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STILL COUNTING

Voting in the citywide election for three councilmen was still in progress as this issue of the Ledger went to press. Results of the election will be in next week's issue.

CLOSED, OPEN

The Lowell Post Office will be closed on Monday, November 12 for Veteran's Day. There will be no home deliveries and mail will be dispatched from the "out of town" box located in front of the post office at 6 p.m. that day. The lobby will be open for lock-box customers.

Lowell City Hall will also be closed on Monday. The hydrants within the city limits will be flushed on November 13, 14, 15 and 16 so residents are urged to check the water for rust before doing laundry, etc.

Lowell Savings and Loan will be closed on Monday. State Savings Bank and First Security Bank will both be open, however.

GEAR UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Calling all clubs, organizations, school groups, businesses and music makers: Is your float for the annual Lowell Christmas Parade already on the drawing board? The parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 1, less than one month away. Santa Claus is expected to arrive then. Call the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office with your entry, 897-8545. The Chamber will again sponsor the "Photo With Santa" promotion. Times, dates and participating merchants will be listed in the Ledger in the near future.

GRAND OPENING

Lowell Nature Pantry, 106 W. Main St., will hold their Grand Opening and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The girls in the cooperative hope you'll stop in and say "hello". Membership is not necessary for your first purchase.

FINALLY!

The Lowell Jaycee paper recycling Center has been moved and is now accepting old newspapers again. The new location is across from Keiser's Kitchen on Main Street.

CELEBRATING

Harold Zeigler Ford dealership is celebrating its Fourth Anniversary this week with some super deals on cars, trucks 4 x 4s, and used cars. Stop in and have a look around.

TREATED

One of Lowell's senior citizens called the Ledger this week to tell of her pleasant surprise on Halloween eve when some high school students offered her the treats instead of the other way 'round. She thought we'd like to know about the teens who didn't trick on Halloween.

MONTH, WEEK, DAY

November is National Farm Wife Month in recognition of rural women as full partners in agriculture and focusing attention on her special role in producing our food and fiber. Give a farm wife a pat on the back.

November 4-10 has been declared Marine Corps Week in Michigan by the governor. Created by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, the Marine Corps was designated to act as the ground arm of the Continental Navy. The Corps has distinguished itself in battle and, in peacetime, in humanitarian efforts. Give a Marine a salute.

The American Cancer Society has designated Thursday, November 15, as the day of the Great American Smokeout. For the third year, they urge people across the country to quit smoking cigarettes on that day, at least. Give the wastebasket an unopened pack.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lodged in the Kent County Jail on Friday evening, Nov. 2, on charges of fleeing and eluding police officers was Dewayne Cadwallader. He faced arraignment on Monday in 63rd District Court.

Gregory Scott Janeschek was lodged in the Kent County Jail on Wednesday, Oct. 31 for driving while license revoked. Issued an appearance for minors in possession of alcohol and having open containers of alcohol in a motor vehicle on Wednesday were: Gregory Janeschek, Lori Vanderveen of Grand Rapids, Michael Alderink of Ada, Douglas Blocher of Alto and a juvenile female.

Taken to the Kent County Jail, and charged with resisting and obstructing a police officer was Maurice Mueller. On Thursday morning, Nov. 1, Mueller attempted to assault a Lowell officer on Monroe St. while being investigated on an assault complaint.

A total of \$200 damage was done to two vehicles in Wittenbach Sales and Service lot by vandals on Halloween night when paint was smeared on the autos.

Lodged in the Kent County Jail on charges of disorderly person was Steven Jousma. The incident occurred in the Lowell police station on Oct. 31.

Recovered by Lowell police on Monday, Oct. 29, was a Suzuki motorcycle which had been stolen from Grand Rapids earlier this year.

Maltha Allen struck and killed a deer early Thursday morning on M-21 near James St. A juvenile male also struck and killed a deer on Grand River near Division St. Friday evening.

Keith Miller of Belding was struck by Arthur Angus on Main St. as Miller attempted to make a left turn onto Riverside Dr. Thursday evening.

Robert McRae of Ionia was struck by a juvenile female driver on Main St. near Valley Vista Dr. on Tuesday, Oct. 20 when the juvenile changed lanes and struck McRae's car.

Debra Crout was uninjured when she collided with Patricia Covell on Main St. near Amity Friday morning, Nov. 2. Covell and her two juvenile passengers sustained minor injuries.

