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Boundaries Stay: So Does Crowding

Before a large audience, two controversial items were discussed Monday night at the Lowell Board of Education's regular meeting.

The question of rearranging the elementary school attendance boundaries was tabled for at least a year. Parents of children whose bus ride would

be significantly lengthened objected strongly to their children being transferred. The board referred the proposal back to the committee to seek other alternatives to the crowded conditions at Runciman and Bushnell.

Although the Board had not formally received the proposal, some parents were under the



POPPY DAYS

American Legion's Auxiliary will be selling Poppies May 17, 18 and 19 in the Lowell area. The poppy has become a symbol of American war dead and the sale of the memorial flowers aids disabled veterans and the children of deceased veterans. Buy a poppy and stand a little taller.

MICHIGAN WEEK

May 19 through 26 is Michigan Week with ceremonies state-wide. Monday, May 21 is Mayor's Exchange Day. This year, Lowell will host Sparta.

Small-Business week is May 13 through May 21, so sayeth President Jimmy Carter. Take this opportunity to shop at Lowell's "small businesses" instead of heading for G.R. Besides a wealth of goods, you'll find the personal service and care that makes a city a hometown.

SUMMER PLANS

You should make plans now to attend a meeting at the VFW on Main St. this Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Folks hope to have special activities for the Fourth of July celebration and will get together to discuss development and report on their progress. All interested persons or club representatives are urged to attend.

PRE-SCHOOLERS' PARENTS

Parents of pre-schoolers still have time to register their tot for the safety program "Safety Town" to be held this summer, June 18-29. Last week over thirty children signed up. Phone the Community Education office at 897-8434 no later than Thursday, May 17.

CPR SESSION

There are still a few openings for the last CPR session to be held on Wednesdays, May 16 and 23. There is no fee for the instruction in this lifesaving technique. Lowell Jaycees cosponsor the session with Bud's Ambulance. Just show up at Lowell High School's "H" Quad at 7 p.m.

ABSENT?

Absentee ballots are available at the Lowell Board of Education office, 12675 Foreman SE (Middle School, West Wing). Two Board seats will be filled June 11. Ballots may be picked up if you qualify until June 9 at 2 p.m. Running for the vacancies are Dr. James Dumas, Robert Elzinga, Roger Kropf and Mrs. Mary Yost.

BLISTERS AND FOUR GRAND

Lowell Jaycees are beaming over the fine participation in their recent Walkathon for Muscular Dystrophy. The majority of the 150 walkers went the full 20 miles with sore feet and nearly \$4,000 to show for it. Coordinators of the event appreciated John Stinson and Louis King manning their CB base stations throughout the day relaying messages between check points. Lowell Bakery also rates a vote of appreciation for their donation of doughnuts to start things off right.

GEORGE ENDURED

George Blocker, known to Lowell residents as the fellow who used to deliver Buyer's Guides around town with his little red wagon in tow, was a participant in last Saturday's Old Kent River Bank Run. George at 63 years of age, was one of the oldest entrants in the fifteen and one half mile endurance run. George finished at a respectable 2,019th out of 2,578 finishers and was in the top 30 in his age bracket which included all those fifty years old and older.

BY THE BUCKET

If she plays her cards right, Mom can extend Mother's Day out of the kitchen to include this Saturday and next Wednesday. Boy Scout Troop 102 will serve up their Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The price is right and so is the menu. Proceeds will help scouts go to summer camp. They'll be set up at the City's Main Street parking lot.

The Lowell Boys Varsity Club will hold their Chicken Barbeque at the high school on Wednesday, May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. They'll have all the trimmings for your "picnic" supper, including pie!

OFF THE BLOTTER

Michigan State Police investigated a deer-vehicle accident at 3:10 a.m. last Wednesday on Riverside Drive near Ivan Road where Rex Wheat of Lowell struck and killed a deer with his vehicle. The deer was turned over to the driver.

