning, February 28.
TENNIS — Mrs. Mary M. Tennant, aged 79, of 1312 N. 1st St., Lowell, passed away Tuesday, February 27.
SPARKS — Floyd B. Sparks, 86 of Higgins Rd., Saranac died Monday evening, Feb. 26 at Cherry Creek Nursing Home in Lowell.

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Annual Cookie Sale Has Begun

Girl Scout Cookies will be sold Friday, March 2 through March 16 by members of Michigan Trails Girl Scout Council.

You're Invited...
The Lowell Showboat Corporation requests the pleasure of your company at the Sixth Annual Showboat Dinner Dance Saturday, the tenth day of March, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine at seven o'clock Dear Run Golf Club 13955 Cascade Road, S. E. (Old 16)

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Board Sets Repair Priorities

The Saranac School Board accepted a priority list for repair and maintenance problems from Superintendent Earl Cady.

Cady had been directed to prepare the list after defeat of a bond issue in December that would have built a new middle school and provided for repair and remodeling.

The repair list includes: Heat pipes, heat controls and unit ventilation, roof repair, ceiling tiles and overhanging entrance at the elementary school.

Wiring, hall floor, gymnasium floor, retaining wall and steps in the middle school; Football field lights, heating cores, press box, softball and baseball diamonds, and fascia at the high school.

On the remodeling list: Wall between the shop and the set up room at the high school; heating system controls, pipes and unit heaters at the middle school; lighting, windows, doors and storage in the elementary gymnasium; locker rooms at the elementary school; ceiling insulation in the elementary and middle schools, and urinals and sinks in the elementary school.

Superintendent Cady said the board's alternatives were: 1) to

ignore the remodeling and repairs, 2) patch and keep going as long as possible, 3) establish a building and site fund, 4) include all items in a bond issue and submit it to a district vote, or 5) take money from operating funds.

The last suggestion was not really deemed possible in the view of inflation.

In other action, the board reaffirmed its policy on school activities which take place in the evening. Students below the 7th grade are to be excluded unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The policy also says that adult rates are to be charged the evening of the activity. Children K-3 will be admitted without charge when accompanied by parents. Students in grades 4-12 may buy tickets at student rates during their school day.

Ralph Jackson and Bernard Adgate were named by the board as representatives for negotiations with the Saranac Education Association.

Superintendent Cady reminded the board that nominating petitions for two expiring board positions may be picked up at the school office and must be

returned by 4 p.m. on April 9. The expiring terms are those of President John Bauman and Darold Simpson.

The board was also reminded that comments on probationary teachers being considered for tenure should be turned in at the school office by April 1. Evaluation of administrators is scheduled for completion by Bauman by March 15.

Other News

Roger A. Dygert of Ionia paid \$19 for speeding. Ronald P. Parker of Saranac paid \$24 for no proof of insurance. Debra I. Kirby of Saranac paid \$19 for failure to transfer registration plates.

Gregory A. Smith of Saranac paid \$29 for speeding. Joyce E. Harris of Saranac paid \$22 for speeding. Thomas C. Hardy of Saranac paid \$19 for speeding. Annette M. Smith of Saranac paid \$34 for speeding.

Kenneth W. Nash of Saranac paid \$29 Feb. 22 for speeding. June E. Fagan of Saranac paid \$19 Feb. 22 for speeding.

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MCC Has Scholarships Available

The following school districts have been selected by the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees to receive full tuition and fee scholarships for the 1979-80 academic year: Alma, Belding, Cedar Springs, Chipewah Hills, Fulton, Ionia, Ithaca, Lakewood, Saranac and St. Louis.

These Board of Trustee Scholarships will be presented to the top graduating seniors who apply for admission to MCC for next year. Recommendations by the schools will be forwarded to MCC by April 2, 1979.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at MCC. Interested students are urged to see their high school counselor or contact the MCC Admissions Office at (517) 328-2111 for more information.

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Saranac Doin's...



February 28th has marked the end of the longest hunting season in Michigan. The cottontail rabbit, "game of the young hunter", provides more recreation than any other game animal in Michigan.

Found throughout Michigan and the entire eastern half of the United States, it leads the state in number of game animals shot by hunters.

In the northern two hunting zones (1, 2) hunting will continue for cottontails and snowshoe hare until March 31; however in the southern half (zone 3) breeding can begin as early as March 1st, therefore the season closes Feb. 28, one month earlier.

