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**Above The Board**

## Schools Try To Balance El Attendance, Again

"Out of necessity and to comply with contractual obligations, we must again review our elementary attendance areas," stated Superintendent Kelly at Monday night's school board meeting.

Kelly went on to explain that the Lowell Area Schools are experiencing a significant imbalance in enrollments at the elementary school level. Plans being considered would involve many less students than last year, as the proposal this year would only balance class loads, not move more classrooms to Alto.

Under the new teacher master contract, class sizes are grievable in the coming year, but already some 3 letters of concern have been received from Bushnell teachers, with 7 at Runciman. Superintendent Kel-

ly assured board members that the public would be well aware of discussions and meetings, with present plans calling for a public meeting.

Letters will be sent to parents whose children might be affected prior to the meetings and before final decisions are made. He hopes that the final decisions will be made by March or April. Board members felt that the changes should be such that they would be effective over a period of years.

In a vote of 4 to 3, the Board denied Mark Weber's request that board policy be waived and the Ski Club be permitted to go on an overnight trip to a ski lodge in Northern Michigan. The fact that the club is coeducational, liability, and setting a precedent for future activities seemed to trouble some of the board

members.

Gordon Gould, director of student services, reported that Lowell students continue to improve in the areas of reading and math according to Michigan Assessment Test results. These tests are given yearly to fourth and seventh graders, with tenth graders being involved for the first time this year. Gould continued that our students have made progress since the testing began in 1969, and that more and more of our students are meeting more of the test objectives. President Roger Kropf asked what actual effect such testing has on individual students' knowledge or learning, and Dirk Venema explained that the next step is an items analysis, the end product being

an improvement in reading and math skills for each student.

Board members agreed to hold a special meeting on January 21 to interview three final candidates for the vacancy created by Business Manager Bob Coussens' resignation which is effective February 1.

Motions were passed to offer Superintendent Kelly a contract for the 1980-81 year, the board having evaluated his performance at a special meeting on January 9, and to appoint Phil Christensen head boys' track coach; Cathy Talus head girls' track coach, and Mike Kazmier ski assistant track coach for this spring's activities. Phil Christensen will be head football coach for the 1980-81 season.

## Rebuild Effort Raises \$\$\$, Ada Spirit, Too

Every project seems to have its side benefits and the drive to rebuild the Ada Bridge is no exception. Members of the Rebuild-Ada Bridge Committee manned (womened?) a booth in the Ada Friendly Owl supermarket last week in conjunction with a fund raising effort by the market and ended up meeting nearly every able body in the village.

"All that was missing was an old pot-bellied stove or a cracker barrel," said John VanderVeen, chairman of the committee. "People brought in their personal pictures of the Bridge to share with us and took the time to exchange memories, too."

The supermarket had pledged that for every \$20 spent in the store accompanied by an Ada Bridge coupon from their weekly advertising, Friendly Owl would donate \$1 to the RABC. The final donation amounted to \$545. However, the committee realized nearly \$1,000 for the week after adding the amount raised in the sale of bridge memorabilia.

Members of the RABC are selling color prints of the bridge already matted for \$25, Ada Bridge mugs (originals by the Franciscan Sisters in Ada) and "Rebuild" buttons.



The fund drive sign is a bit behind the times as it proclaims the progress of the drive to fund rebuilding of the Ada Bridge. Rebuild Ada Bridge Committee chairman John VanderVeen reports that there will be \$7,000 in the fund by the end of this week.

Twelve RABC workers called everyone in the Ada phone directory to tell them of the supermarket promotion and Friendly Owl manager Don Pulaski was amazed at the response. "I saw many Ada natives in the store who do not usually shop here, so the phoning really worked," he said. He has promised to make every

Wednesday Ada Bridge Day with the same donation going to the fund raising effort.

The RABC is planning to mount a Raffle campaign to bring in more money in February and March with the top prize a European Tour. There will be other prizes, too. On May 17, the committee will host an Historic Homes Tour.

The fund goal is \$45,000 for the committee which has a promise of matching funds from an anonymous donor. Estimates point to the \$90,000 bracket to rebuild the Ada Bridge.

Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Rebuild The Ada Bridge Fund, 555 Ada Drive, Ada, MI 49301. Every little bit helps, neighbor.

## Robertson Retires From Lowell P.O.



Alex Robertson of Lowell retired last week from the Lowell Post Office after traveling the west side of Lowell with mail for nearly 15 years.

City mail carrier Alex Robertson retired last week after 17 years of Federal service. He began his employment with the Lowell Post Office in 1965 and has delivered mail to the west side of Lowell since then.

Before his postal service, Robertson served in the U.S. Navy.

Robertson and his wife Evelyn plan to travel to Florida in February and make the most of their free time enjoying their three children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The latest of that line was born on Robertson's birthday.

The Robertsons enjoy both round and square dancing and have traveled to Muskegon for dances and dance classes for years. They plan to continue this pastime.

Carrier Don Dilly will be delivering mail to the west side now, filling Robertson's shoes (galoshes/snowshoes/ice cleats or thongs).

New faces at the Post Office are Jack Smith and Jim Herblert. Smith is a new sub rural carrier for Route 4 and Herblert is a new part-time flexible clerk-carrier.

Two area residents were injured in a car-semi crash on 28th Street in Kentwood on Monday, Jan. 7.

Jeff Bowen, of 6867 Centerline, Saranac was westbound on 28th Street when he lost control of his vehicle on icy roads. The vehicle slid into the eastbound lane and struck a semi.

Bowen was treated for minor injuries and facial lacerations and was released. A passenger in his vehicle, Christine Powell of 10191 Blue Water Hwy., Lowell was admitted to Blodgett Hospital with a broken arm and pelvis. She underwent surgery on Thursday.

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## New Officers At Helm Of Arts Council

New officers were elected to one year terms at the annual general membership business meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council on Thursday, Jan. 10.

New president of the organization is John Harper, 3281 Kissing Rock SE; vice president—Kathy Kemp, Vergennes Rd.; secretary—Laura Garcia, 1156 Blue Water Hwy.; treasurer—Jill VanAntwerp, 11612 Blue Water Hwy. New director for a 3-year term is Jane Gillespie, N. Hudson St.

Harper will announce his appointments for standing committee chairman and a new director at large in the near future.

Members of the LAAC gave special recognition to Chris VanAntwerp, immediate past president of the organization for his guidance and commitment to the LAAC from its inception three years ago.

Under VanAntwerp's leadership, the LAAC has grown from 35 members to 130. The organization has provided its members and the community with an amazing number of programs: Fallasburg Fall Festival expansion, three winter plays, concerts, the King Pool Graphic, Kiosk, school programs and workshops. The 35 charter members of LAAC presented VanAntwerp with a framed original painting by local artist Jan Johnson in appreciation of his devotion.

Other members leaving the board of Directors are: Gill Wise, past director at large, 2 years; Peggy Idema, past secretary, 2 years; Kathie Quada, past director, 2 years.

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**TAKE A CHANCE**

Lowell Showboat now has in circulation tickets for a 50-50 raffle to be held Las Vegas Night, Saturday, Feb. 2. First place winner will win 25 percent of the proceeds; second place—15 percent; third place—10 percent. At \$1, someone is going to make a very smart investment. Money raised will be applied to the Showboat debt as will the profit from the Second Annual Showboat Las Vegas Night. Showboat officials are making every attempt to make 1980 the year they "get back in the black". Over 900 attended last year's Vegas Night and had a great time as well as a profitable one. They'll be looking for you. Local merchants have the raffle tickets and/or the Vegas tickets (\$5). Just ask at Lippert's, That Special Place, Andersons, Natures Emporium and the Ledger.

**WITHER WEATHER**

Even the weather is not a safe topic for Michigan any more. About the only folks happy with the mild winter are those who drive a great deal and those who watch their home fuel gauge.

Local businessmen are looking for the snowfalls that have made the area a heaven for shovel and antifreeze salesmen for the last three years. Actually, the weather we've had is only 2.3 degrees warmer than average. (Last year, however, the average was 17 chilly degrees.)

Friday served up spring-like temperatures early in the day, then rain and wind, and finally the bottom fell out of the thermometer. We know. You're grinning in Florida.