Involved in a rear end collision on Tuesday, May 8, was Dale Max when he stopped for a school bus on South Hudson and was struck by a juvenile driver.

Three juveniles were apprehended for shoplifting by employees at Johnsons Thrift-T-Mart on Tuesday afternoon.

Injured in an accident on Friday, May 4 was a 9-year-old child who was a passenger on a Lowell School bus when it was struck by Brenda Baker. The bus made a left turn off Hudson St. into the path of the Baker vehicle which was southbound on Hudson.

Arrested Sunday evening, May 13, for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor was Arlene Chesebro of Ada by Lowell police officers. She bonded out early Monday morning and will appear at a later date in 63rd District Court.

The breaking and entering of P&D Amusement Co., 508 W. Main, was reported to Lowell officers on Friday morning, May 11. An undetermined amount of money was taken. Investigation continues.

Issued to appear in 63rd District Court charged with use of marijuana was Christopher Steffens of A.

Boy Scout Camporee At City Airport

Lowell City Airport was covered with tents full of Boy Scouts Saturday as the lokemo District settled in for their Camporee and survival instruction.

Approximately 230 boys and 100 leaders took part. There were 28 troops from Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties represented.

The Ranger battalion of the National Guard presented a series of survival sessions, compass usage, field skills and preparedness. A Coast Guard unit demonstrated rescue procedures for inaccessible areas on land and water, water survival and first aid.

Camporees are not all instruction, however. The Scouts cooked, did dishes, met new friends and enjoyed the tenting experience. A huge campfire Saturday night topped off the event.

Owes Life To Passer-by

Debra Miner, 19, of Lowell is recovering nicely thanks to Mrs. Billie Fallstrom.

Over two weeks ago, Debra was badly injured in a head-on collision while driving home from work Saturday, April 21 about 1 p.m. Debra's car smashed into another driven by Barbara Ann Whitford, 17, of Ada. According to Kent County Sheriff's deputies, Debra was driving northbound on Thornapple just south of Laraway Lake Dr. when the southbound Whitford vehicle crossed the center line and the two cars crashed. Deputies said the accident is still under investigation with the possibility that the Whitford car was forced across the line by a third vehicle.

Both Debra and Barbara were pinned in their vehicles. Barbara suffered fractures to both legs and broken ribs while Debra suffered multiple fractures in her right leg and a fractured jaw.

Billie Fallstrom, a 39-year-old mother of four was also driving home from work when she arrived at the scene of the accident. She heard choking sounds coming from Debra whose head was tipped to one side and blood from a large laceration was running back into her throat. Billie got into Debra's car and supported the unconscious girl's head so that the blood would not run into her throat until a nurse and the county E-Unit arrived.

Mrs. Fallstrom insists she is no hero but Debra's doctors said

that if she had been left unattended for a few more minutes she would have drowned in her own blood. Mrs. Fallstrom lives just a few blocks from the Miner family. You can bet that Debra will be arranging a meeting with her very special neighbor as soon as she is more mobile.

Lowell Woman Wins Drawing

Charles C. Stoddard, President, Michigan National Bank-Central, announced that Marcy Kubilis of Lowell was the winner of a random drawing for a Magnavox 19" color television. The television was the Grand Prize given away during the Grand Opening Week, April 30 through May 5, of Michigan National Bank-Central's newest office in Ada, located at 7580 Fulton, S.E., (corner of Ada Drive) The drawing was held Tuesday, May 8 and Mrs. Kubilis' name was drawn by Dr. Paul Nelson, Ada Township Supervisor.

The Ada office, which is the 17th office of Michigan National Bank-Central, will continue its opening festivities through June 9. Customers will have their choice of a free Better Homes and Gardens Book for making a \$100 or more deposit into a new or existing savings account, or opening a new checking account with \$100 or more.

Showboat '79 To Star Leslie Uggams

Leslie Uggams has, no doubt, been in each of your homes over the years of her career so there should be a warm welcome awaiting her when she takes the stage to star in Showboat 1979.