Cottontails will have up to four litters each year, with four to six young per litter. It is not uncommon for one female to produce twenty-two young in one season! So why are we not knee deep in rabbits?

The three forces of disease, starvation and predators act on the cottontail as they do other wildlife populations. The main predators of the rabbit are hawks, fox, and weasel.

Food, cover and water are the factors that affect the number of rabbits that can live in an area. In the summer rabbits eat almost any kind of vegetation but in the winter, food is a limiting factor and rabbits have to resort to eating bark, twigs and buds.

Brushpiles, protected woodlots, rock piles, small conifer clumps, and shrub thickets provide both winter and escape cover for the cottontail rabbit. If you want more rabbits in an area brush, trees and rocks can be piled for cover and plants such as multiflora rose can be planted. These provide some of

the best cover for rabbits. Not everyone wants more rabbits! Rabbits can become pests to people with gardens, young trees and shrubs. To control rabbit damage, chemical repellents, fencing, out areas, wrapping the bases of young trees and shrubs, and hunting may be effective. State land here in the Lowell area provides excellent opportunity for rabbit hunting. Though this year's season is at an end, next October will start another season of cottontail rabbit hunting.

—Brene Pomington.

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Pullman cars get their name from their designer, George Pullman.

SHS Holds Career Day

Saranac High School's Annual Career Day, sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of American Club, was held last Friday.

Arrangements for the day were handled by Club members Len Haller, president and Judy Slagle and Carmen Leslie.

The day's activities were kicked off by faculty members from Montcalm Community College. The faculty emphasized the importance of preparing for life-time work.

Students spent the remainder of the day listening to representatives from different vocational, professional and business fields which were of interest to them.

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Kirby In Korea

Spec. 4 Kaven K. Kirby, son of Louis W. Kirby, Lakeview, Mich., recently completed semi-annual service practice at Sea Range in Korea.

Kirby is assigned to the 61st Air Defense Artillery at Camp Hovey, Korea. The training is designed to keep artillery units in a state of constant readiness.

The specialist's mother, Mrs. Crystal I. Kirby, lives in Saranac.

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Society Notes...

Wittenbach - Ritter Wed By Candlelight



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wittenbach

Karen Jean Ritter became the bride of Philip Wittenbach in a double ring, candlelight ceremony on Friday, February 9, at the Alton Bible Church of Lowell with Rev. Sierd Van Dussen officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Donna Ritter of Reading, MI and the groom's parents are Glenn and Lois Wittenbach of 3 Mile Rd., Lowell. Grandparents of the bride are Leon Burger of Addison, MI and Mrs. Claudine Cox of Coldwater, MI. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh LeFert and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wittenbach all of Lowell.

The bride's gown was of white polyester knit with a sheer bodice insert and bodice accents of floral lace appliques. The gown was appointed with a stand-up neckline and long, fitted sleeves. The empire waist

was slightly gathered and applique-trimmed. The wide, full skirt extended into a chapel train and was appliqued with the same floral lace. Her fingertip veil of illusion silk matched her gown. The wedding party wore shades of burgundy and gray.

Kathy Jane Ritter served as Maid of Honor and Rodney Herrens was Best Man. Bridesmaids were Laura Ritter and Debra Mayberry. Paul Wittenbach and Steve Nauta were groomsmen with J.R. Ritter and David Wittenbach serving as ushers.

Mrs. Marilyn Eley of Lowell was organist for the rite and for soloist Jill Johnston.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the church facilities with James and Carol Nauta as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies and Miss Debbie-Jo Brandon as Hostess.

Following a trip to northern Michigan, the couple returned to their home at 2459 Lincoln Lake, Lowell.

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gave the highlights of Chapter Rally Day. Enrollment was followed by lunch and a social hour.

On Monday, March 19, the WOTM will meet for their Business Night at 8 p.m. "FREE" AIR ABUNDANT

Free air hoses are available at nine out of 10 service stations in the state, according to an Automobile Club of Michigan survey.

A check of service stations across the state shows 92 percent with air hoses available to the public and motorists charged for air at just five.

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by Pauline E. Spray

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Area Sports...

Montabella Crippled 94-48

TCAA Champs Again!

Saranac wrapped up its second TCAA championship in a row Friday night and the natives went wild.

