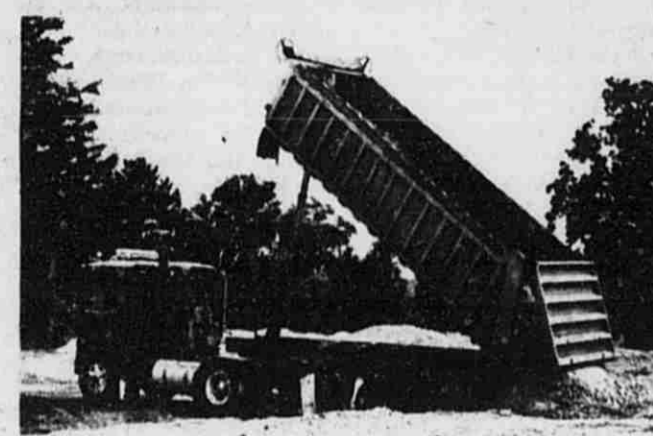


Society Notes...

Construction At St. Mary's Begins



Truckload after giant truckload of fill sand was transported to the site of the new church building for St. Mary's parish located at Amity and Howard Streets.

"Son Touched" United In Marriage In Concert

Son Touched, a 12 member music group from Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., will present a concert Friday, July 6, 7 p.m., at the West Berlin Wesleyan Church, Portland & Bliss Roads, Lake Odessa, MI.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kroft

Formed in 1974, Son Touched offers a blend of contemporary gospel, folk, gospel and hymns with string and electronic accompaniment, occasionally augmented by a brass ensemble.

White singing and testimony are the primary thrust of the Son Touched ministry, the group has had successful counseling and youth program experience in a variety of settings.

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Church School Planned Timpson-Beachum Vows Are Spoken



Mr. and Mrs. Perry Scott Beachum

The Alto Bowen Center United Methodist Community Vacation Church School will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., July 9-13 at the corner of 84th Street and Alden Nash.

Most of the state's nearly 1,000 miles of island shoreline are surrounded by remote and uninhabited wilderness areas that are favored by sportsmen. Others—such as Belle Isle and Mackinac Island—are among Michigan's most frequented tourist areas.

Local Nazarene church members will attend their annual district assembly, auxiliary conventions, and camp meeting July 9-22, 1979. The assembly of the Michigan district, which includes 113 churches, will convene at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, and conclude Thursday evening with an ordination service.

The missionary convention will precede the assembly, convening Monday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. and continuing through the afternoon session Tuesday.

Coming Events...

THURS., JULY 5 & 12: East Kent Health Dept. Clinic at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St. No appointment necessary. Immunizations, tuberculin skin testing, blood pressure check, etc. Free of charge.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

Ye are the salt of the earth... (Matthew 5:13). The Fourth of July, other holidays, and birthdays are big events to children. Our girls anticipated coming events with both joy and impatience. They marked up calendars, crossing off days one by one, until a special date arrived.

Michigan Islands Offer Unique Vacation Spots

Michigan's more than 500 islands provide a unique variety of vacation possibilities ranging from wilderness camping to picnicking within view of city skyscrapers, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

Good Things Growing

Summertime is salad time and with the abundance of good things growing in Michigan, your favorite salad can be an adventure.

Summer Job? Get SS Number Now

Students who plan to get a summer job should apply now for a social security number if they don't have one, according to social security officials.

Possible Food Stamp Cuts

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland announced an emergency rule directing states to prepare for possible across-the-board cuts in food stamp benefits in August and September of this year.

Census Provides Data

How many children do married women expect to have within the next five years? Will they average the same number as in the recent past? Answers to these questions will help indicate the future growth and composition of the Nation's population, data vital to planners both in government and private business.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

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Saranac Doin's...

Barbara Hoag will present a two-hour program on field flowers at the Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn, on July 18. The class will be taught both indoors and out to allow for actual field study.

Loren Adgate Elected Treas.

Loren C. Adgate was elected treasurer of the Michigan Bankers Association at the group's 32nd annual convention.

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Attend Services

Table listing church services for various denominations including ADA Christian Reformed Church, First Baptist Church of Alton, Bethany Bible Church, Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Snow United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA), and Vergennes United Methodist.

The Back Page...