Leslie grew up on television in the old Mitch Miller show "Sing Along With Mitch" and more recently starred in the ABC television drama "Roots" and in "Backstairs At The White House". Her TV debut came at six years of age portraying the niece of Ethel Waters on "Beulah". In those "early days", Leslie appeared on "The Show of Shows", "The Milton Berle Show" and many children's programs.

When she was just eight years old, Leslie performed at the Apollo Theatre, famed for being the proving grounds for many black acts, playing as an extra added attraction before the performances of Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington and Louis Armstrong. She worked there until she neared fourteen.

At the age of fifteen, Leslie appeared on "Name That Tune" and met Mitch Miller, who signed her and made her a regular on his "Sing Along". This proved to be a television milestone since Leslie was the first black to be a regular on network TV.

Pursuing her interest in acting, Leslie went on to earn a Tony award for her role in Broadway's "Hallelujah, Baby!" as best actress in a Broadway musical comedy.

She has hosted her own television series, starred in several TV specials and has appeared in national musical shows, TV dramas and feature films. Leslie plans to remain heavily involved with TV, the medium she believes to be the most influential and the one where she first started.

Married to her manager, Graham Pratt, they presently live in Beverly Hills with their daughter Danielle and son Jason.

Her most recent accomplishments include winning the Critics Choice Award for best supporting actress and an Emmy nomination for best lead actress for her portrayal as Kizzy in the highly acclaimed "Roots".

Early ticket reservations are being taken by mail: Lowell Showboat, PO Box 56, Lowell, MI 49331. Ticket prices for Tuesday through Thursday are \$3, \$4, \$5.50 and \$7. Friday and Saturday tickets are \$4, \$5, \$7 and \$8. For Monday, July 23, special family prices are \$2 and \$5.



Talented Leslie Uggams will headline the 1979 Showboat production July 23-28. A versatile performer, Miss Uggams brings to the Showboat stage singing, dancing and acting talents. Two supporting acts have been signed for the six nights, Garry & Tomio and The Debutantes.

Council To Discuss Dam Renovation

William S. Doyle of Lowell would like to see the Fallasburg Dam Site reactivated for its power producing and recreational potentials. He plans to bring the matter before the June 21 meeting of the Kent County Parks Advisory Council. Doyle is chairman of that body.

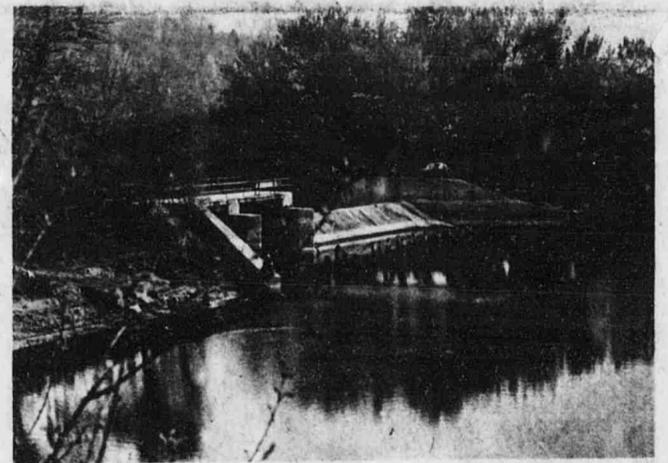
During a recent business trip to Washington D.C., Doyle spoke with officials of the U.S. Departments of Interior and Energy about the possibility of obtaining federal funds to repair the dam and restore its generating capabilities.

Three-year-old figures indicate that \$600,000 of repairs would have to be made to the dam, an earthen embankment with a 150-foot concrete midsection. Considering inflation, that estimate would have to be revised upward.

An eddy has been created near the dam caused, Doyle believes, by a crack in the revetment or by erosion under it. Two men drowned in 1972 in the swirl of water.