Montabella was sent packing after the Redskins ran the score to a lopsided 94-48 in the last game of regular season play. It was their 17th win in a row.

Within two minutes Saranac had established their lead and then proceeded to drop in basket after basket while the bewildered Redskins tried to keep up. The Redskins hit 42 of 67 shots for a 43 percent average from the floor and 10 of 14 at the charity strip.

Montabella got 76 shots off but hit only 20 of them. They were 8-11 in free throws.

Period scores were all in Saranac's favor, 19-6, 42-25, 70-38 and 94-48. The Redskins

Kazemier Third In State

Ted Kazemier took third place at 119 in the state wrestling finals at Central Michigan University last Saturday.

Kazemier was regional champion for his class going into the event.

Jay Rickert also competed at CMU on Saturday in the 155 class.

Creston Ices Lowell



Lowell's Red Arrows were handicapped with ice-star Steve Riesz penalized for lack of a skate tip for 10 minutes of the second period.

Still, the Lowell line pleased the crowd with a wide-open scoring battle with Creston.

In Ford Cup playoff last Monday, the Lowell Red Arrows were defeated by Creston in a game which saw Steve Riesz forced to sit out for 10 crucial minutes in the second period because a protective tip was missing from his skate.

Creston opened scoring in the first period. Lowell's Bob McGrew, assisted by Riesz and Dan Sarniak, tied the game five minutes later.

Club Being Formed

Lowell wrestling coaches Gary Rivers and Tom Harper have announced special sessions will be held to introduce students to the sport of wrestling. A freestyle wrestling club is being organized and parents are urged to attend practice sessions with their sons.

The sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Lowell High School wrestling room from 7 to 9 p.m. starting Monday, Mar. 5.

Boys age five and up are welcome to attend. During the months of March and April there will be Saturday tournaments in the Grand Rapids area and parents and sons may attend any or all of them.

Lions-Arrows Game Repeat Success

The Broken Arrows were beaten by the Detroit Lions but not broken. The final tally stood at 91-45 and about \$850 profit for the Lowell Athletic Boosters.

The crowd of over one thousand joined in the good natured square off between local football fans and the basketball-playing football team last Saturday.

Chuck Dykhuisen, president of the Boosters, expressed his appreciation to the Lions for making the fund raiser so successful and so much fun.

Lions who donated basketball Dux for the evening were Dexter Bussey (RB), Horace King (RB), Luther Blue (WR), James Blanton (DB), Freddie Scott (WR), David Hill (TE), and Ed O'Neill (LB).

According to Dykhuisen, the proceeds are earmarked for the expansion and remodeling of the concession stand at the football field. The group adopted the project after learning that the stand must be upgraded to meet state requirements.

Legal Notices...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Amendments

Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan

ADOPTED: February 20, 1979
EFFECTIVE: February 20, 1979

An Ordinance to establish the fiscal year of the Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan and the annual settlement day for such Township pursuant to Michigan Public Act 506 of 1978.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I
Commencing in 1979, the fiscal year of the Township shall extend from April 1 of each year until March 31 of the following year. Any pre-existing Township budget lawfully adopted by the Township Board shall be proportionately extended to coincide with the foregoing new fiscal year periods.

SECTION II
The annual settlement day meeting of the Township Board shall hereafter be held on the 15th day of the last month of the fiscal year of the Township unless said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday whereupon said meeting shall be held on the following Monday which is not a legal holiday.

SECTION III
The annual meeting of the electors of the Township, where the same has not been abolished, shall be held on the last Saturday in the last month of the aforesaid fiscal year at such time and place as is determined by the Township Board.

SECTION IV
This Ordinance shall take immediate effect. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Carole L. Wells,
Lowell Township Clerk

Thursday, March 29, 1979

at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. Revision of Sections 4.10, 4.11, 4.15, 5.02 and 6.02 to provide for consideration and determination of Special Exception Use Applications by the Township Board and the Planning Commission rather than by the Zoning Board of Appeals, in accordance with recently enacted amendments to P.A. 164 of 1943, the Township Zoning Act.
2. Revision of Section 4.11 to simplify the manner of obtaining approval for erection or construction of essential public services within the Township.

The text of the proposed amendments and the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance are available for inspection in the Vergennes Township office during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, each Thursday.

Irene Osborne, Township Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES...