Holiday Travel Down

Michigan tourism operators are hoping the 30-hour Fourth of July holiday will bring a sharp reversal in the approximate 9 percent drop in vacation activity so far this year, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Transportation forecasts nearly a 1 percent decrease in the number of miles traveled this July 4th as compared with 1973,

which was the last time Michigan had a 30-hour holiday.

Transportation Department officials are basing that projected decrease on motorists' concern over the gasoline situation. Initial Auto Club "fuel gauge" surveys show gasoline should be adequate for the holiday unless the current blockage of gasoline storage facilities continues by striking independent truckers.



Summer is a time when wildlife families are increasing in numbers and parents are busy providing for their young. Birds are especially busy as they must go through the process of laying and hatching eggs and rearing young in time for migration.

Once the young are hatched, both parents usually participate in the rearing. You may be able to see robins in your yard as they busily search for worms and insects to feed their fast-growing brood. Young birds have a terrific appetite and keep the adult birds busy until they are ready to fly.

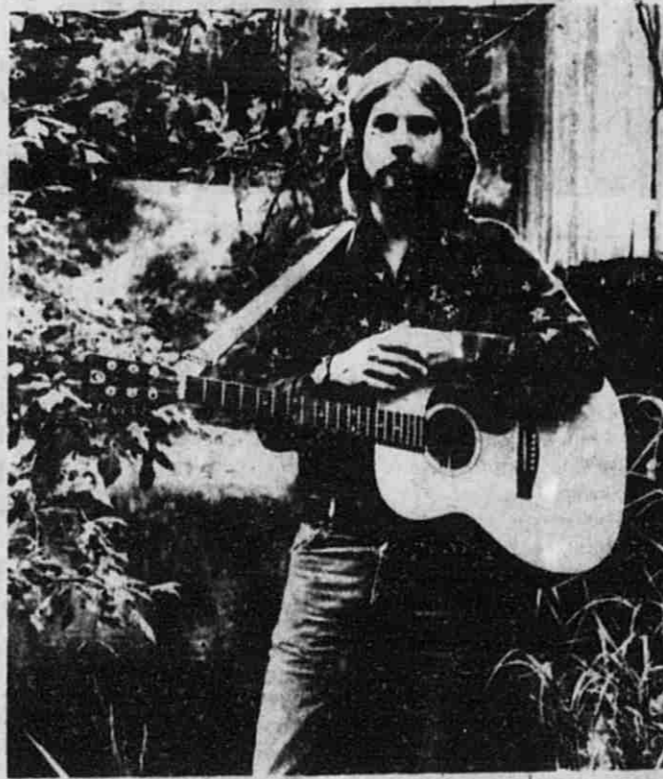
When young birds have reached the stage to begin flying, they appear as though they are ready to shove one another out of the nest. Occasionally a young bird will get shoved or blown out of the nest just before it is ready to fly. In this case it is best to replace the bird in the nest. Perching birds do not have a good sense of smell and the mother will come back to the nest if this has happened. If the nest is not nearby, the young bird is best left alone so the adult bird may care for it on the ground.

Cowbirds frequent sparrow, cardinal and other nests, depositing an egg for another bird to hatch. Very often the cowbird will hatch before the others and use its head and neck to shove the other eggs out of the nest. The adult birds are forced to "adopt" the cowbird and rear it as their own.

Adult birds do very little in instructing the young to fly. You may see them perched near the nest with a bit of food, calling to the young. When the young birds get hungry enough they eventually fly out of the nest to the adults. The young learn to find their own food by imitating the adults.

In the case of the robin, the male is primarily responsible for teaching the young to find food and fly to cover when danger threatens. The female is already back on the nest laying more eggs so another set of young can be raised before it is time to migrate.—Steve Harrington.

Local Nashville Artist In Michigan For Summer



Alton Taylor, Nashville recording artist, is back in his home area for the summer.

Alton Taylor, Grand Rapids native and Nashville recording artist is back in Western Michigan for the summer.

Following the release last fall of his "Southbound" lp Taylor enjoyed a successful run at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. Buoyed by the success of his album and acceptance into Nashville's music society he moved to Tennessee. Since his move in November, Taylor has had work offers from several major Country/Western artists, among them Hank Williams Jr. With the exception of several appearances in Mississippi and Arizona, Taylor, will be in Grand Rapids for the entire summer. While in Grand Rapids he will be writing and arranging songs for a second lp and planning a late winter tour.