Officials of Consumers Power Co. have estimated that replacing generators at the dam would cost \$250,000.

Up to 15 percent of the costs of the restoration could come from Michigan's \$12.9 million



Fallasburg Dam and its 260 acre backwater will be the subject of discussion when the Kent County Parks Advisory Council meets June 21. William S. Doyle, chairman of the Council, will present a general proposal to reactivate the dam for its power producing and recreational potentials.

share of a Dept. of Interior allocation, according to Doyle. Another 35 percent of the costs could come from state sources. Half of the money would have to be raised locally.

The dam was constructed in 1903 by the now-defunct Grand Rapids Edison Electric Co., then sold to Consumers in 1906. The generators were halted by Con-

sumers in 1965 and the property deeded to the Parks Commission in 1968.

At one time, the dam generated 4.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity. Water levels figured in the generating capacity of the dam.

When the dam and property rights to the 260 acre backwater impoundment were deeded, Consumers stipulated that the dam would revert to the utility if the county tried to use it for power production. They told Doyle, however, that the situation has changed since 1968 and that the commission should not look at the restriction as a deterrent.

If the dam again became a power-producer, the electricity could be sold to Consumers Power at wholesale rates and

the revenue used to pay off bonds issued to finance the local share of the dam renovation, according to Doyle.

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Alto Man Admits Robbery

An Alto man confessed to police that he held up the Old Kent Bank & Trust Co. branch in Cuterville a week ago after being traced through a car license number.

Roderick J. Gunderson, 24, of 9790 84th St. SE, Alto, confessed under questioning to the robbery, saying he needed money to buy a pickup.

Gunderson became a suspect after Kent County Sheriff's Lt. Jack Christensen took down the plate number of a vehicle matching the description of the one used in the holdup. Christensen was off duty at the time he spotted the white 1964 Ford.

Detective John Orange traced the license number to the owner on Monday who said he had loaned it to Gunderson on Friday morning and had gotten it back that afternoon.

When Orange and Christensen approached Gunderson later, he admitted he robbed the bank and turned over about \$1,000, virtually all the money believed stolen. He also showed deputies a home-made gun he had used in the holdup.

Gunderson demanded examination last Tuesday on a charge of bank robbery in 63rd District Court. Judge Joseph White set bond at \$50,000.

NOTICE

A volunteer work-day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 19 at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater.

Much clean-up and repair work has to be done there before a production can be staged this year.

Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and volunteers are asked to bring hammers, crowbars, sledges, brooms, etc.

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Girls To Gather At Council Fire

The annual Spring Council Fire for Lowell (Boy Scout Troop 102) will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Runciman School. Parents and friends are invited to be present. Following the lighting of the candles symbolizing Work, Health, and Love, the Blue Birds will receive their awards. Second graders will be given the Starfish patch, which they have earned by carrying out community service projects, and third graders who have completed the

achieving the rank of Torch Bearer, which they have earned through individual work in fields of special interest. Diane Bittenger and Brooke Brown have completed these requirements. Sharon Keim will be presented with a 10-year membership pin. Formerly an active member of groups on the three levels of the Camp Fire program, she has recently been assisting with a Blue Bird group as a member of the leadership team.

Awards Given At FFA Banquet

Tuesday, May 8, the Lowell Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their annual banquet. Many local farmers and other individuals who have helped the organization were invited to attend. Several awards are presented to club members who have done the best in one area or over all.

Wingeler. The Star Chapter award went to Lynn Wilcox. Kent Feldman received the Leadership award and Lloyd Flanagan was given the Scholarship award.

WILCOX also received the Dairy Proficiency award. Dawn Condon was given the Livestock award. Flanagan also received the Crop Proficiency award.

Honorary Chapter Farmers were: Roger Roberts, Jim Shade and George Krebs. David Goff, 1978 state officer was the speaker.

