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Budget Tops 5 Million Lowell Teachers May Strike

With sign carrying picketers outside and a large audience comprised mostly of teachers inside the Lowell Board of Education met Monday evening to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 1979-80 school year. The \$5,477,150 budget is the largest ever and is a 10.87% increase over last year's actual expenditures.

Superintendent Don Kelly presented the proposed 1979-80 budget to board members in this annual hearing which is required by law and necessary prior to establishing the year's millage levy. Kelly told the audience in his explanation of the budget that a 9% increase in salaries (73% of the total budget) had been

'plugged in' until an actual figure is negotiated with the teachers union. Another item in the proposed budget that Kelly said was hard to predict is the cost of energy in the upcoming year. Kelly said a 20% increase had been plugged in there.

Kelly pointed out that there is a \$290,046 deficit between projected revenues and the projected expenditures for the year and stated that was a good example of why the school board has a policy of maintaining a fund equity. Another comment from Kelly concerned the Headlee Amendment and because of it, the school district can only assess 27.4136 mills for operations, even though the voters approved 27.8 mills.

Kelly apparently reviewed the budget efficiently as there were very few questions from the audience. The board members did not ask any questions and Board President Roger Kropf explained this by saying that the board had already spent several hours reviewing the budget in a work session.

The board unanimously approved the proposed budget and also motions setting operational millage at 27.4136 mills and debt retirement millage at 7.21 mills. Kelly mentioned that the administration hopes to be able to lower the debt retirement millage by at least two mills before the next operational millage election.

Superintendent Kelly advised the board that the debt retirement levy must stay at 7.21 this year and next when the School Bond Loan will be paid off. After that time, Lowell's debt levies should decrease substantially. The board then convened to closed session to plan strategies for negotiations with the teachers union.

Teachers in the Lowell Area Schools have received approval from the Kent County Education Association to withhold their services on Thursday, August 30, 1979, the first day that they have been directed to return to work for a teacher preparation day. Classes for students in Lowell are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 4.

In addition to the KCEA approval, representatives of the Michigan Education Association were in town Monday, to complete the job action investigation which is required of any MEA affiliated unit prior to a strike. Tom Stahr and Mark Weber of the high school staff are in charge of the Lowell teachers negotiations support committee and reported that the investigation went smoothly. They expect clearance from Lansing by Tuesday for any strike action.

Contacted Monday, Superintendent Don Kelly stated, "Lowell Area Schools will open on September 4. Buses will be rolling, with classes starting at 8:20 at Alto; 8:25 at Runciman and Bushnell; 8:30 at the High School, and 8:35 at the Middle School."

Should a walk-out or strike occur, students would be returned home. Parents should make arrangements for this. In the event a last-minute strike does occur, information will be given immediately to local radio and TV stations.

Gayle Lycos, Lowell Education President stated, "Obviously none of us want to strike. We are directing all of our efforts at the bargaining table to settling a fair and equitable contract for our members prior to the opening of school." Lycos stressed that the approval to strike given by the KCEA last week and requested of the MEA



Several Lowell teachers picketed the public hearing prior to adoption of the 1979-80 budget for the school system. A large audience comprised mostly of teachers gathered inside the meeting room, too, several displaying placards.



EARLY DEADLINE

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Ledger's schedule for the next issue has been moved ahead by one day. Next week's deadline for news copy and ads will be this Friday, August 31 at 5 p.m. This early deadline allows our employees to take advantage of the three-day weekend. Now if the weather will just cooperate...

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Lowell Post Office will be closed all day Monday, Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day holiday. There will be no deliveries and the lobby will also be closed. City Hall and the Lowell Library will also be closed. The last swim of the year at King Memorial Pool will be from 1-3 p.m. on Labor Day. Families may swim for only \$1.

Keiser's Kitchen will close Saturday at 3 p.m. and will open at the regular hour on Tuesday. Paul's Showboat Restaurant remains closed until Tuesday for a well-deserved vacation. Lippert's Pharmacy will be open on Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PEP & SIGN UP

Any youngster 8 through 13 accompanied by a parent or guardian can register to compete in the annual Pump, Pass and Kick competition at Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc. The date for the event has been set for Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. There is no entrance fee and no body contact during competition. No special equipment is needed. Better take Dad by the sleeve and hurry to Zeigler's for registration.

IN THE STARS

A beginning Astronomy course will be offered at the Kissing Rock Observatory from 7-9 p.m. starting Monday, Sept. 17. Fee for the eight week program is \$12. For complete information and to register call 897-8434.

LABOR DAY MEANS...

The first Monday in September has been set aside for recognition of the workingman (or woman, we assume). To youngsters it is the last day to pack in summer fun before school starts. To teachers and school board members it could mean marathon negotiating sessions. To millions of TV viewers it means the annual push for money for "Jerry's Kids".

Funds raised through the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon help support worldwide research into Muscular Dystrophy and its clinics throughout the U.S. Last year \$29 million was pledged during the 2 1/2 hour TV special. The Telethon will be seen here over WZZM Channel 13 beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 through Monday, at 6:30 p.m.

INFLATED BODY

If inflation continues at its present rate, the worth of your body will soon reach \$10. Ten years ago the minerals and chemicals in a body were worth only 98 cents. On today's market, it is worth \$7.28. Actually a live body has ingredients worth thousands of dollars and the spark of life it holds is absolutely priceless. Taking everything into consideration, we could be approaching a \$6 million dollar man. Move over, Lee Majors!

OFF THE BLOTTER

Donald Knutson Jr. was injured Wednesday, Aug. 22 when the vehicle he was driving went out of control on East Main and struck a parked van owned by Tony Stormzand.

David Wilcox of Ada and a 16-year-old juvenile were uninjured in a property damage accident on Wednesday afternoon on West Main near Valley Vista.