Lowell officers investigated 22 accidents in October of this year as compared to 23 in October of 1978. Eight of the 22 accidents were injury accidents making last month the worst for injuries so far this year.

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E. Beltline Work On Schedule



Work continues on schedule on the East Beltline which should be open later in the fall. Here another load of concrete is delivered for the eastbound approach of Lake Drive to the East Beltline.

Southbound lanes of the divided, four-lane, 3.2-mile-long, \$7,439,183 East Beltline between M-21 and Lake Eastbrook Boulevard have been laid, and pouring of concrete for the northbound lanes is well under way, reports Roger VanderMeulen, district construction engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

He adds that the road will be opened to traffic late this fall—on schedule—if there are no major delays.

However, he states that small details of the project, cleanup work and landscaping, will take place next spring.

Helping to expedite the project is a two-part machine known as a slip form paver which "mass produces" the laying and smoothing of concrete.

The concrete is released into an augur, which, as it rotates, spreads the concrete evenly. Another part of the paver does rough smoothing.

A crew in the back of this part of the paver lays heavy reinforcing steel mesh rods on top of the fresh concrete. The back part of the paver depresses the mesh to the proper depth and gives the final smoothing.

During the entire process, the paver moves slowly forward. In a normal workday, the machine can lay from 3,000 to 4,000 feet of concrete, 24 feet wide and nine inches thick, says VanderMeulen.—Dave Barnes.

Fongers Win Vegas Trip

Close to 400 people made the first Moose Lodge Las Vegas Night a success. With volunteer workers manning the tables and wheels, game players got down to serious business at 7 p.m. and were "buying" prizes left and right by 10 p.m.

Rick and Pat Fonger, 619 N. Monroe, were first to the prize table with enough winnings to "purchase" the grand prize, the trip for two to Las Vegas, Nevada.

According to John Minges, governor of the Lowell Moose Lodge, the project was the largest single project ever undertaken by the Moose. He reports that after expenses are paid, the building fund should realize about \$1,000 profit. The money will be put to good use improving the Moose picnic grounds located at Front and Jackson Sts.

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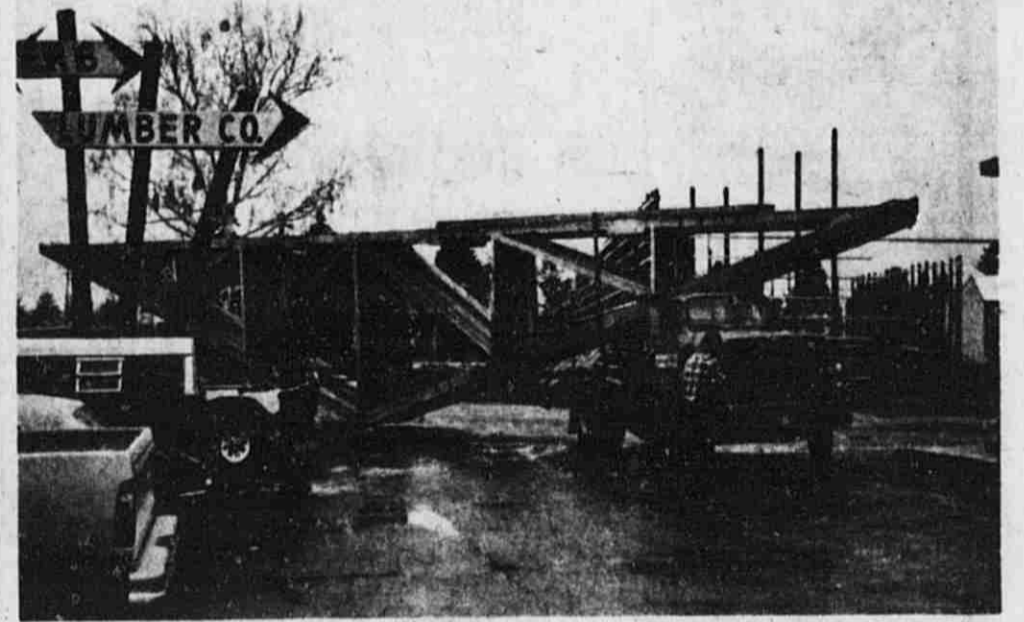
Erb Adds Two New Buildings

Erb Lumber Co., 925 W. Main, is completing work on a huge new storage addition. Four outbuildings at the lumber company have been taken down this year and the new building marks the second replacement building.