New chapter officers were installed at the banquet: President Lynn Wilcox, Vice President Dave Puns, Secretary Dawn Condon, Treasurer Chris Wingeler, Reporter Marilyn Flanagan, and Sentinel Jamie Pol.

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Engagement Told



Annette McCaul and Dan Bergy

Annette McCaul and Dan Bergy have announced their engagement and plans for a July 6 wedding. Annette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare McCaul of

To Wed On New Year's Day

Mr. and Mrs. Orie Heilman of Ionia announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Heilman Drake, to Robert Munday Jr. of Ionia.

Alto Man Wins Award



Dale Johnson

Dale Johnson of Alto, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Group (FBIG), has been named one of the company's top agents of 1978.

To join the company's exclusive group of top agents, applicants must meet specific production goals and high service standards. According to FBIG, these criteria reflect an agent's professionalism and expertise in serving the public in various types of insurance.

Coming Events...

WED., MAY 16: Past members of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES will meet at the home of Jackie Miller at 7:30 p.m. For a ride, contact Doris Boyd or Verne Rogers.

WED., MAY 16: Alto Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Dorothy Prinz on 60th Street. Bring plants and bulbs for the flower bed in town. Exchange of slips and seeds.

WED., MAY 16: Garden Lore Club will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Bernice Oberg, Martin DeVries is co-hostess.

THURS., MAY 17: Lowell Area Arts Council at 7:30 p.m. LHS Forensics Students will perform under direction of Jane Gillespie. Important, short business meeting to follow. Meet in Bushnell Kiva.

FRI., MAY 18: Square Dancing, 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Saranac Elementary School. Ed Sobie and his band, Refreshments. Admission \$1.50 adults, \$1 children.

SAT., MAY 19: Ionia County Farm Bureau Women's Smorgasbord. Youth Building at Ionia Fairgrounds. Serving starts 4:30 p.m. Donation: adults, \$3.75; 6-12, \$1.50; under 6 free.

MON., MAY 21: Business night meeting of the WOTM at 8 p.m.

MON., MAY 21: Notice: The meeting of the American Legion will be held Mon., May 21, at 8 p.m. instead of May 28th, 1979.

WED., MAY 23: Hot Cake Supper at McDonald's of Ionia from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All the hot cakes you can eat for \$1. A

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LHS Orientation Set For May 21

On Monday evening, May 21, at 7:30 the Student Service Center of Lowell Senior High School is planning a Freshman Orientation meeting in the school gym. All parents of this year's eighth grade students are urged to attend.

Cub Scouts Meet For Awards, Auction

Cub Scout Pack #3102 held its monthly meeting at Bushnell School on April 17, open with a "very energetic" ice-breaker led by Scoutmaster Jim Shearer. Bill Ward, Awards Chairman, presented awards to the following: Todd Lyon, James Shearer, Ron Monks, Ed Reagan, and Mike Harding.

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Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

SARGENT - Mrs. Esther M. Sargent, aged 66, of 870 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, passed away at Springbrook Manor. She is survived by her husband, Dewey Sargent; her mother, Mrs. Iva Langkamp; 4 sons, Fred Thomas of Grand Rapids, John Thomas of Alto, Charles Thomas of Lowell, and David Thomas of Greenville; 4 brothers, Ralph Langkamp of Charlevoix, Robert Langkamp of Illinois, James Langkamp of Wisconsin and Ronald Langkamp of Alto; 3 sisters, Mrs. Marilyn Fraiser of Alto, Mrs. Marilyn Carter of Texas, and Mrs. Amelia Wiest of Wisconsin; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Rev. W. Eugene Snodgrass officiating.

INTERMENT - Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

HIGGINS - Dorothy M. Higgins, 65, 220 W. Riverside Drive, Ionia, was found dead at her residence Friday afternoon, May 11.