Robert Miller of Lansing sustained minor injuries when his brakes failed and his vehicle struck one driven by Claude Ridgway. The impact sent the Miller vehicle spinning around into another car driven by Raymond Walenga of Grand Rapids. The accident occurred on M-21 near Valley Vista Dr. on Monday, August 20.

Lodged in Kent County Jail on Friday, Aug. 24, for driving while license was suspended, second offense, was Gregory L. Callier. He plead guilty in 63rd District Court on Monday to the offense. He was also held on a bench warrant from Traverse City with a \$300 bond.

Also taken to Kent County Jail was Kenneth Stuart. He was arrested Sunday on Aug. 26 for possession of a controlled substance, fleeing and eluding and having no plates nor license. He plead not guilty in 63rd District Court and was remanded back to jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

David Wilcox of Ada and Jay Murray of Lowell were sent notice to appear in 63rd District Court for violation of a City ordinance for fighting in public.

Standard Station Re-opens



Lowell's new Standard Oil dealer, Dave Poynter checks a customer's oil at the full service island of his station located on the corner of Hudson and Main.

Lowell's Standard Oil gas station at the corner of Hudson and Main has been spiffed-up and reopened by David Poynter of Howell, Michigan. Dave and his son Tim have been operating the station for about a week, offering full and self-service gasoline, a complete line of Amoco products, and all types of auto repairs.

Dave is a certified mechanic and has many years of automotive experience while leasing a Mobile gas station at Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Dave is commuting from Howell at the present, but is looking for a residence in the Lowell area.

Russ Rozman who did repair work at the station when previously leased by Arnie DeLoof, will be returning as a full-time certified mechanic.

were sought as a "preventative measure." She went on to state, "We are confident that the Board shares our desire to have a smooth opening of school. If this attitude is reflected at the bargaining table this week, we can reach a settlement."

According to Kelly, the Board has made an offer that is very expensive to the district and brings the salary schedule much in line with other districts in Kent County. Lack of agreement on the contract has forced the district to cancel Thursday, August 30, as a work day for teachers.

Gwen Eskes, Lowell Area School nurse and chair of the teacher's bargaining team said that areas still under discussion include salary, insurance, class size, school calendar, sick leave, just cause for probationary teachers, and cost of living adjustments. "As far as we have been able to ascertain, the Board of Education in Lowell has been more realistic in its position than many surrounding districts. However, our members have watched their salary drop from fourth position in Kent County to rock bottom. This is the year for some 'catch-up' in Lowell." She also noted that Lowell teachers will be most reluctant to return to school without a contract given the experience of other teachers in Kent County. Teachers in two other KCEA affiliates, Kent Intermediate and Godfrey-Lee worked all of the 1978-79 school year without a contract.

Teachers in Lowell are being represented by Lillian Stoner, Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Education Association who acts as chief negotiator. Ms. Stoner indicated that representatives of the Board of Education in Lowell have made no mention of any financial difficulties. "This is one district in Kent County which is not crying poverty. The Board's healthy fund equity is testimony to the Board's ability to pay. The only question is, are they willing to?" Stoner went on to underscore the fact that Lowell teachers last year worked the longest calendar in Kent County and received the lowest average pay.

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

ROSE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. Breakfast Special: Bacon & Eggs, Toast & Coffee, \$1.50. Weekly Special: Veal Pattle, 90c. Chicken Plate every evening, \$1.50. Bucket Chicken to go. Don't forget Chicken Night Wednesday night and Steak Night Saturday night.

NEW HOURS
Mon. & Tues., 5:30 'til 7 p.m.;
Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 5:30 a.m.
'til 9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 6:30 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. c42

More Centennial Booklets

During a general cleanup of the Grand Valley Ledger preparatory to some remodeling last winter, numerous copies of the booklet "Lowell: 100 years of history, 1831-1931" were found and offered for sale. The Ledger ran out of the originals long before all those who wanted one were supplied.

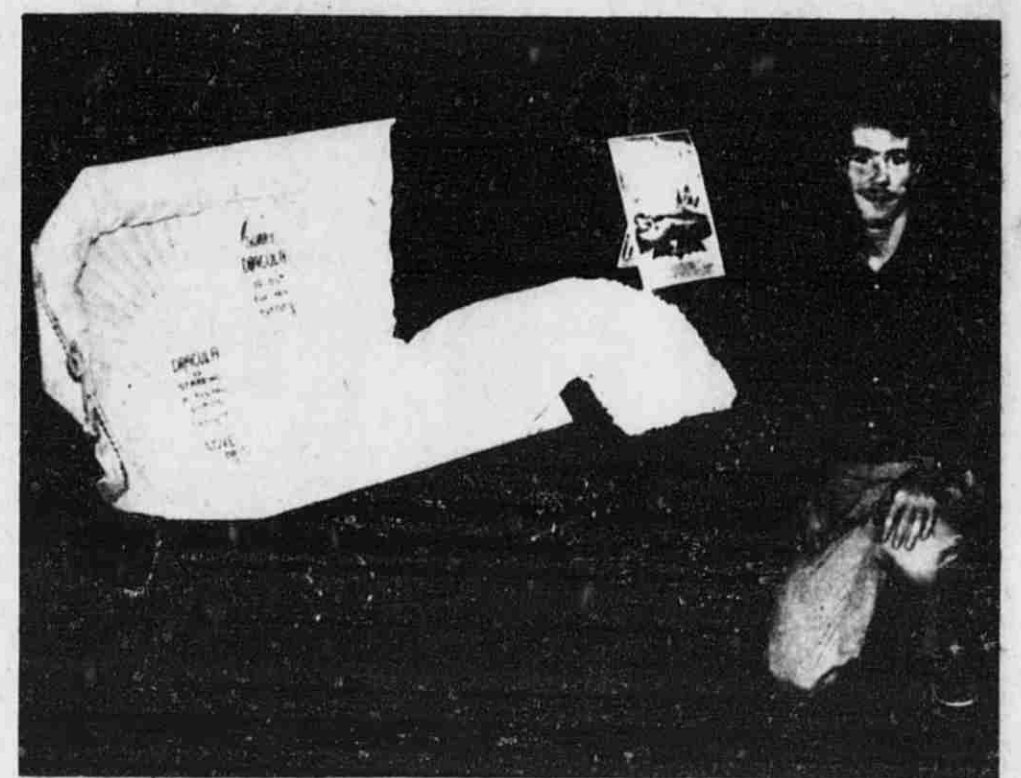
Last week, during another general cleanup at the Ledger preparatory to another remodeling project, 45 more copies of the booklet were found. They will be offered for sale at \$5 each. Because of the tremendous response last year, the historic booklet will only be sold on a first come-first serve basis at the Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

Lowell. We cannot reserve copies over the phone.