One storage area collapsed under the weight of snow and ice last winter and one that had to be torn down this year was the old Foreman Hatchery building that stood just west of Erb's entrance drive. The hatchery was built in 1939.

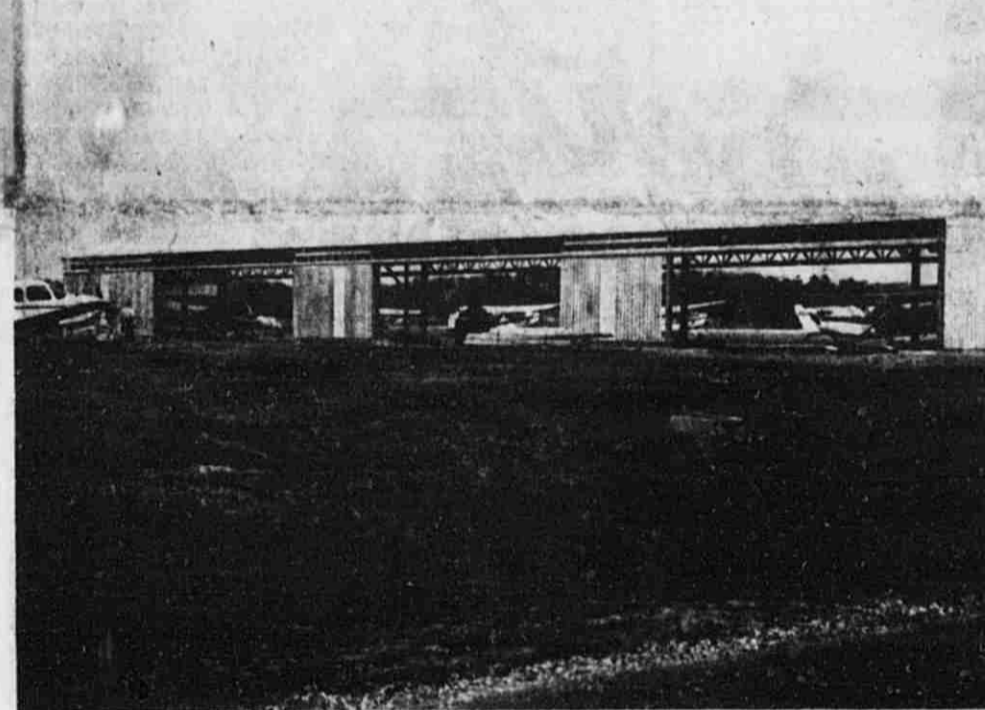
The largest building, now under construction has a price tag of \$92,000 and is being built by Stedfast Construction of Alto. It is 68' x 150' and will primarily house insulation and plywood. It will have steel siding and a shingle roof and boasts a 68' free span accomplished with huge trusses.

According to Jim Guber, manager at Erb, the construction will be finished and fully operational by mid-December.



Huge trusses were delivered this week to Erb Lumber Co. on West Main St. They will support a 68 foot free span roof on the new storage building addition. Work is expected to be completed by mid-December.

Hangar Nearly Done At Lowell Airport



Nearing completion at the Lowell City Airport is this new hangar with room for six airplanes. Built by owners Roger Odell, Jim Serne and Doug Olin, the hangar is the most recent addition to the expanding airport.

A new hangar is near completion at the Lowell City Airport on Lincoln Lake Rd. It is privately owned by Roger Odell, Jim Serne and Doug Olin. They built the airplane hangars themselves with help from Rick DuBois on Saturdays.

The hangar will hold six planes and will be completely finished by mid-November. Under the lease arrangement with the City, the hangar will become city property after 20 years of ownership.

Odell, Serne and Olin all own planes and will have three available on a rental basis.

The Lowell Airport is growing with the addition recently of a new maintenance hangar built by the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music.

Expansion seems to be due to the interest of the air school and from private pilots who are being squeezed out of the larger airports. Kent County Airport is now too busy, for example, to handle many small, private aircraft.

12 Attend Close-Up Seminar In G.R.



Kent Intermediate School District hosted an area seminar in the Close-Up program recently in Grand Rapids and students from Lowell were there to learn about youth in government. Standing, L-R: Chris Conlak, Sue Baerwalde, Brenda Scheidel, Barry Eldridge, Lori Reed, Cheryl Everhart, Jillia Grooters, Cheryl Graham, Maureen Hawley and Dick Prins; seated, Laura Yost and Tracy Timpson.

youth getting involved in government, and Lowell students were treated to informal sessions with Mayor of Grand Rapids, Abe L. Drasin and the Directors of the Planning, Water, and Transportation Departments.