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Thursday,

March 22, 1979

at 8:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

The reason for the hearing will be to discuss recommendations for city parks development.

Ray E. Casada,
City Clerk

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MORTGAGE SALES

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL B. PETERSON and CHERYL L. PETERSON his wife, to ALBERT SCHOLMA and ANNA SCHOLMA, husband and wife, of R. P. 2, Byron Center, Michigan, dated December 24, 1975, and recorded in Liber 1835, Page 1197, of Mortgages on January 5, 1976, which was assigned to Lawrence J. Hendrickson of 2317 S. Division Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 30th day of December, 1977, and recorded with the Register of Deeds on January 4, 1978, in Liber 1894, Page 1011, of Mortgages. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-nine and 57/100 (14,279.57) Dollars. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the East entrance of

the Hall of Justice, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Kent, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Monday, March 26, 1979, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon local time. Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (M.S.A. 27A3240 (3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 1. The North 55 feet of the South 55 feet of Lot 13, Block 2, Clancy's Addition.

Parcel 11. The North 15 feet of Lot 2 and the South 28 feet of Lot 3, Block 3 of Clancy's Addition.

Dated: February 13, 1979.

Lawrence J. Hendrickson
Andrew Wierenga
By Wierenga & Sevensma
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ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 1978, is available for inspection at its principal office, 115 West Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this notice.

Philip H. Schneider, Jr.,
President
Dated: March 7, 1979

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Those entering this field are taught the fundamentals of mathematics and physics and of electrical and fuel systems. They also learn the use of tools, gauges and testing equipment as well as rigging operations, driving techniques and safety precautions.

Mechanical aptitude and school courses in mathematics, physics, automotive mechanics, electricity and other shopwork along with experience in automotive or farm machinery are all helpful for this field.

Additional information about this and other Army opportunities are available from Dwight Nutting, call 364-6786.

NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The City of Lowell Board of Review will meet as provided by the City Charter, Sec. 9.9, Chapter 9 (Creative and Review the Real and Personal Property Assessment Roll for 1979.

The first meeting will be held at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

for the purposes of receiving from the assessor, considering and correcting said roll.

The second meeting will be held to hear all persons having filed appeals with said Board.

Forms on which appeals to said Board of Review are available at the City Hall and are to be filed on or before March 5, 1979.

Dates and times for the second session will be as follows:

Monday, March 12
Tuesday, March 13

from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. each day.

As provided by Act 166, PA 1971, the following rate and multiplier information is published:

Property	Rate	Multiplier
Real	50%	1.00
Personal	50%	1.00

Alex J. Orlyk,
City Assessor
Cert. #1285

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BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE Township Of Vergennes

The Board of Review of Vergennes Township will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall at the corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue, on

Monday, March 12
Tuesday, March 13

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

The tentative assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1975 is as follows:

Real - 1.00	Personal - 1.00
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Roger Odell, Supervisor
Vergennes Township

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NOTICE To The Residents Of Vergennes Township

There will be an open meeting to discuss the average 18% increase in property taxes on

Monday, March 5

at 8 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, James Neller of the Kent County Equalization Bureau will be present to answer questions and to explain the newly adopted Headline Amendment.

Roger Odell, Supervisor

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BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE Township Of Grattan

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, in Grattan on

Monday, March 12
Tuesday, March 13

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

The tentative assessment ratio required by P.A. 165 of 1971 is 50%.

Robert Lamoreaux, Supervisor
Grattan Township

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What Headlee Means

It seems that every time you try to save for a rainy day, higher taxes come along and soak you.

It can be discouraging. But this year there may be relief in store for many farmers who have suffered from rapidly increasing property taxes, according to Al House, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service specialist in agricultural economics.

"Passage of the Headlee amendment means property tax increases cannot exceed the increase rate of the Consumer Price Index. For 1977-78, the increase will probably be about eight percent," House says.

"Many Michigan farmers live in townships, school districts and counties which are high growth areas where, in the past, taxes have increased as much as 20 percent in a year. This group will save a considerable amount of tax dollars."

House also points out, however, that property assessments will probably be kept more up to date because of Headlee, and closer to 50 percent of market value.

House will discuss the changes spurred by the Headlee amendment during Farmers Week '79, in a session called "The Future of Michigan's Tax Structure After the Constitutional Revision Proposals" on Wednesday, March 21.

The session will also include a discussion of Public Act 116—the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act.