A bit dusty but otherwise none the worse for nearly 50 years of storage, the collection of history and old pictures was published to satisfy demands made during the August 1931 Centennial for some permanent record for the public of Lowell's growth. It cost nearly \$1,500 to publish the book. The photographs and cuts alone cost over \$300. The Lowell Board of Trade saw to it the book was compiled and published.

Lowell will celebrate its Sesquicentennial or 150 year anniversary in 1981, a mere two years down the road.

'Love At First Bite', Comedy Is A Big Hit At The Strand Theater



An empty coffin in the lobby of the Strand Theatre has been getting a lot of second looks from moviegoers this week. The empty coffin bears a sign that states, "Dracula is out for the evening" and ties in with the hit-comedy Dracula movie now playing at the Strand, "Love At First Bite". The movie has been such a hit locally, that theatre owner Bob DeNolf is holding it over through this coming weekend.

The coffin is a borrowed theatrical prop and is the idea of Bob's son Steve, (pictured). Steve is a junior at Lowell High School and works part-time at the theatre.

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days, Lowell, 897-7506. c42

TAXI SERVICE — D & K Shutling, Ph. 897-8638, Hrs. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. c51d

PRECISION & FASHION HAIR-STYLING — For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling, Phone 897-8102. c51d

STRAND Theatre
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

HELD OVER
SHOWING TONIGHT THRU
MON., SEPT. 3

DRACULA Your favorite pain in the neck is about to bite your funny bone.

at First Bite

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1979 American International Pictures, Inc.

Starring George Hamilton

at First Bite

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ONE SHOW EACH
NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

Monday Is
Bargain Night

Obituaries...

MISHLER — Mrs. Dora Mishler, aged 81, of Freepport, Saturday at the Bowne Memorial Home, passed away Thursday morning, August 23. She was born in Freepport, Michigan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowne. Surviving are her husband, Gordon; three brothers, Ralph, Milton and Charles; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Bowne Memorial Home, Freepport, Michigan, at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Bowne Memorial Home. Interment in the Bowne Memorial Home. Arrangements by the Bowne Memorial Home, Freepport, Michigan.

THOMAS — Mildred Thomas, aged 62, of 1289 Sara St., Gordon, passed away Thursday morning, August 23. She is survived by her husband, Gordon; three children, Marlene, Ann and Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

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HIGHT — Melvin O. Hight, aged 60, of 1741 Newway, passed away Wednesday morning, August 22, at his home. He was an employee of American Seating Co. for the past 23 years.

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BUGBEE — Services for Rev. Harold W. Bugbee, 85, of 6624 Cypress Street, Kalamazoo, who died early Saturday, August 25, were held Monday at the Hickory Corners Wesleyan Church.

Dr. Ernest Crocker, Rev. Bruce Howell and Rev. Paul Perkins officiated with burial in the East Hickory Corners Cemetery.

He was born June 15, 1894, in Barry County, the son of Alcott and Jennie (Horn) Bugbee. He was a Wesleyan Church pastor from 1925 to 1942 and had served pastures in Howe, East Odessa, River Junction, Dia-

mond Springs and Hickory Corners where he had pastored from 1938 to 1942. He was also instrumental in organizing the Kalamazoo Wesleyan Church, and its formation took place in their home in 1948. He was a member of the Kalamazoo Wesleyan Church and a former member of the Hickory Corners Wesleyan Church. He was married to Rena Gillespie on March 17, 1918 in Hastings. She died on Aug. 22, 1977.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. McIntosh, one granddaughter, Elaine McIntosh and one sister, Mrs. Glen (Avis) Conroy of Saranac. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Janet; a daughter, Cheryl Alexander of Greenville; four sons, Melvin O. Hight Jr., Robert Harold and Kenneth all of Greenville; two brothers, Clyde Evert and Harry of Lowell; eight grandchildren.

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Sept. Agenda For Sr. Center

Concerned about the financial problems of many older persons, the Lowell Senior Neighborhood Center, 214 East Main St., has planned two programs that will explain available assistance. On Sept. 7, at 11 p.m., Joyce Gerken will discuss Medicaid eligibility. Mrs. Gerken will be at the Center until 2 p.m. for individual conferences. Roger Weber, Department of Social Services, will present information about food stamps on Friday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. All area persons over 60 are invited.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. Theodore Lascari will tell the story of early Grand Rapids as depicted in slides of old homes and buildings. The monthly breakfasts for men will

begin on September 11, at 8:30 a.m. Bob Ellis will present "Westerns with pictures of his many hunting trips." Reservations are available for bus and game tickets to the Detroit vs. Boston baseball game on Saturday, Sept. 29. The bus will leave the Center at 8:30 a.m. Cost of transportation and reserved seat for the game is \$17. Telephone 897-5250 to make reservations for Center events.

Further and final information on the tour will be available next week. See you all there September 8. Donald McPherson, Committee Chairman.

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Letters...

Some of you received a letter last week notifying you of your designation as a Centennial Home owner. This did not imply 100 years of ownership but current title to the same. Many of you are descendants of early settlers but most are not, therefore you are not aware of the historic roots of your home.