**TIME CHANGE**

Keiser's Kitchen has rearranged hours on Monday and Tuesday and will not be open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. both of these days. Then they'll open at 6 a.m. on Wednesdays and serve up your favorite meals around the clock until 8 p.m. on Sundays.

**FOUNDER PASSES**

Members of the Levy Review Club were saddened by the loss of their founder last Sunday, Lyle C. Armstrong. Armstrong and twelve cohorts formed the "unorganized" group of males over 65 who met each morning at Thelma's Cafe in 1973 and moved to Rosie's Drive Inn when the cafe closed. They still meet at 7:30 each morning for companionship and to talk over old times. But sad to say, the number was just reduced to 10.

**ENOUGH ICE?**

Numerous releases have reached the Gremlin's desk promoting the annual "Tip-Up Town" in Houghton Lake scheduled for Jan. 18-20 and 26-27. Wonder if they will have enough ice this year? If you make this trip yearly, it might be good to call ahead.

**OFF THE BLOTTER**

In an attempt to get out of a ditch along M-21 near Valley Vista Trailer Park during the blizzard conditions on Monday, Jan. 7, Ervin Rose of Ovid, MI showered a car driven by Daniel Synek of Ionia with gravel. Three windows were cracked or broken on the Synek vehicle and it was also involved in a minor accident.

Two drivers were injured in a three car accident on Monday, Jan. 7. Janet Heath of Lowell was westbound on M-21 when her vehicle struck an icy patch on the roadway and she lost control of her car. The vehicle slid into the eastbound lane and hit a vehicle head on. The second auto was driven by Thomas Derosseau of Grand Rapids. His vehicle was struck again as it slid down M-21 by George Glasco of Grand Rapids who was attempting to avoid the other two cars by going into the ditch. Ms. Heath received facial lacerations, a broken nose and a fractured arm, and was transported by ambulance to Osteopathic Hospital. Derosseau sustained chest injuries and was admitted to Blodgett Hospital. Glasco was uninjured.

Denise Hoag of Alto was injured in an accident on Wednesday, Jan. 9 on M-21 near Valley Vista Dr. when her vehicle was struck by Gaylord Schreut of Wyoming as she attempted to make a left turn. Sentenced to serve 30 days in the Kent County Jail for disorderly conduct was Eugene Strauss of Greenville. Strauss was arrested Saturday, Jan. 5 by Kent County Sheriff deputies at Cumberland Manor parking lot on E. Fulton.

Stephen Jasinski was injured in a one car accident on Sunday, Jan. 13 when his vehicle slid on ice, went out of control and rolled over. Jasinski lost two teeth and sustained a bump on his forehead but refused treatment.

Nicholas Abby was arrested early Saturday morning, Jan. 12 for driving while license was revoked, and was lodged in Kent County Jail until his arraignment on Monday, Jan. 14.

## Lowell Savings & Loan To Merge With Saginaw Based Organization

Announcement was made this week of the imminent merger of the Lowell Savings and Loan Association with First Savings & Loan Association of Saginaw. The Board of Directors voted at their Jan. 14 meeting to adopt the plan which will go into effect after ratification by the members of the local association at a special meeting to be held on Jan. 28.

The merger has been under study for some time. Advantages of the plan revolve around Federal insurance, the addition of Money Market certificates and additional local mortgage money.

First Savings & Loan of Saginaw is one of the oldest and largest savings institutions in Michigan and is a mutual organization the same as the Lowell Savings & Loan. The 1st S&L of Saginaw has assets over \$500 million with branches in Greenville, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Ludington, Clare, Traverse City and other cities. Their record in those locales shows that over the years they have invested substantially more through mortgage lending than they have received in savings.

The Lowell Savings and Loan was founded in 1888 and has

been in business continuously since then, even during the Depression when other banks failed.

David F. Coons has served the local association as secretary and managing officer since 1954. His father ran the association from 1931 until 1954 when he suffered a stroke. The Coons family ran a men's clothing store for years until 1974 and was a second business within the store.