Public Act 116 limits the property tax to seven percent of a farmer's annual income. In exchange for the tax savings, farmers sign a contract promising not to use their agricultural land for any purpose other than agriculture.

"So far, this proposal has been an excellent deal for the farmers involved," House says. "The average property tax savings has been \$2,000 per farmer."

Specialists will provide information on P.A. 116, including program growth and contract length.

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amendment during Farmers Week '79, in a session called "The Future of Michigan's Tax Structure After the Constitutional Revision Proposals" on Wednesday, March 21.

The session will also include a discussion of Public Act 116—the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act.

Public Act 116 limits the property tax to seven percent of a farmer's annual income. In exchange for the tax savings, farmers sign a contract promising not to use their agricultural land for any purpose other than agriculture.

"So far, this proposal has been an excellent deal for the farmers involved," House says. "The average property tax savings has been \$2,000 per farmer."

Specialists will provide information on P.A. 116, including program growth and contract length.

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Swim Classes Offered: Cowards, Only

Two thirds of the persons who drown in Michigan never intended to get in the water. When faced with an aquatic emergency, they did not know what to do.

The Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a course for adults who want to overcome their fear of the water.

The four-week program is called "Cowards Learn to Swim" and will be offered at four area pools. There is no charge for the course and classes begin the second week of April.

Howard Johnson's East, 5500 28th Street, SE, will be the site for the Cowards classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT IT

Everyone talks about the weather or asks questions about it. Why has it snowed so much this winter? Isn't it colder than usual? Questions like this are asked every day. The Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium attempts to answer some of those questions with its current sky show, "Everybody Talks About It."

The show, produced with the assistance of local meteorologists, Craig James, Bill Stefani, and Jack Cooley, will explain seasonal weather phenomena, such as tornadoes, hailstorms and blizzards. The sky theater's sound and projection equipment will bring thunderstorms and high winds seem real to visitors under the dome. Planetarium shows are offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 75c for students.

Workshop For Youth Group Leaders

Identical workshops for youth group leaders will be given twice by the Kent County Library System's children's services department on Tuesday, March 20, at the Wyoming Library and on Thursday, March 22, at the Plainfield Library.

The day will begin at 9:15 a.m. with registration and coffee and will continue until approximately 12:30 p.m. Since there is limited seating, reservations are necessary by calling the Kent County Library System at 774-2350 and telling at which locale participants will attend.

The program will include:

- "The Library as a Resource Center" with speakers, Jo Wilks, Wyoming librarian, and Rose Hazard, Plainfield librarian.
- "Adapting Folktales for Drama Scripts," with Mrs. Garver and Gail DeYoung, assistant coordinator of children's services. Included will be a scene from a fractured fairy tale, "The Creeping Beauty."
- "Community Resources," with Edna Schooley, adult services assistant coordinator.
- "How Local Libraries Serve Youth Leaders," with all of the librarians sharing.
- There will be an open forum of sharing of ideas at the conclusion of the morning.
- The Wyoming Library is at 3350 Michael Ave., S.W. and the Plainfield Library is at 2650 S Mile Rd., N.E.

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In addition to the Cozy Corner, I also research and write the "Looking Back" column that appears in the Ledger. A couple of weeks ago, with tongue in cheek, I asked where McCords was because of the many references to it in those old Ledgers.