As chairman of the Vergennes Historic Homes committee, I have lived here over 70 years (my family 70 more) and have absorbed the early history of our township since my earliest recollection. Therefore I have presumed upon myself the authority to designate homes that I have known as historic sites.

An historic home is one which in total or in part is at least 100 years old. Many homes have been so greatly improved and so changed that the designation is not known to the present owner. It is hoped that such owners will happily accept this designation and become a part of this celebration.

The Vergennes Centennial Home Tour on September 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. is a public affair, not only for home owners. There will be stops at several appointed places as arranged previously. All design-

ated homes listed will not be visited, only marked by a sign in the yard designating the site. There will be no organized caravan. You can make any of all stops as you wish.

Stops at homes which may be visited are John Borg on Vergennes Dr., Manuel Compos on Conservation Dr., Father John McGee on Alden Nash, Fallsburg School on Covered Bridge Rd., Ray Kisor on 3 Mile Rd., Vergennes United Methodist Church on Bailey and the Vergennes Town Hall.

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Nov. 5 Is E-Day

November 5 is E-Day, or Expansion Day, for first school entries in Kent County who do not meet the state immunization law, according to Dr. Henry F. Olen, Kent County Health Department Director.

The Michigan law requires that "All children enrolling in any public, private, parochial, or denominational school in Michigan for the first time shall submit either a statement signed by a physician that they have been immunized or protected against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, and poliomylitis; a statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objections to immunization; or a request signed by a parent or guardian that the local health department give the needed protective injections."

To help parents comply with the law, the Kent County Health Department has scheduled eight more Special Immunization Clinics with the final one on October 2nd. When asked if there would be other special clinics Dr. Olen said, "These are the last special immunization clinics we will have, unless there is an outbreak."

The Health Department has eleven regular immunization clinics throughout the county, and their services, like the special clinics, are free for the prevention and control of disease. Locations of all clinics, their dates and locations for Lowell are: Sept. 25, First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson.

WHEN HOW TO HARVEST SUNFLOWERS FOR SEED
Extension specialists at MSU suggest that sunflower heads be harvested as soon as the seeds begin to turn brown or the backs of the heads turn yellow. If you hold off, birds and the neighborhood squirrels may do the job for you.

To harvest, cut the head off the stem and hang it upside down in a warm, dry place with good air circulation for about three weeks. Tie a cloth bag or a piece of cheesecloth or nylon net around each head to catch the seeds that drop as they dry. Thresh the seeds from the head by knocking it against a table or counter to make the seeds fall out.

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Students Complete Degrees

One thousand, six hundred twenty-eight students completed their programs of study at Ferris State College during the spring quarter.

Students receiving degrees or certificates with honors are recognized for their outstanding grade point averages: Distinction 3.25 to 3.49 on a 4.00 scale; High Distinction 3.50 to 3.74; and Highest Distinction 3.75 to 4.00.

Among those receiving certificates and degrees from Alto Valley Lodge, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261.

On July 22 Rotary President and Mrs. Leonard Jackson were hosts to over eighty Rotarians, wives and guests. The social evening featured a roast beef dinner following the invocation by Rev. Gerald Bates.

Lowell Moose Lodge members have plans for a Las Vegas Night scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 3 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Club.

Volunteers are being sought to deal Black Jack, work the wheels and tables. There is also a need for gals to distribute playing money and for waitresses. To volunteer, call Nancy at 897-8456 after 5 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained for the event at Las Vegas locations: Lowell Moose Lodge No. 809, Westers Auto, That Special Place or Dick Sisson's Barber Shop.

Farmers face with the problem of discovering which hens produced the most eggs in a conveyor system were helped out by Patent No. 4,970,774, issued Sept. 13, 1910. Labeled an egg-brander, the device fit each hen's nest and carefully colored each row's eggs with a different pattern so a count could be made later.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Monday, Sept. 10
10:30 A.M.
Kroger Store FG-805
405 S. Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, MI
KROGER STORE
FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT

Schmidt walk-in coolers and freezers, display and freezer cases, meat and freezer cases, Tyler Dishcraft show shelving, Compressor and condenser units, label machines, Auto-labelers, wrapping machines, slush machines, Toledo valve matic scales, these check, puller, juicer, work tables, scales, produce scales, check lanes, ice machines, floor scrubbers, pallet lift trucks, production scales, 3-hp disposal, Hydro vac, water cooler, belt sander, produce tables, 3 compartment meat chills, ratio cooler wrapping machines, most hand heat seal, meat scales, reach in cooler, other miscellaneous items.

TERMS CASH
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Moose Needs Help On Las Vegas Night
Lowell Moose Lodge members have plans for a Las Vegas Night scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 3 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Club.
Volunteers are being sought to deal Black Jack, work the wheels and tables. There is also a need for gals to distribute playing money and for waitresses. To volunteer, call Nancy at 897-8456 after 5 p.m.

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150 Attend City's Employee Picnic
Recreation Park was the site of the first annual City Employee Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 26. Nearly 150 city employees and their families attended the afternoon event.
Lowell City Councilmembers instituted the picnic as a way of saying thank you to its employees for their service and loyalty. The past year brought pressure on each department with the August windstorm devastation and the heavy snows experienced by the area. All departments served the residents "above and beyond the call."
Recognition for years of service to the City were announced after dinner. Employees with over five years are: Cal Kamp-huis, police department, 5 years;

Students Complete Degrees
One thousand, six hundred twenty-eight students completed their programs of study at Ferris State College during the spring quarter.
Students receiving degrees or certificates with honors are recognized for their outstanding grade point averages: Distinction 3.25 to 3.49 on a 4.00 scale; High Distinction 3.50 to 3.74; and Highest Distinction 3.75 to 4.00.
Among those receiving certificates and degrees from Alto Valley Lodge, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261.