She was born in Ionia on Nov. 2, 1913, the daughter of Clyde and Catherine Kelly Kistler. She attended Ionia County Normal and received her degree from Michigan State University. She taught country schools, elementary school in Belding and Ionia. She retired from Rafter School in 1977.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Easton Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Lloyd Walker of the LeValley United Methodist Church officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for Mooseheart.

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Obituaries...

WHITE - Victoria B. White, aged 94, of 1436 Deborah, Lowell, passed away Saturday morning, May 12.

He is also survived by two sons and two daughters: William (Alyce) Youngs of Muskegon. Six grandchildren survive also.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Ada.

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Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Bernie and Peg Bedell

Bernie and Peg Bedell spent Sunday, May 13, in the nicest possible way. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family celebration at Deer Run Golf Club for dinner and fond memories.

Pastor Named For Methodist Church

Gerald R. Bates has been appointed by Bishop Edsel Ammons as new pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell effective June 16.

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Society Notes...

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Philip saith unto him, Come and see (John 1:46). Did you ever lose something and could not find it? You looked high and low and everywhere but without success.

If we live with creative faith, we find that good often comes from the most unexpected sources. We find blessings where we least expect to find them.

WOTM Has New Officers

Nominations for officers of Lowell Women of the Moose for the new year are: Noreen Martin, Senior Regent; Emily Zengri, Junior Regent; Lorna Franks, Chaplain; Rose Marie Nead, Recorder; Marian Baker, Treasurer; Cora Stormand, Junior Graduate Regent.

Bill Steffens To Be In Lowell Sunday

The Calvary Church of Lowell announced that Sunday, May 20, meteorologist Bill Steffens from WZZM-TV-13 will be on hand to present an illustrated program on Creation at the Church located at 1151 West Main Street at 8 p.m.

Couple Plans July Wedding



Dorothy Burton and Roger Alighire

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burton of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy to Roger Alighire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alighire of Grand Rapids.

Notice is hereby given that on May 15, 1979

bonds designated as FIRST MORTGAGE CHURCH BONDS, SERIES OF JUNE 1, 1976 bearing serial number 211 will be redeemed at State Savings Bank of Lowell, Michigan.

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Saranac Doin's...

Chickering Joins Lions Michigan Band

Tammy Chickering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chickering of Saranac, has been chosen to play with the Lions Club Michigan Band.

These band members are selected on the basis of recommendations from local clubs and musical talent. Band members have been practicing since January with participants from all over Michigan.

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARANAC

Corner of Orchard & Pleasant Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Peoples' Afterglow 8:30 p.m. Tuesday - AWANA 8:30 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. REV. JAMES R. FRANK 642-9174 - 642-9274 (Nursery & Children's Churches)

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By Roger Brown

About three weeks ago, Terese and I were called home from work because Casey had hurt his foot. He had injured it to the point where he wouldn't put any weight on it and wouldn't stop crying.

After waiting quite a while to see the doctor, I had to leave because of an appointment to take a picture for the paper. As I arrived at the Ledger, I was informed that one of the parties involved in the picture was in an important meeting and wouldn't be able to make it.

So I rushed back to the doctor's office and Terese and Casey had already gone in to see the doctor. In fact, they had been through the examination and Casey was getting a cast on his foot that went all the way up to his knee.

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I know that you already saw the notice on the front page about the clean-up day this coming Saturday at the Showboat Amphitheatre but, I thought that a second reminder wouldn't hurt anything.

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S. Sgt. Fosburg in Germany Staff Sergeant Michael H. Fosburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. West Fosburg of 705 Peck Lake Road, Saranac, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Security Service Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Base, Germany.

Other News

Bryce C. Gries of Saranac told Ionia County Sheriff deputies he was eastbound on Main Street about 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, when he struck and killed a deer.

District Court Allen J. Slaght paid \$19 for speeding. County Sheriff Steven A. Longwell paid \$75 for failure to stop and identify at the scene of an accident.

First Security Promotes Two

Two promotions have been announced for First Security Bank by Harry Larkin executive vice president and chief executive officer.