Office personnel at the Lowell Savings and Loan will remain the same with Coons as the Lowell manager and Norene Martin as his assistant. Five of the present directors will constitute a local advisory board: David F. Coons, Dr. Orval

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The merger marks the end of another era in banking in Michigan. The Lowell Savings & Loan was the last savings association in the state to remain Federally uninsured. According to Coons, "We had always preferred to run our own shop, so to speak, without being subject to Federal regulations when becoming insured."

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

The Republican party is meeting again in Michigan this year after a brief lapse of 126 years. On Feb. 22, 1854, anti-slavery factions of the Whig and Democratic parties met in a small Michigan town to form a new party. A few months later it took on the name Republican and, in 1860, elected its first president, Abraham Lincoln.

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# Obituaries...

**TUDOR** — Mrs. Olive Pennock Tudor, aged 78, of 920 Bowers Road, Lowell, passed away Friday, January 11, 1980. She is survived by her children, Ree C. Pennock of Clarksville, Mrs. Marvin (Gloria) Porritt of Alto and Phyllis Pennock of Sparta; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Clark Wooten of Sparta Baptist Church officiating. Interment Pennock Cemetery, Hastings.

**LAKE** — Angus C. Lake, 73, of 2159 Long Lake Road, Orleans, died Friday, January 11, at his home.

Mr. Lake was born on July 27, 1906, in Benzie County.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, of Orleans; four daughters, Mrs. John (Sandra) Baydon of Saranac, Roberta Haddell of Muskegon, Mrs. Wayne (Sonia) Stanton of Ionia and Mrs. Richard (Sharon) Head, work of Orleans; three sons, Monte, Lark and Vernon Lake, both of Orleans; three brothers, Donald, Elton and Vernon Lake, 36 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at the Hoffman Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth

Harger officiating. Burial in Orleans Cemetery.

**OVERBECK** — Ruth L. Overbeck, 73, of Lake Como, formerly of Clarksville, died Saturday, Jan. 13 at Putnam Community Hospital in Lake Como.

She was born on April 18, 1905 in Indianapolis, Ind. Surviving are her husband, Joseph, of Lake Como; three sons, James of Woodland, William of Saranac and Tom of California; 22 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Picken-Koops Funeral Home in Clarksville, with the Rev. Arthur Ruder officiating.

Burial will be in the Clarksville Cemetery.

**HAWLEY** — W. G. Hawley, 85, retired president of the First Security Bank of Ionia died Sunday, Jan. 13 in Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hawley was born in Ionia County's Keene Township on Nov. 30, 1894, the son of the late Gilbert and Hattie Blough Hawley. He attended Saranac High School, and graduated from Ionia High School, later attending Ferris Institute in Big Rapids.

Mr. Hawley was employed as an accountant in Ohio, and served with the United States

Army in France during World War I. He was senior officer of Ionia County National Bank from 1921-1937 and was self-employed from 1938-1943.

He accepted a position with the First Security Bank in 1944, and had attained the position of president upon his retirement in 1971.

Mr. Hawley married Lois Burdoff in 1917 and she preceded him in death in 1945. In 1946 he married Geraldine Scully in Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; one daughter, Katherine Syre of Kington, Wash.; two granddaughters; and three sisters, Blanche Weber and Bernice Grove, both of Ionia, and Sarah Redensky of Florida.

Private funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. George Con officiating. Interment will be in Butterworth Radcliffe Therapy.

**CLARK** — Lisle A. Clark, aged 82, of 9450 Cascade Rd., Ada, passed away Saturday, January 12, 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; his children, Loren and Dorothy Stevens of Grand Rapids, Robert and Iris Clark of Lowell, John Clark of Lansing and Richard and Marilyn Jane of Lansing; a brother, Ernest Clark of Ada; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Martin Fox officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

**BATCHELOR** — Mr. Gerald E. Batchelor, 61, of Jermyne St., Ionia, suffered a fatal heart attack Sunday, Jan. 13 near Carson City.

**ARMSTRONG** — Lyle C. Armstrong, aged 79, of 9727 Alden North, Lowell, passed away Sunday, January 13, 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; his sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Myra Wright, Mrs. Ethelyn Fairchild, Mrs. Lucy Cole, Doc Bryant, Harvey and Al Slater and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Martin Fox officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

**NUNN** — Mrs. Zelda M. Nunn, aged 56, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday afternoon, January 6, 1980 at Kent Community Hospital.