Origami Is For Kids

Paperfolding from the Orient will be one of the summer programs for elementary-age children in "Around the World in Eighty Days" from the Kent County Library System during July and August.

Included with the paperfolding will be papercutting and storytelling of international tales. Papercrafts will be demonstrated while librarians tell stories. Children will be able to

do some simple folding and cutting at the end of the program.

Paperfolding has been scheduled Thursday, July 12 at 11 a.m., Alto Library, 6059 Linfield and Monday, July 30, 10 a.m., Lowell Library, 325 W. Main St., Lowell.

In August the program will be Wednesday, August 1, 2 p.m. at the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., SE, for the Cascade Library.

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Blood Needed For 4th Of July

To avert a possible shortage of blood during the week of the 4th of July, the Grand Valley Blood Program is initiating the "Be A Star" blood donor recruitment campaign for the week of the holiday.

All blood donors who give blood at the Grand Valley Blood Center, 1055 East Fulton, from Monday, July 2 through Saturday, July 7, will have their names put on a star and posted on the "Be A Star" flag display at the blood center.

Blood donors of all types are urgently needed during this critical week. Because the 4th falls on a Wednesday and a number of companies will be closed for vacation before or after that date, blood mobile visits are very difficult to schedule that week.

Accidental injuries increase during holiday times and a greater than normal blood demand can be expected in Kent County as is true all over the country.

The Grand Valley Blood Center will be open Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, July 5 and 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, July 7, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Persons wishing to help out as "star" blood donors are asked to call 774-2300 to make an appointment.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN FLOWERING ANNUALS

Six new All-America Selections top the list of flowering annuals that homeowners might want to try this year.

Marigold Queen Sophia, nicotiana Nick-Red, pansy Orange Prince, zinnia Gold Sun, zinnia Peter Pan Gold and ornamental pepper Holiday Cheer are All-America award winners for 1979. Michigan State University floriculturist Lowell Ewart explains that these varieties were judged superior to previously top-rated flowers in side-by-side comparisons in All-America trial gardens throughout the United States and southern Canada.

Free Fair Stars Announced, Queen Chosen

The Ionia Free Fair's parade schedule will intensify during the next few days with appearances by Queen Mary Munson and the queen runner-up, Kelly Donovan.

Joining Miss Munson and Miss Donovan will be "Biffy", the official Fair mascot and "Mickey", the Fair's newest mascot addition.

Miss Munson, a 1979 graduate of Portland High School and the Senior Class Valedictorian, will participate in the Lake Odessa Fair's parade on June 30, a parade at Olivet on July 1, and the Portland Jaycees' 4th of July Celebration, July 4th.

Miss Donovan, a 1978 Ionia High School graduate, will represent the Fair at Sand Lake on July 4th.

"Biffy" will be with Miss Munson on June 30 and July 1, while "Mickey" is slated for Lake Odessa, Olivet, and Portland.

Star performers booked for the Fair are Kenny Rogers, August 6; Ronnie Milsap and Ray Stevens, August 7; Mel Tillis and T.G. (the Good) Sheppard, August 8; and Charley Pride, August 10.

Also negotiations are near completion for grandstand show appearances of the Charlie Daniels Band on August 9 and Shaun Cassidy, August 11.