In all Lowell students heard sixteen speakers. The Lowell Close-Up group is also planning to attend a one week seminar course in Washington D.C. this spring.

The group is sponsoring a Close-Up Trash-A-Thon November 3 and plans to collect trash in Lowell and environs. Students are seeking pledges from donors on a per bag basis. The group will also be selling Pointsettias during the holiday season. Money realized from these projects will help defray expenses of the Washington trip.

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Twelve Lowell Senior High School students participated in two hectic days of seminars as part of the 1979 local Close-Up program.

Area wide, over eight hundred students were brought together by Kent Intermediate School District in a variety of locations listening and sharing ideas with diplomats, clergy, business persons, politicians, reporters, mayors and bureaucrats. The focus of attention was

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Special Events For NCB Week

The Lowell Library announced this week several special events which will be taking place to celebrate National Children's Book Week during November 12-18.

Special activities for the week include after-school films for elementary school children. Two free movies will be shown at the library beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13 children may view "Tap Dance Kid" and on Friday, November 16, "Ransom of Red Chief". Each film lasts approximately 30 minutes. The theme for National Children's Book Week is "More Books in the Home" and in order to promote this theme the library will have a reading club for children in grades 2-6 or ages 8-12. The "Cabin Fever Book Club" at the group has been christened, will begin November 13 and run through March 1. Members will have both required reading and free choice selections. Parents should note that this is a great way to improve your child's reading and to keep them entertained during the long winter months.

Curtain Up On LHS Comedy

The curtain goes up this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 & 10 at 8 p.m. on an outrageously funny comedy, "Macbeth Did It" by John Patrick. Under the direction of Ivan Haney, Lowell High School drama teacher, the All School Play is in three acts and will be presented in the high school auditorium.

The play traces the trials and tribulations of a community theater production of "Macbeth" from casting through rehearsals to the opening night.



Jilisa Grooters and Steve DeNolf have two of the leading roles in this Friday and Saturday night's production of "Macbeth Did It", Lowell High School's annual All School Play.

Casting of the locals by a "pre-Broadway" director played by Steve DeNolf, includes assigning the role of Lady Macbeth to a lady whose closest connection to the theatre is that her husband owns one. Elitist complications and misunderstandings plague the cast

and director and leave the audience with permanent smirks.

Other leading roles are played by Jilisa Grooters, Mark Rehl and Helen Wittenbach. They are supported by a cast of 26. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$1.50.

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Letters...

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to thank all our generous sponsors who helped make the Lowell Close-Up Trash-A-Thon a success. Saturday, Nov. 3, we collected 84 garbage bags of refuse in Lowell in order to help defray the cost of our Washington D.C. trip this spring. We would also like to thank the City of Lowell for the donation of the bags.

Sincerely,
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Obituaries...

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Thurs., Nov. 8
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Saturday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 P.M.

Having sold our Farm and moving we will sell at Public Auction Sat., Nov. 10th, at 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. General Bridge Rd. 4 miles N. of Lowell on Lincoln Lake to Fallburg Rd. Right to Covered Bridge Rd., over the Covered Bridge, 2nd place on right.

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Grieves - Robinson Vows Spoken

Pamela Jo Robinson and Christopher Jon Grieves were united in marriage on Saturday, September 22 at St. James Catholic Church in Grand Rapids in a most nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, 1141 Lake Michigan Drive NW, Grand Rapids. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Grieves, 6160 Bowen Road, Saranac.

Matron of Honor was Jan Heath with Bridesmaids Lori McMahon, Peggy Newton and Jamie Prenger.

Jon Storzick was Best Man with Groomsman Dave Courter, Dave Dixon and Steve Holmes. Ushers were Kevin Robinson and Mark Robinson.

The wedding reception was held at Shady Acres in Lowell with Greg and Val Robinson serving as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Grieves will reside in Saranac.

MICHI-FACTS
The first mile of concrete in the world was laid in 1909 on Woodward Avenue between Six and Seven Mile Roads, in Detroit, Michigan. The cost at that time was \$13,537, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce.

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Coming Events...