She is survived by one daughter, June Fagan of Saranac and two brothers. Funeral and Committal Services were held Wednesday afternoon with interment in Fairplains Cemetery.

**HE** was born on July 12, 1918, in Lowell, the son of Frank and Leah Wicks Batchelor. The family moved to Lake Odessa, and he graduated from Lake Odessa High School.

He married Marie Ginebaugh on March 28, 1941, in Hannibal, Mo. He entered the service in 1941 and served with the United States Army.

Mr. Batchelor was discharged in 1945 and returned to Lake Odessa, where he remained until moving to Ionia in 1949. He worked in construction for 20 years, and worked for the last 11 years as an engineer at Integral Engineering, Ionia.

Mr. Batchelor is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons, Gerald of Lowell and Raymond of Saranac; one daughter, Mrs. Edward (Judy) Batema of Grand Rapids; and six grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, Theo of Rochester; and three sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Ila) Swanson of Lowell, Mrs. Emerson (Frances) Staler of Lake Odessa and Mrs. Carl (Aileen) Goetz of Venice, Fla.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Ledrick Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Dow of the First Christian Church officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Garden, and a memorial fund has been established to the cardiac care unit of the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

**MTU Dean's List Announced**

A total of 746 students achieved placement on the fall quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dean of Students Harold Meese reported that 185 students earned straight A averages of 4.0.

The honor students from Lowell are:

John G. Lussmyer, a freshman in electrical engineering, son of Priscilla G. Lussmyer, 12950 Beckwith Rd. Rt. 1; Paul A. Miller, a junior in civil engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Miller, 224 Riverside Drive; Francis G. Simmerer, a freshman in business administration, son of Mrs. Catherine M. Simmerer, 9560 Decker Rd.

**Air Force Looks For College Students**

Seventeen to 27-year-olds with 45 semester or 67 quarter hours of college credits may now apply for enlistment in the Air Force in the rank of Airman First Class (two stripes).

Also, 20 semester or 30 quarter hours may qualify a person for guaranteed enlistment in the rank of Airman (one stripe).

The Air Force implemented the new "Stripes for College Experience" options for people without prior military service to enhance the recruitment of highly qualified people for the Air Force.

Persons with dependents qualifying for the rank of Airman First Class will begin earning \$776.70 per month in pay and allowances while a person with 20 semester hours will earn \$757.20 per month as an airman.

**WEDDING INVITATIONS** — & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**Happy Birthdays...**

January 18: Sue Wittenbach, Joyce Biemers.

January 19: Dawn Doezema, Evelyn Powell, Bob Whyte, Helen Morris.

January 20: Lynn Warning, Vi Strong, Mary Aldiffer, Agnes Krycinski.

January 21: Harold Goff, Chayne Avery, Jamie Veinot, Mark MacNaughton, Marilyn Dawson, Eva Vezel, Owen Harper, William Doyle.

January 22: Eddie Lowry, Mary Doyle.

January 23: Jim Bovee.

January 24: Garry McWhinney.

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**SARANAC MAN INJURED**

A Saranac man was admitted to Ionia County Memorial Hospital after an accident on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Michigan State Police reported that Paul Nickell Jr. of Saranac was traveling west on M-21 when his car crossed the center line as it came around a curve. A semi-truck driven westbound swerved to avoid a head-on collision and Nickell's vehicle struck the rear of the truck trailer.

No tickets were issued in the incident and investigation is still pending.

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# Saranac Doin's...

**Off the Blotter**

Michael Richardson, 6150 Potters Rd. was fined \$20 for disregarding a stop sign. Curtis Osborne Jr. of 5213 Bluewater Hwy. paid \$20 for speeding.

Ronald Shafer of 270 Church pleaded guilty before Judge Ward to driving while license suspended and was fined \$55 or five days in jail.

**Help For Home Seamstress**

New techniques to save the home seamstress hours of time and produce better fitting garments will be demonstrated at a Sew/Fit Workshop on February 6th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Zion United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 423 W. Washington St., Ionia.