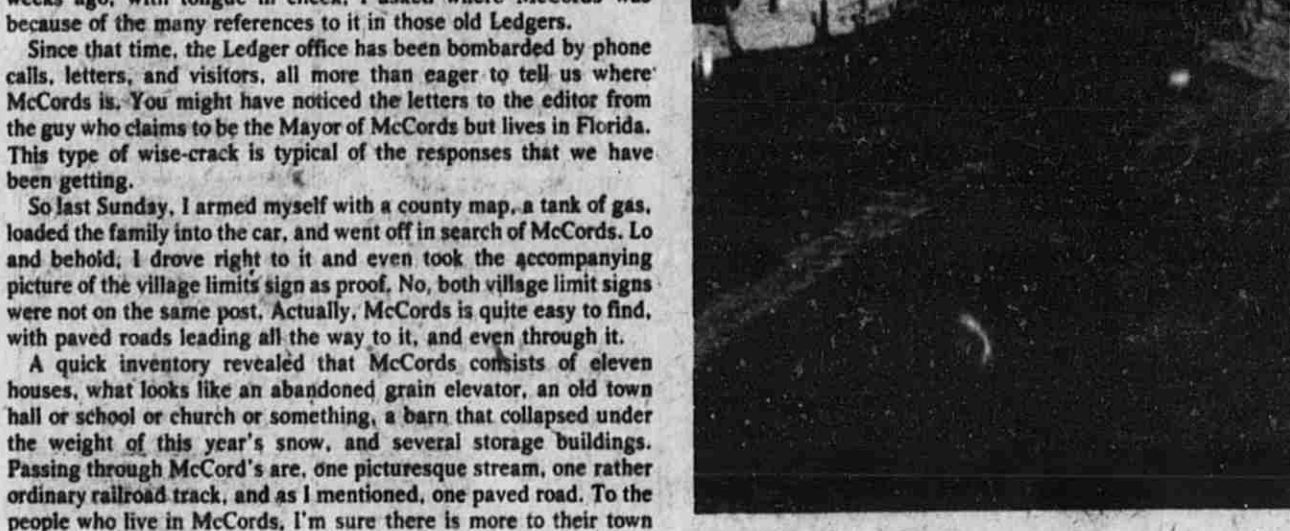
Since that time, the Ledger office has been bombarded by phone calls, letters, and visitors, all more than eager to tell us where McCords is. You might have noticed the letters to the editor from the guy who claims to be the Mayor of McCords but lives in Florida. This type of wise-crack is typical of the responses that we have been getting.

So last Sunday, I armed myself with a county map, a tank of gas, loaded the family into the car, and went off in search of McCords. Lo and behold, I drove right to it and even took the accompanying picture of the village limits sign as proof. No, both village limit signs were not on the same spot. Actually, McCords is quite easy to find, with paved roads leading all the way to it, and even through it.

A quick inventory revealed that McCords, consists of eleven houses, what looks like an abandoned grain elevator, an old town hall or school or church or something, a barn that collapsed under the weight of this year's snow, and several storage buildings. Passing through McCords' are, one picturesque stream, one rather ordinary railroad track, and as I mentioned, one paved road. To the people who live in McCords, I'm sure there is more to their town than I have just listed, but it is a fairly complete physical description for the benefit of those who have never been there.

It sounds like there was quite a bit more to McCords fifty years ago than there is now. I have a 1928-29 Post's Michigan Gazetteer that gives a brief description and list of pertinent information for all of the communities in the state. The description for McCords goes as follows: "Population 50. On the Pere Marquette Railroad, in Cascade Township, Kent County, 15 miles southeast of Grand Rapids, the judicial seat. Nearest bank at Alto, 3 1/2 miles east. Bus service hourly to Grand Rapids. Has Methodist and Latter Day Saint Churches. K.C. Cooley, postmaster."

This Cooley was apparently a one-man-town, judging about the time behind his name in the list of McCords' prominent people. McCords R.E., General Store, Hardware, Agricultural Implements.



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There, now we all know what and where McCords is. Now if you only knew where, Fallsburg, Alaska, Seelye Corners, LaBarge, Morse Lake, Bovee Corner, South Bowne, Southwest Bowne, Davis Lake, Gove Corners, Whitneyville, Eldale, Logan, West Keene, Alton, and Boston Center were, we'd be all set. All of the above were headings for correspondence reports in a 1929 Ledger. If any readers would like to offer information as to the whereabouts of any of the above places, please give your directions in relationship to McCords as it has been pointed out to us that McCords is the center of the universe.

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The Back Page...

Sawyer To Sponsor Sr. Citizen Interns



Congressman Harold Sawyer visited the Lowell Senior Citizens Center on Friday, March 2. The center participants told him of their concern about future funding of programs for the elderly. Mr. Sawyer answered questions and assured the audience of his interest in their problems.

Congressman Hal Sawyer will sponsor two senior citizen interns from the Fifth District for this year's Senior Citizen Intern Program in Washington. The Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program is designed to provide an opportunity for two residents from the 5th Congressional District to spend two weeks in Washington learning about Federal programs and policies affecting all older Americans. Sawyer said, "The program also enables me to work closely with our senior

citizen representatives and gain from them a better insight into their special concerns and needs."