Fran Borup, assistant cashier and operations officer in Ionia, has been promoted to assistant vice president. He joined the bank in 1969.

Borup is treasurer of Saranac Lions Club, a member of Saranac Band Boosters and serves on the Saranac Village Board.

He and his wife Jackie have two children and make their home in Saranac.

Ditie Larsen, assistant branch manager of the bank's Belding office, has been appointed assistant cashier.

Mrs. Larsen joined First Security Bank in October 1971 and has worked at the Ionia and the Lyons offices. She has completed a number of American Institute of Banking courses and is a member of Ionia Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Larsen and her husband Charles have three children and live in Saranac.

Gavel Passes At Legion

Saranac American Legion Post 175 installed new officers for the coming year last Tuesday night with Richard McCord of Potters Rd., Ionia, receiving the gavel as new post commander.

Other officers installed were: James Pittman, first vice commander; Frederick Clemons, second vice commander; Robert Leary, judge advocate; Isabelle K. Hartie, historian; Douglas Van Bennekom, post finance officer; Muri Chidens, post chaplain; and Ed Roeman, post service officer.

Two Injured

Linda C. Depotto of Saranac and her 8-month-old daughter Jennifer were injured in an accident Tuesday, May 8, on Adams Street in Ionia.

Mrs. Depotto told city police that she had taken her eyes off the road momentarily to check on her daughter and the car left the roadway, jumped the curb and struck a telephone pole.

The two were taken to Ionia County Memorial Hospital by ambulance for treatment of injuries.

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Get Your Act Together

Auditions for the Lowell Showboat Amateur Talent Contest will be held June 5-6 at the Lowell High School Auditorium starting at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Dr. Clark Vredenburg has set July 14 as the official Talent Night Contest at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre. The talent selected by the judges will perform on the giant Lowell Showboat Program July 23-28 at 9 p.m.

Deadline for talent auditions is June 1. All contestants must register by sending name and number of persons in the group to the Lowell Showboat Talent Contest, 1150 N. Hudson, Lowell 49331.

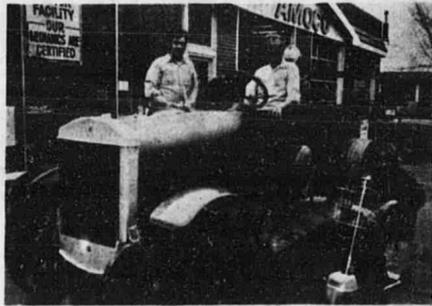
This year's top Showboat attraction is star vocalist and

popular television personality, Leslie Uggams. She will be supported by two professional acts along with the usual Showboat Chorus, Orchestra, Endmen and amateur talent winners.

QUICK FACTS

Michigan leads the Nation in number of state parks and prepared campsites. There are 83 state parks with 13,466 campsites; 31 state forests with 3,285 campsites; 1 national park with 393 campsites; 3 national forests with 1,732 campsites; 5,787 county campsites; 1,217 township and 3,075 municipal campsites; plus 49,550 privately operated campsites for a state-wide total of 78,505 sites available for family and group camping.

JC Firetruck Finds New Home



Arnie DeLoof will be storing the Jaycoes refurbished fire truck at his Standard station at the corner of Main and Hudson. Recalling a recent minor fire there, Arnie cracked, "At least I'll have fire protection right at the station." Arnie, center, is flanked by his daughter, Karen and Russ Rozman.

Library Has New Services

Two new items have arrived this week at the 17 libraries which are part of the Kent County Library System. These are rental records and Story Bags for children.