The workshop teaches a quick method of altering patterns using wax paper and a tracing wheel. No longer will the home seamstress have to alter pattern by cutting them apart! Both slacks and dress pattern alterations will be covered in the four-hour course. Each person will receive 1/4 scale patterns to practice with.

Nancy Ziemann, the Sew/Fit Home Economist will be presenting the workshop which is being sponsored by the Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service. She will also demonstrate shortcuts of setting in sleeves, sewing patch pockets, seams, darts and collars—all without pinning or basting!

Quick, new and fun sewing techniques will be demonstrated at an evening workshop, "Sewing Magic" also on February 6, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Zion United Methodist Church.

The registration fees for both programs is \$8 (for the day program, and \$3 for the evening program). Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Make your check payable to "Cooperative Extension Service" and send to the Cooperative Extension Service, 110 E. Washington St., Ionia, MI 48845 by January 23.

To present this program we must have pre-registered group of 50 for the day program and 25 for the evening program. For additional information contact Roberta Rodgers, Extension Home Economist at 527-1400, or write the Extension Office.

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No tickets were issued in the incident and investigation is still pending.

**Go To School At Home**

The Ionia County Cooperative Extension Office is making available a number of correspondence courses prepared by the Pennsylvania State University. Bill Pryer, Ionia County Extension Director, says that for a small fee anyone can receive information on 115 subjects. With the high cost of energy, it may be desirable to "go to school at home" instead of driving to meetings.

Some examples of the courses available are: "Parliamentary Procedure for Common Use"; "Red Cross Chapter"; "Disaster Nursing Skills" for nurses willing to volunteer their help in time of disaster.

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**Help For Home Seamstress**

New techniques to save the home seamstress hours of time and produce better fitting garments will be demonstrated at a Sew/Fit Workshop on February 6th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Zion United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 423 W. Washington St., Ionia.

The workshop teaches a quick method of altering patterns using wax paper and a tracing wheel. No longer will the home seamstress have to alter pattern by cutting them apart! Both slacks and dress pattern alterations will be covered in the four-hour course. Each person will receive 1/4 scale patterns to practice with.

Nancy Ziemann, the Sew/Fit Home Economist will be presenting the workshop which is being sponsored by the Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service. She will also demonstrate shortcuts of setting in sleeves, sewing patch pockets, seams, darts and collars—all without pinning or basting!

Quick, new and fun sewing techniques will be demonstrated at an evening workshop, "Sewing Magic" also on February 6, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Zion United Methodist Church.

The registration fees for both programs is \$8 (for the day program, and \$3 for the evening program). Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Make your check payable to "Cooperative Extension Service" and send to the Cooperative Extension Service, 110 E. Washington St., Ionia, MI 48845 by January 23.

To present this program we must have pre-registered group of 50 for the day program and 25 for the evening program. For additional information contact Roberta Rodgers, Extension Home Economist at 527-1400, or write the Extension Office.

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Police report \$300 worth of cash and liquor was taken in the incident.

According to reports, a wooden door in the back of the bar was used to gain entry. All of the coin-operated machines reportedly were broken in.

Police say the incident occurred sometime between 2:30 and 8 a.m. Saturday.

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### HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion (Psalm 71:1).  
Driving on icy roads is hazardous. Riding with some drivers on a clear highway is about as dangerous. It is only after your destination has been reached that you feel free to take a deep breath.

Although there is no need, Christians are often guilty of going through life "holding their breath." If they allow fears to envelop them, worry when they should trust, try to work out their problems instead of allowing an all-wise Heavenly Father to do it for them, they are doing just that. "holding their breath." Too often Christians fret when they should rely upon Him to work out things in accordance with His will and divine plan. Instead of expecting God's best, they "hold their breath" and anticipate the worst. They ponder what the next calamity will be when they could recline in peace and confidence.

It is our privilege, Christians, to enjoy the journey heavenward in absolute confidence and safety. We need not go through life "holding our breath." There is rest for those who put their implicit trust in the Lord. They can "relax and trust."

Prayer: O Lord, I surrender my fears into Thy keeping and trust Thee to protect me on my journey heavenward. Let me never be put to confusion. Amen.

He'll keep you when the storm is with you when the flood is near. O trust Him, trust Him as a child And you have naught to fear!  
Author Unknown

### Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

I don't know when I ever saw weather like this in January, do you? We had a relatively warm December and now the sun shines, and the temperature has not been below 10°. Just can't believe it.