THURS., NOV. 8: Holiday Bazaar. First Congregational Church from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THURS., NOV. 15: The Noel Village Bazaar to be held at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Among the offerings will be baked goods and candies, cards and stationery, handcrafted accessories and decorations, creative stitchery kits, SERV gifts from around the world, kitchen helpers, and used treasures of great variety in "Ye Olde Junk Shoppe". Children 12 and under may shop without parents in their special "Saint" Nicholas Shoppe. A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be served from 11 to 1 p.m. and a Spaghetti Supper will be offered from 5:00 to 7:00 that evening.

THURS., NOV. 15: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will hold their November convocation at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple in Lowell. This is one week earlier than is customary to avoid Thanksgiving. It will be preceded by the customary potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., also in the Temple.

Workings of the Juvenile Court.

THURS., NOV. 15: Golden Swingers will meet for potluck supper at 6 p.m. in the Home Room of the high school. Bring coffee furnished. Program will follow. Call 897-8565 for information call Kitty Brent ADJ. 897-8595. We will also be hosting the 5th District meeting with a holiday party on Dec. 27th with all members welcome. Plan now.

MON., NOV. 12: Annual American Legion Veteran's Day Dinner, free to all area veterans, will be held at the American Legion Post Hall at 805 E. Main, Lowell, at 6:30 p.m. We especially would like all Vietnam Vets to join us. Also invited are all Auxiliary members. For information call Kitty Brent ADJ. 897-8595.

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The Back Page...

Postmaster Offers Tips

One of the lesser known, but very effective package delivery services offered by the U.S. Postal Service is Priority Mail, according to Postmaster Charlie Doyle.

"When you send a package by Priority Mail, it is separated from the regular parcel mail stream and treated as First-Class Mail," said Postmaster Doyle. "If the destination is

nearby, the package receives expedited surface transportation. For all other places in the U.S., Priority Mail packages go by air," he said.

As a result, more than 35 percent of Priority Mail packages are delivered the next day, and over 90 percent are delivered within three days. Postmaster Doyle explained that the cost for a small package is not much more than Parcel Post and about one third the cost of overnight services.

For example, a one-pound package sent from New York to Los Angeles costs only \$2.25. A five-pound package mailed coast-to-coast costs only \$4.83.

Another advantage, says Postmaster Doyle, is that Priority Mail delivers packages everywhere in the United States unlike competitive parcel services which cannot deliver to every address in the country. Through international agreements with over 160 countries, packages can be delivered anywhere in the world that mail is delivered. Packages for foreign countries must specify "Air," however.

A wide variety of options such as insurance, C.O.D. and Special Delivery are available for use with Priority Mail.

The Postmaster urged package mailers to specify "Priority Mail" the next time they have packages that need prompt delivery, but don't justify the high cost of overnight service.

"Of course, if you have a package that has to get there overnight, then Express Mail is probably your answer," the Postmaster pointed out. "And if cost is the major consideration, then the best buy is Parcel Post, especially for heavier packages going long distances."

Michigan Bell Announces Two New Services

Michigan Bell today introduced two new services to give sports fans and astrology buffs the latest scoop on what's happening in sports and the stars.

Warren Alexander, Michigan Bell general manager-residence-marketing, said Sportsphone and Dial-A-Horoscope provides hotlines to fast-breaking sports news and all the signs of the zodiac.

Jeanne Dixon, astrologer and widely syndicated columnist, provides the daily horoscopes. Alexander said, and Sportsphone "provides one of the most current and immediate sports information services in the state—stressing Michigan teams and scores."

Calls to Sportsphone and Dial-A-Horoscope cost 15 cents each, plus applicable zone or long distance charges and taxes. The 15-cent charge does not apply to calls from coin phones.

The new services will give Michigan astrology and sports enthusiasts the same kinds of information they have been getting from New York or Chicago, without calling out of state, Alexander said.

In the last nine months, he noted, Michigan callers made about 600,000 long distance calls to sports and astrology numbers in New York City and Chicago.

Based on that kind of customer interest, Alexander said, the company expects Michigan callers will make an average of 33,000 calls a day to Michigan Bell's two new services.

Updated at least 40 times a day and more often than that on busy sports weekends, Sportsphone features fast-breaking news and scores, exclusive interviews, commentaries and sports trivia, Alexander said.

He said the 60-second recorded messages are produced by outside firms.

Alexander said callers shouldn't run into busy signals or telephone "traffic jams" because the two services will be handled by a new electronic telephone system which can answer 1,250 calls simultaneously.