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Lunch Menu...
Potpourri...
Rebates Are Back
A \$400.00 consumer rebate program was confirmed by Chrysler Corporation today. It covers all 1979 cars and trucks except Omni, Horizon and import car and truck models. The retail sales stimulation program called Car Clearance Carnival II is reminiscent of the marketing program Chrysler developed in 1975 to lead the industry out of the fuel shortage doldrums of that period. The program is simple in form. The customer makes his best deal with a Chrysler-Plymouth or Dodge dealer on the purchase of a 1979 car or truck and then receives a direct cash rebate of \$400 from Chrysler Corporation.

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Society Notes...

OPEN LETTER

Dear friends,
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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

(Charity) thinketh no evil (I Corinthians 13:5).
"Now, I want you to leave this fly swatter out where we can get hold of it," ordered my husband. He is death on flies. They are one of his severest trials during the summer months. As many household items have a way of doing, our fly swatter seems to vanish into thin air just when it is most needed.
Flies are detestful. They carry disease germs and are a threat to the health and welfare of human beings. Besides, they are troublesome. (Have you ever lain down for a nap and just dozed off when one of the nuisances sat down on your nose?) Flies enter every crevice they can find, whether it is in a rich or poor home. A fly is no respecter of houses.
Evil thoughts are always on the loose, also. They, too, are

ready to enter every crevice they can find. Whenever they find an opening into one's thinking they enter, regardless of who it is. They do not wait to be invited. If allowed their evil thoughts bring spiritual disease. And this disease brings forth spiritual illness and possible death.
Therefore, Christians, we must be constantly on the alert and ready to bring out "the fly swatter" whenever one of these undesirables appears.
Prayer: O SPIRIT of the Living God, be Thou the guardian of my mind. Protect me against those undesirable pests of doubt and unbelief. Destroy those disease-bearing insects of criticalness and envy which would infiltrate my thinking and cause me to become sick spiritually. Help me to be alert and on my guard. Amen.

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Wittenbach's Newlyweds Reside In Lowell

Observe 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wittenbach will observe the 50th anniversary of their marriage with an open house Sunday, September 9 at the Clarksville Masonic Temple from 2-5 p.m. The event is hosted by their daughter, Mary Ellen. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.
The couple has requested no gifts please.

CORRECTION
In last week's Ledger a mistake was inadvertently made in the Terzoff/Doane wedding announcement. The announcement should have read:

Joanne Wierenga was best man, with Tom Nordhoff and Randy Smith as groomsmen. Ushers were Brian DeLoof and Dewey Prins.

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Saranac Doin's...

4-H'ers Win Honors At MSU Dairy Show

MSU Dairy Days is an annual event at which Michigan 4-H'ers can compete in Dairy 4-H projects. This year's event ran from August 21-23. Through the program 4-H members get experience in showing, judging and demonstrating as well as meeting other members in dairy projects throughout the state.
Two Saranac youths placed in the show. They were: Steve Simpson, 10, with a Brown Swiss, taking a first in the Jr. Yearling Class and Brian Simpson, with a Holstein, placing 18th in the Aged Cow class.

Off The Blotter

City police officers cited Mark Brian Estes, 19, of 5174 Sayles Road, Saranac, for illegal possession of alcohol after a first in the 64th District Court, police said.
Michigan State Police at the Lonia post reported that a Lowell man escaped serious injury early Sunday morning when the car he was driving went out of control, rolled over and struck a tree.
Driver of the vehicle, Joseph Yurkinas, 19, lost control of his car on M-21 one mile west of Johnson Road at 3:05 a.m.
Police said that he sought his own treatment for injuries. Steve Metterneck, 5996 David Highway, Saranac, was fined \$15 for disregarding a traffic control sign.
Leonard Guernsey, 8368 Bluewater Highway, \$19 speeding. Curtis Osborne, 5213 Bluewater Highway, \$19 speeding.

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By Jim Fitzgerald

When I was in my early teens, my ambition was to grow up to be an Utley Puckett. I didn't make it. Utley Puckett was on TV the other night, and it was bittersweet to be reminded of the man I might have been.
CBS-TV told Utley Puckett's story on "60 Minutes." He is more than 70 years old and has been a pool hustler for over 50 years. Contrary to President Carter's diagnosis, Utley Puckett has never suffered a crisis of confidence in himself. And he has never worn a beeper on his chest.
Busy, important people carry electronic beepers wherever they go. These people are so important, they must always be available to persons in their importance. When the beeper beeps, they rush to a phone to call their office or their answering service. Then they return to their companions, looking harried, and they say they are sorry, but they must run.
No one is allowed to carry a beeper unless he or she knows how to look harried. The harried look requires deep sighs; slumped shoulders and a mobile head. The head must be moved slowly from side to side, never up and down, while the sighs are sighed and the shoulders are slumped and the harried person complains about work that is never done.
It is currently fashionable for beeper persons to admit to being workaholics. They reveal their affliction sorrowfully, while looking harried, as though they were suffering from a terminal illness. But it is important to them to be important, and if they must work 18 hours a day to attain this status, well, that's the way the executive triumphs.
Important magazines and newspapers publish a steady stream of articles indicating that many harried workaholics seek importance in Washington where, at lunch time, the beeping often reaches din proportions.
Most recently I read about Eli Ginzberg, head of a federal advisory group on manpower policy, who said he normally works seven days a week and hasn't had a vacation since 1938. That's 41 years without two weeks at the seashore. He has probably had to have his beeper overhauled dozens of times.
A social psychologist, Dr. Danile Geller of Georgetown University, has studied workaholicism, and he says the cause of rampant beeping is cultural, not financial.
"Ambitious people are working in a culture that gives more credit to what you do, than who you are," he said. If you don't do much, you aren't much.
By beeper standards, Utley Puckett isn't much. All he has ever done is saunter around the nation, passing in poolrooms to hustle a few bucks whenever he needed sauntering-around money. He told "60 Minutes" it's been a splendid life and he wouldn't change a minute of it. A lot of viewers, especially those with harried looks, probably didn't believe him.
Men like Utley Puckett are generally regarded as bums. They don't contribute anything to the gross national product. They don't worry about narrow lapels and mortgage payments and the SALT treaty. If the price of a nine-ball game becomes inflated, they simply increase the bet. They never bother Ann Landers with domestic problems.
My long-ago ambition to become a pool hustler was a youthful aberration which soon faded as I became mature enough to realize the importance of acquiring a three-bedroom home with a breezeway leading to a harried look.
As a responsible adult, I know there never would have been a Skylab if this world were full of men like Utley Puckett; men so unsophisticated they can't recognize a crisis, even when it's in their own confidence.
But sometimes I falter. One day last week I skipped a business appointment in favor of shooting pool in a saloon. I digusted myself with an unharried look and pretended I was Utley Puckett.
When the appointment person phoned, I was surprised with finally found me by phone. He asked what I was doing. I told him I was marching to the sound of a different beeper. It felt good.