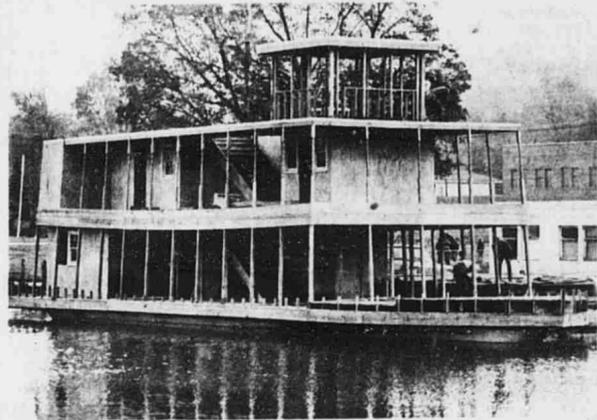
All new adult records—most purchased from the top 10 albums on the "Billboard" charts of popular, country and western, jazz and disco music—will rent for 25c per album per week.

Story Bags each contain from three to five paperback books for young children, complete with a 30 minute cassette tape, all in a plastic carrying bag. The Story Bags will circulate for the same period as regular books, three weeks. Persons will have to have a cassette tape player at home.

These two new items join other new services introduced by the Kent County Library System within the past year. These include super 8 mm sound film rentals for home entertainment, which began in January, and the Best Seller rental collection—the top 10 books on the "New York Times" Best Seller List, which began last October.

These items are available at the KCLS libraries located in Lowell, Alto, and Cascade.

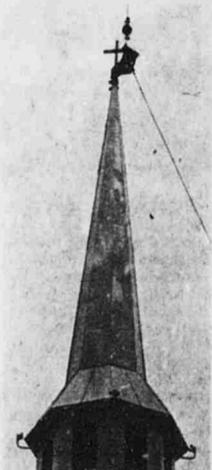
PROGRESS UPDATE



The new Lowell Showboat is really beginning to take shape as is illustrated in the above photo. The plywood has been applied to all walls that will be covered, the stair ways are complete, the top deck has been tarred and graveled and the pilot house is roughed in.

The swayed look (low in the middle) is beginning to appear with the tipped in walls and the second deck trim boards that bow and are low in the middle. Lattice work that will be applied to the tops of all the turned posts and along the tops of the individual decks, is being cut free of charge by the Superior Furniture Co. of Lowell. Ivan Blough, builder of the new boat, says that he plans to complete the construction by June 15.

The Back Page... Steeple Dedication Set For Sunday



Workmen put the finishing touches on the new steeple and belfry of the First United Methodist Church on Main St. in Lowell as the snow flew.

Dedication of the new steeple is scheduled for Sunday, May 20.

Dedication of the new steeple of the United Methodist Church on East Main Street is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Rev. Darwin Salisbury, District Superintendent of the Grand Rapids District, will be present at both services. Representatives of the City of Lowell, Mayor Dean Collins and City Manager Ray Quada, and representatives of the contractor and construction company, will also appear.

Coffee and cookies will follow each service and a display of pictures will be shown in Fellowship Hall. A slide projector will also be used for step-by-step viewing of construction. The Methodist Church was organized in 1855 and built the church in 1869. After foreclosure of mortgage in 1872, the people bought back their church in 1873. The 900 pound bronze bell was erected in 1877. This bell, along with the steeple and belfry, came down in last August's storm but was undamaged and raised with the construction of the steeple.

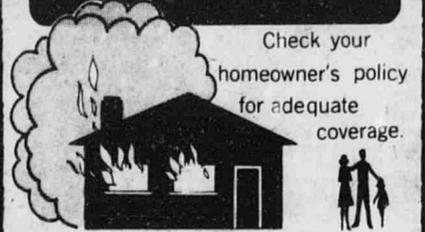
The original steeple, buffeted by weather over 70 years includ-

ing a strike by lightning in 1878 and repair in 1880, was declared unsafe and was taken down in 1939.

Money brought by children to Sunday School for a "Steeple Fund" resulted in action and a

new steeple was placed in November, 1967. With its 6 foot cross and lighting, it was a focal point for miles around. With the loss of this steeple last summer it was also a loss to the community.

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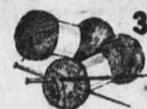
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