The Sportsphone number is 1-976-1313. The 12 Dial-A-Horoscope numbers are:

Aries, 1-976-5050; Taurus, 1-976-5151; Gemini, 1-976-5252; Cancer, 1-976-5353; Leo, 1-976-5454; Virgo, 1-976-5656; Libra, 1-976-5757; Scorpio, 1-976-5858; Sagittarius, 1-976-

5959; Capricorn, 1-976-6060; Aquarius, 1-976-6161; Pisces, 1-976-6262.

No matter where they're calling from, including the Detroit area, callers must dial the prefix numeral "1" to reach both Sportsphone and Dial-A-Horoscope, Alexander said.

Those calling from outside the "313" area, he said, must dial the prefix "1" followed by the "313" area code.

One of every 8 children in the U.S. is a stepchild. Re-marriages have created 500,000 step-parents annually over the past 10 years.

Board Changes

Meeting Site

The regular meeting of the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education will be on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall.

Agenda for the meeting is as follows: 1. Bus bids. 2. Policy revisions. 3. Transportation. 4. Elementary Health Program report.

COME AND GET 'EM — Ledger Scratch Pads, 40¢ a pound.


VETS MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Half of all veterans who served during the Vietnam War are still eligible for GI Bill education benefits, according to Veterans Administration statistics.

Although 65 percent of the 9 million-plus veterans of the Vietnam Era have used the GI Bill, VA estimates that more than five million are entitled to some or all of the training time they earned.

The estimate is based on the number of veterans who have not reached the tenth anniversary of their separation from military service when, by law, their GI Bill education rights expire.

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By Roger Brown

NO MORE LIONS
 Well, it's that time of the year again. Time for my annual boycott of the Detroit Lions. I've suffered with them long enough and now I'm through wasting three good hours every Sunday afternoon. Never again will I watch Jeff Komlo get sacked three times in a row. Never again will I watch Rick Kane fumble the ball. Never again will I watch a potentially game saving Benny Ricardo field goal get blocked. Never again, never again, never again.

At least until next year. Oh, and I might have to watch part of the Thanksgiving Day game.

"JAWS" AND THE WEAK AT HEART
 My wife absolutely refuses to attend any horror movie, disaster movie, or especially, any suspense movie. The last, and only time that she went to a movie of this type, was about six years ago. We had stopped by to see some friends and they were just leaving to see "Towering Inferno". Terese reluctantly agreed to go, and we went with them. She might as well have stayed in the car, because she had her eyes closed most of the way through it.

Consequently, I never get to see a movie like "Jaws" until it finally makes the tube. After watching it, I'm inevitably told by someone who saw the original, that the edited television version wasn't worth sitting through the commercials for. Then I'm forced to go through life wondering what I missed.

There is a bright side to this situation though. Since Terese refuses to go to the suspenseful movies that I like, I in turn, am entitled to refuse to attend the mushy, love story movies that she likes.

I SHOULD STICK TO PRINTING PRESSES
 My wife has a little foreign car. Last week, the water pump went kapoobie. I ordered a new pump, and on Saturday morning I went to the task of installing it.

Now, I've never installed a water pump before, in fact, I had a little trouble in even locating it. When I finally got the old one off, the car's antifreeze ran all over my garage floor. I had neglected to put a drain pan under it.

In the process of taking off the pump, I dropped some of the bolts used to attach it. When I crawled under the car after them, I soaked one side of my head in the puddle of antifreeze. This necessitated a shampoo since I didn't know what effect antifreeze has on human hair. I did know that I didn't want one side of my head dyed a different color than the other.

The head dunking was pretty typical of how the rest of the operation went, but after about four hours, the new water pump was installed. Trouble was, and still is, it didn't work. I've got one more thing to try before I tow it into a shop and let a mechanic fix it.

The more experiences I have like this, the more I think I should leave the repair of internal combustion engines to somebody who knows something about them. And I'll stick to my printing presses.

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The Grand Valley Ledger and Lowell area merchants will again sponsor a First Buck Contest. The rules are simple. The first hunter, male or female, to show up at the Ledger office, 105 N. Broadway next to the Post Office on opening day of deer season (Nov. 15, 1979) with a validly tagged buck (definitely the male of the species, only), will win a hunter's bonanza.

From Lippert's Pharmacy, the winner will get a large hunter-orange Hot Seat. From Anderson Shoes, the winner will get a hunter-orange knit cap and vest. From Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing, the winner gets a \$9.50 value flannel shirt.

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