Coming Events...

WED., AUG. 29: A meeting of the American Lung Association of Michigan's Kent County Breathing Club will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kent County Health Department, 700 Fuller, NE, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Call 459-5441 for further information.
AUG. 27-31: Open House, James C. Veer Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Rd., Lowell. Visitors can inspect the cosmos through a six-inch or 12-inch telescope from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Visiting days are the second Saturday and last Friday of each month.
SAT., SEPT. 8: Visitors night at the Veer Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Road, Lowell. The Observatory doors are open to visitors from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is free.
MON., SEPT. 10: The Golden Swingers will meet in the Home Ec room of the high school for potluck supper at 6 p.m. Bring own service and a dish to pass. Coffee will be furnished. A good program will follow the supper. If you have any questions call 897-8565. All are welcome.

FRI., SEPT. 14: The Unity Church of Grand Rapids presents "Autumn" at 8 p.m. The church is located at 1711 Walker, NW, Grand Rapids and tickets are \$1.50.

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Mary Jo Malone and Timothy D. Schoen were united in marriage before Father Bernott in St. Patrick's Church of Parnell on Saturday afternoon, July 21, 1979.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malone, 5110 Gavin Lake Rd., Rockford. The groom is the son of Mrs. Deloris Schoen and the late James A. Schoen of 9800 Five Mile Rd., Ada.

Designed and created by the bride, her gown of white satin was strapless with a train and was topped with a high-collared lace jacket. The bridal veil was also created by the bride.

Maureen Malone was Maid of Honor with Mary Schoen, Jackie Malone, Brenda Gehrett, Judy Hoover and Patty Prins serving as Bridesmaids. Bridget Malone was Flower Girl and Harley Maste was Ringbearer.

Best Man was Toby Jones and Groomsmen were Ron Sitzer, Tom Behreth, Tim Kehoe, Rick Sell and Barry Blasler.

Presiding over the Wedding Reception at the Double R Ranch were Mr. and Mrs. John Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Seaman.
The new Mr. and Mrs. Schoen are at home at 10003 Bailey Dr, Lowell, after their honeymoon trip to Kentucky.

NOTICE...
All Offices Of The State Savings Bank Of Lowell Will Be Closed Monday, September 3 In Observance Of Labor Day.

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<p>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7152 Bradford St., S.E. - 878-1886 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. - 678-1032 REV. WILFRED FIET</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 60th Street & Bancroft Avenue Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>REV. GEORGE L. COON Telephone 688-8403 or 888-9912</p>	<p>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND B. BEFUS</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:50 a.m. (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAX 1480) Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 1151 West Main Street - 897-8841 REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT</p> <p>Worship Service 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Supervised Nursery During All Services</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street REV. WILLIAM F. HURT</p> <p>Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday-Mid-Week Service Jr., Teens, Adults Nursery - Coms & Worship With Us</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:45 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m. DR. DARRELL WILSON - 897-5300</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-9308 DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>(Cribbery & Nursery Provided)</p>
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<p>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3180 Snow Avenue, S.E. (Between 28th & 36th Streets, East) REV. ALLEN WITTRUP 942-6785</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:05 a.m.</p> <p>"Serving Ada, Cascade Areas"</p>	<p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) 2700 East Fulton Road Family Worship Service 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PASTOR RAYMOND A. HEINE Asst. Pastor CHRISTOPHER D. ANDERSON Nursery Provided</p>	<p>PAUL'S FAMILY SHOWBOAT RESTAURANT 700 E. Main Lowell</p>	

Ferris Announces Honors List

Ferris State College has honored 1,850 students for scholastic excellence during the spring quarter by naming them to the Academic Honors List. Dr. Robert E. Ryan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has announced.

To be named to the Academic Honors List, a student must earn at least a 3.25 average on a 4.0 basis and carry a full academic load.

Students named to the list from this area include:
Ada: Leslie J. Berg; Yvonne Samuels; Alto: Susan R. Janesche; Kathleen A. Pitsch; Lowell: Joel Alan Bier; Steven C. Graham; Cara Lynn Monroe; Richard A. Raimor.

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Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the Dec. 8, 1979 administration for the ACT and the December 1, 1979 administration for the SAT. The competition for appointment as Cadet is based on the candidate's high school rank, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school extracurricular activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and demonstrate proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

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Council Proceedings...

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, August 6, 1979.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins at 8:00 p.m.: The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Warning, Lessens and Collins.

Absent: Councilman Heath.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the July 16 Meeting be approved by deleting a portion of the first sentence of paragraph three, page two, "was worthless, that it", and removing the underlining of the word "have", paragraph four, page two, supported by Councilmen Christiansen.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Warning.