While in Washington, the senior interns will maintain an active schedule of morning and afternoon sessions with White House, departmental, agency and congressional leaders learning the "nuts and bolts" of federal programs affecting the elderly. In addition, the intern will work in the 5th District Washington Congressional office to become familiar with the workings of their Congressman and staff. After the internship, the interns will return to the 5th District with the opportunity to share their knowledge and impressions with various senior citizen groups.

All interested senior citizens at least 60 years of age are invited to send in an application for the intern program. Applicants should state why they would like to serve and how they would use the program to benefit the community. All applications must be returned by March 31.

Sawyer, in announcing the program, said "The senior citizen intern program has proven to be of real value and I look forward to having two residents from Michigan's Fifth District participate in this year's program."

The two interns selected will join other senior interns from around the country for two weeks in Washington, D.C. from May 7 to May 18. Interns will receive room and board as well as their transportation expenses from Grand Rapids to Washington.

For further information and application forms contact:

Betsy Doezema, c/o Congressman Hal Sawyer, 166 Gerald R. Ford Federal Bldg., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Ph. 451-8383.

2 Alto Students On Dean's List

One hundred-thirteen students from Michigan are included on the dean's list of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. Students listed earned at least a B average during the first semester.

Two Alto students were among those honored. They were: Miss Robin Rae Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Moss of 6151 Morse Lake Road, Alto; freshman, School of Fine Arts and Miss Nancy Iris Rottier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Rottier of 6079 Wingier Avenue, Alto; junior, School of Education.

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looking back...

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

ten years ago

Patricia Melton and her 9-month-old daughter Deborah were treated and released at Blodgett Hospital after their vehicle collided with a freight train at the railroad crossing on Whitneyville Road. The auto was completely demolished.

Lowell City Manager, Bernard Olson announces a 17 1/2% across the board raise in assessed valuations of all Lowell property. Olson said that it was only coincidence that the raise was announced just prior to the school's attempt for a seven mill increase in operating millage.

The fire department responded to two grass fires over the past weekend.

twenty years ago

Six sets of license plates are stolen from the cab of a Lowell Lumber and Coal Truck. The plates were brand new and were to be put on the various company trucks and the personal auto of Bruce Walter, owner of the company.

The Lowell School Board votes to restrict groups of students to one day only excursions. The ruling eliminated any possibility of overnight trips of the senior class or other groups.

Five persons, Bruce Walter, G.R. "Butch" Thompson, Jack Fonger, Elmer Schaeffer, and Frank Battistella are all candidates for the three open seats on the Lowell Village Council. The election is to be held on March 10.

thirty years ago

The Ledger received a postcard from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lampkin who were departing from Miami, Florida on a cruise ship that would take them to, among other places, Havana, Cuba.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton of Lowell on March 2. He was named Roger Alan.

A farm accident involving an overturned tractor takes the life of 19-year-old Clair Weeks while working on his father's farm north of Fallasburg Park on Biggs Road.

forty years ago

The 'Member When?' column asked if readers remembered when local butchers gave beef liver away and when all men who could afford them wore horsehide or cowhide overcoats.

The Lowell basketball team defeated Ionia and then Belding to win the class-B district title.

Miss Marion Brown, 30 and Harold Warpell, 27 meet untimely deaths as the result of illness.

A 1939 model Ford Coupe with a 60 horsepower V-8 engine was only \$584.00 at Curtis-Dyke Ford Sales in Lowell.

fifty years ago

Happy Allen's General Store in McCords had an ad running in the Ledger which promoted its stock of shoes, rubbers, home-made sausage, fresh meats, dairy butter, fruits, vegetables, groceries, garden seeds, field seeds, cold cures and household remedies. Sounds almost like Meijer's Thrifty Acres "one stop shopping", and they paid "highest prices" for eggs.

The Essex Challenger was available in coupe, coach, or phaeton body style for a mere \$695.00 from A.W. Blaser in Lowell.

Mouth-Watering Movies In Alto

Mouth-Watering Movies, two films on food, will be shown at the Alto Library on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. The showing is free and open to the public.

The films will be "Cooking in France" and "Earthbread." An Alpine menu will be shown in the French film, with some delicious basic recipes native to the Dauphiny Alps. "Earthbread" shows the entire process of creating a loaf of bread and a short history of bread making.

There will be a display of cookbooks which may be checked out after the program.

The Alto Library, a part of the Kent County Library System is at 6059 Linfield. For further information, call the library at 868-6038.

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