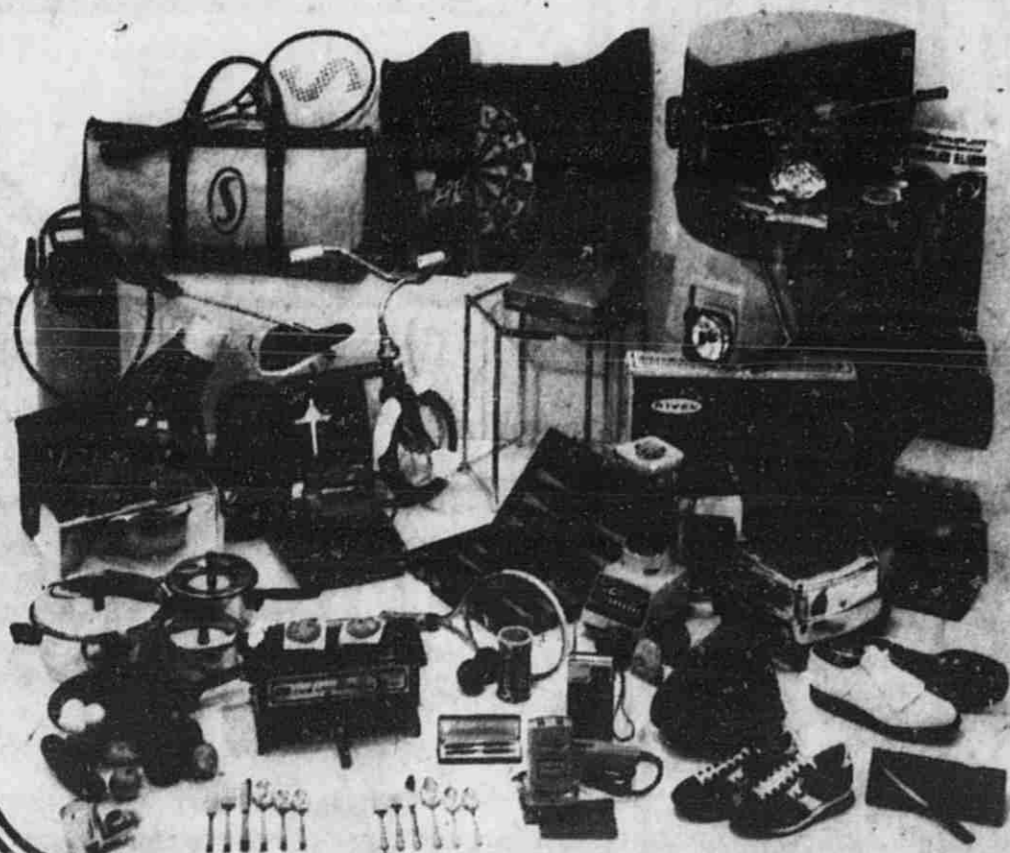
The Charlie Daniels Band vaulted to the forefront among

country instrumental groups during the past year and captured a nomination as the year's best country instrumental group. The group has won acclaim with its recording of "Whiskey" and its "Fire On The Mountain" gold album recordings.

Cassidy arrived as an important new talent on the rock scene with the release of "Da Doo Ron Ron", a number one single internationally. He has appeared on concert stages around the world and is the co-star of the hit TV series, "The Hardy Boys."

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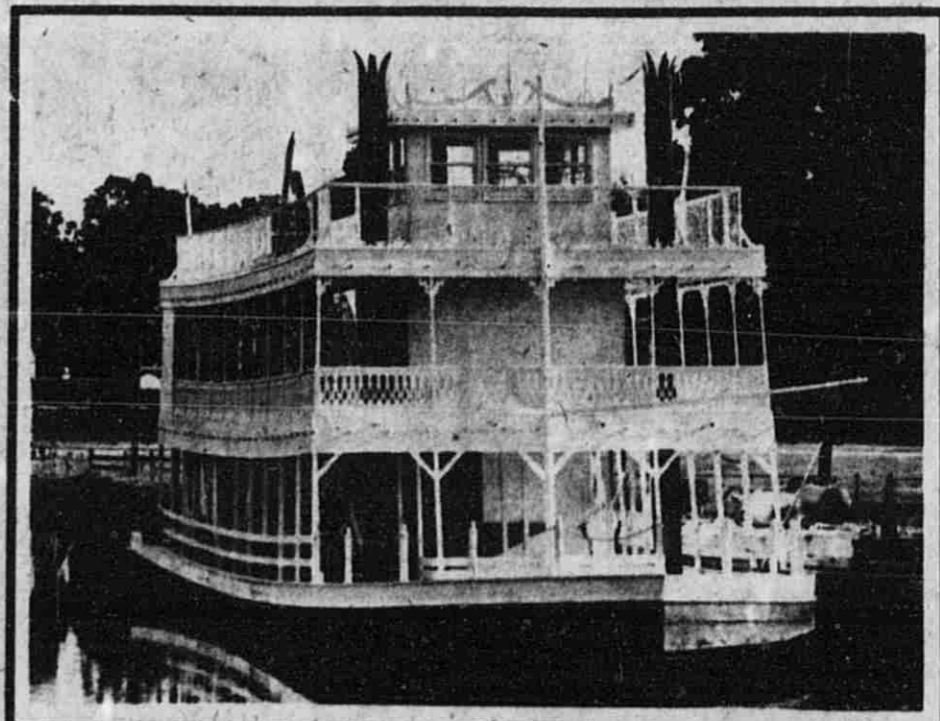
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