Yes: Carter, Christiansen, Warning and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: Councilman Heath.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$19,151.45
Major Street	\$ 5,302.40
Local Street	\$ 7,743.82
Trust & Agency	\$ 894.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,701.77
Water Fund	\$ 4,307.53
Equipment Fund	\$ 4,864.98
Lee Fund	\$ 186.70
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Building & Site Fund	\$ 1,000.00

Manager Quada then read a letter of resignation submitted by Councilman Heath, citing his temporary moving from the City, disqualifying him from sitting on the Council for the time being.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Warning that the resignation be accepted, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Warning and Collins.

No: Councilman Carter.

Mr. King Doyle, spokesman for the Board of Lowell Light and Power and several members of the Board were present. Mr. Doyle explained the proposed purchase of power agreement with Consumers Power Company, stating that for the past 18 years, Lowell Light and Power Company has purchased additional power from the Wolverine Company, however, with today's concern on rising energy costs, and the need for increasing supply, the City must look down the road to the future, as 1985 to 1990, to meet those increasing demands. He stated that 18 other communities have already joined forces to procure power through the Michigan Power Agency by purchase through either Consumers Power or Detroit Edison. He also stated that the Board had felt that the nuclear power issue is too political, and have opted for the coal fired energy production. He then stated that the Board recommended the approval of the agreement in the best interest of the City's future.

A short discussion followed with explanations and comments from Attorney Robert DeBoer and Mr. Al Hodges of the Michigan Power Agency.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the power purchasing agreement be approved, supported by Councilman Warning.

Carried.

Amendment/Art. of Inc. of Mich. Pwr. Agency/ Include Portland-Niles

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Warning that the Articles of Incorporation of the Michigan Power Agency be amended to include the Cities of Portland and Niles, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Carried.

Discussion/Funding Replacement of Division St. Bridge

A lengthy discussion then followed on the funding for the replacement of the Division Street Bridge. Manager Quada stated that the application for a 90% funding of State and Federal monies was only the first step. The discussion continued on the idea that some funding would be necessary by the townships because of the fact that the City emergency units, fire and rescue, service much of those areas outside

the City, and the City should not have to bear the costs alone. Manager Quada suggested that an additional paragraph be added to the resolution authorizing him to approach the townships, and possibly the County for funding.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION was offered for adoption by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Carter.

WHEREAS, the City Council for reasons relating to safety elected to close the Division Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Lowell Area to pursue the replacement of said bridge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell wishes to seek eligibility for a 90% State and Federal Grant to replace said bridge,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Manager are authorized to execute the necessary documents and to seek federal and state funding toward the replacement of the Division Street Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to work out contracts with the adjoining townships and Kent County for sharing replacement costs.

Council Remarks

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IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Christiansen to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

Approved: August 29, 1979.

DEAN E. COLLINS, Mayor

WHEREAS, said amendment includes a discussion of estimated funding and costs along with a review of source of revenue to retire debts and meet operating needs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to conduct a public hearing on said amendment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be conducted on October 1, 1979 in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments from the citizens of Lowell on all aspects of the Step I Facility Plan Amendment.

Carried.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on **September 17, 1979** at the Bowne Township Hall in Alto at 8:00 P.M., at which time the following subject will be considered and at which meeting any interested person will be heard:

A request for a depth variance by First Real Estate Company for the South 1/4 of Section 31, Town 6 North, Range 9 West, except the South 20 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31 for lots A-L.

Peter F. Siler, Secretary
Bowne Township Board of Appeals
Date: August 24, 1979.

MY BITE IS WORSE THAN MY BARK!

The vampire bat of South America is hardly larger than a mouse, and its bite is painless.

The Back Page...

Fonger in Alaska

Coast Guard Ensign Gilbert W. Fonger, son of M. Jack and Virginia C. Fonger of 611 N. Washington, Lowell, recently departed for an Alaskan fisheries patrol.

He is an officer assigned to the Coast Guard cutter *Boutwell*, homeported in Seattle.

Fonger is a 1975 graduate of Lowell Senior High School, and a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.

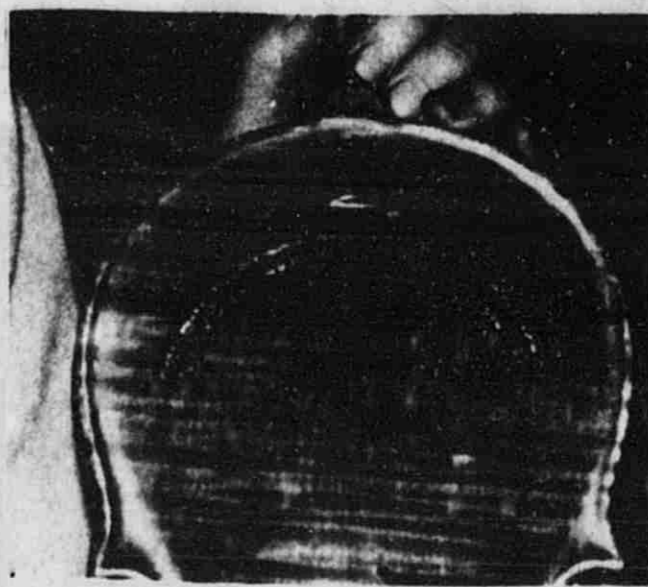
Emory Bowen Acquires Valuable Violin

Waybill Is Promoted

Emory Bowen of Lowell is beaming over his recent acquisition of an authentic violin created in 1741 by Dominicus Montagnana, one of the world's greatest masters of violin making. Bowen and his wife Ann entertain Lowell's senior citizens every month and are known throughout the area for their musical abilities. Mrs. Bowen plays the piano and organ.

The violin was purchased from a Detroit dealer and carries an inscription, "PRO MAGN. IMPERATR. RUSSIA CATHERINA II, DOMENICUS MONTAGNANA CREMONA 1741". Bowen's violator was built for Catherine II (the Great) of Russia and was given to her when she

was about 12 years old. Bowen pointed out that the instrument had been verified through the inscription and through comparison with other violins made by the master Montagnana. Records show little about Montagnana's life but it is possible that he was a pupil of Nicola Amati at the same time as Stradivari. His work shows



The hand-inscribed legend on the back of the Montagnana violin reads, "PRO MAGN. IMPERATR. RUSSIA CATHERINA II, DOMENICUS MONTAGNANA CREMONA 1741". Bowen describes the wood of the instrument as the most beautiful he has ever seen.

many of the same characteristics of Amati's and Stradivari's instruments.

The wood Montagnana selected for the instrument is of exceptional quality and his workmanship is said to be unsurpassable. The varnish is

usually a beautiful golden orange-red. Bowen would not reveal the price of the valuable instrument but a 1973 reference book lists Montagnana's work as selling for between \$3,000 and \$12,000.

WEDDING PLANS? Invitations, napkins, accessories available from Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

Pfc. Christine R. Waybill, daughter of Edwin and Barbara Mueller of Lowell recently was promoted from Private to Pfc in the Marine Corps.

She joined the Marine Corps May 22, 1979 and graduated from recruit training at Paris Island, South Carolina. After basic training Waybill applied for Recruiter's Assistant and then got her promotion to Pfc.

Miss Waybill is a former student of Lowell High School. Her next duty station will be Camp LeJone, North Carolina as a maintenance mechanic.

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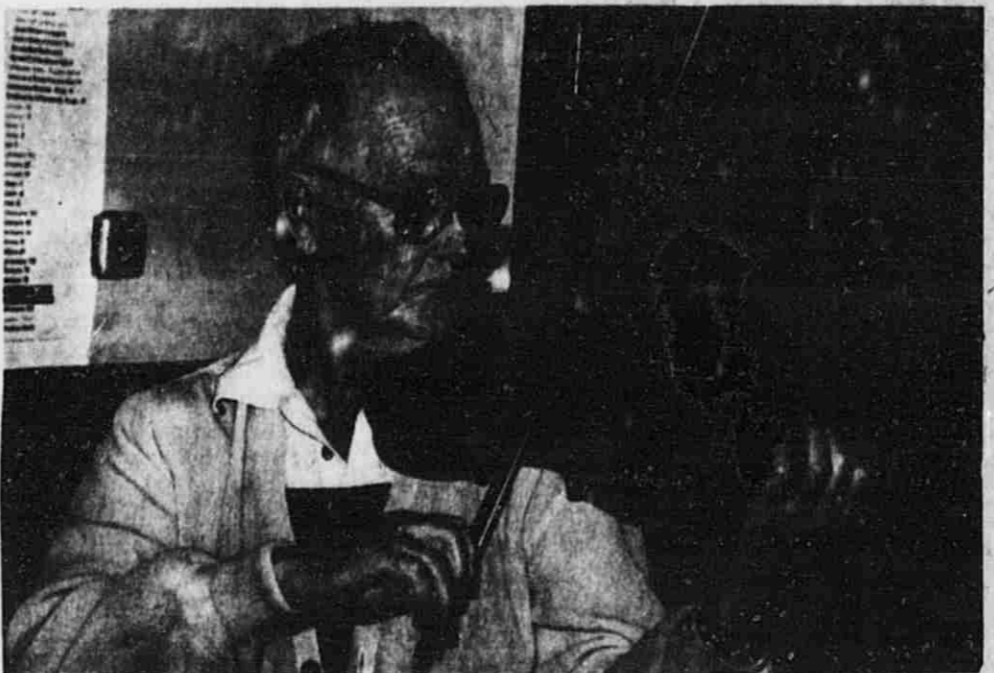
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Emory Bowen of Lowell draws the bow across his recent acquisition, a highly prized violin crafted by Dominicus Montagnana in 1741. Purchased from a dealer in Detroit, the instrument was originally made for Catherine II (the Great) of Russia when she was about 12 years old, over 200 years ago.

cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Writing last week's column about our sick computer typesetter was a lot of fun, but I don't think that I could have written it if I had already received the invoices for parts and labor. I would at least have had to force myself to look at the situation with a sense of humor. There's nothing very funny about a forty-two dollar an hour, portal to portal service bill.

It cost me eighty-four dollars to get the serviceman out here from Grand Rapids to run a couple of tests, make a couple of adjustments, and tell me what parts that I needed to order and replace. Ah, but it wasn't the service bill that threw me as much as the bill for parts did.

Two of the three parts would fit in your shirt pocket with room left over for cigarettes and they totaled one hundred and twenty-three dollars and some change. One of these was called a "flash lamp" and looked like a miniature radio tube with about seven prongs sticking out of the bottom. It wasn't much bigger than a flashlight bulb and cost \$55.10. I couldn't believe it.

The third part was a small solid state circuit board that I didn't actually buy, but rather exchanged my old one for a repaired one. A mere \$60.00 was the exchange fee on this item. It isn't even new, it's somebody else's old board that the company patched up and sold to me. I wonder how many times they can get that sixty bucks out of the same board?

As it turned out, I didn't need the \$55.10 flash lamp after all, so my bill for parts and labor came to a little over \$200.00, not counting my phone calls to Chicago, and Montreal. It sounds like a lot of money for a simple little repair job, but not if you look at it with the right perspective.

The way I see it, about 25% is tax deductible, and the machine needed a service check anyway, so there's another fifty bucks or so that can't really be counted as part of repair costs. This leaves about one hundred dollars as my true cost for the breakdown.

Now, I've been able to stretch this fiasco into material for two cozy corners at a cost of about fifty dollars each. Since the cozy corner usually concerns me bungling something, and since the act of bungling usually costs money in the end, I figure that fifty bucks per cozy corner is about average. So, looking at the breakdown that way, it didn't really cost me a dime, except I still haven't covered that phone call to Montreal.

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WHITER CAULIFLOWER

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