If we were to talk to you about the weather, you would probably have some kind of comment that would pretty much agree with what I said and probably go on to other statements about it. And it does give us a chance to start talking, especially if we do not know each other too well.

But what I want to know is this! Why is it so easy to talk with another person about the weather? Why don't we take us so long to get to the things that really concern us? And then very often we never really do learn anything worthwhile about the other person. Possibly the reason that we talk about the weather so much is that it is a safe topic. We really don't have to reveal too much about ourselves. We can blurt it out or cut it out and let the other person see the pain or the joy that is ours. And so we continue to struggle through our day, not really knowing that somebody else cares.

The fact of the matter is that there are other people who care. Some don't, I'll have to give you that. But there are people who care. It probably is a friend that you have known for a period of time. You have been in their home and they have been in yours. You have spent a lot of time talking about things like taxes, politics and schools, so you already have a groundwork of information about each other.

Chances are that when that person says, "How are you?" they really mean it. They really want to know how you are. They aren't asking the question just to pass the time of day. And they aren't just asking about your physical condition. They would not be offended if you really let your hair down and said "I got a problem."

You see, many times that person has a problem that they would like to share, too. They have a problem. We assume that we are the only one that has a problem. So, most of us do! And if we could learn to talk with others, it would help us to see that every one of us is human. Every one of us has some kind of a problem. And that most of us are trying to carry the problem alone.

We don't need to. All we have to do is open our mouth and begin to share. And by taking that risk the other person will feel free to share with us. So, the next time a friend says, "How are you?" tell them. And be surprised at the caring that you find in another person and the joy that they share with you.

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### cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Not that Teresa fancies herself as another Peggy Fleming or anything like that, but she is a pretty good ice skater and does enjoy skating. Consequently, every winter she has been married to a husband who has been married to her. I say it's for her, but I really tried to build a skating rink for her. I say it's for her, but I really tried to build a skating rink for her. I say it's for her, but I really tried to build a skating rink for her.

When we lived in Saranac, our house was on the millpond there. Yes, the millpond did have water in it then. Every winter I made an attempt to keep a skating rink cleared off there. When all that snow shoveling got the best of me, I bought a snow thrower that I really couldn't afford. I ended up shoveling anyway, because the snowthrower wasn't powerful enough to throw the deep snow from the center of my rink to the edge and then couldn't throw the deep snow that it had accumulated about halfway to the edge. So much for that idea.

I borrowed my dad's garden tractor with a blade to push snow with. It didn't work worth a darn either as the wheels slipped on the ice. I left it there overnight and the battery was dead by morning. There was no starting it by hand, so it just sat there until the spring thaw came dangerously close to sending it to the bottom. I got a crew of about six stout guys together and we carried it up the steep bank to the house.

Meanwhile back at mid-winter, I was pretty good about keeping a spot cleared off but soon ran into problems because of a freezing rain that made the ice all bumpy and impossible to skate on. I borrowed a gasoline powered pump that my dad has to drain his swimming pool with. I cut a hole in the ice, started it up and let it flood the pond while I went to watch TV.

What a mess when I went to check on the results of my flooding. The water had first flowed off in one direction leaving a frozen puddle there, and so on, until I had about twenty little skating rinks, all different heights and layered over one another like petals on a flower. The bumpy ice had been better skating. So much for ice skating that year.

Following years at the millpond didn't pan out much better except one year when mother nature did a pretty good job all by herself. This year, at our new house in Lowell, I decided to build a rink on the concrete patio. Every night for about a week after the holidays, I worked great. I had about an inch and a half of glare ice built up by last Tuesday morning. How was I to know it was going to be sunny and sixty on Wednesday. I watched as all my efforts melted and ran off into the yard.

I'm just glad I don't have a swimming pool, cause sure as the world it would freeze up on me in July or I'd run my lawn mower into it, or something.

### Coming Events...

WED., JAN. 16: Camp Fire Leaders will meet at the home of Betty Coons at 8 p.m.

THURS., JAN. 17: Single Parent Support Group will meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ada Congregational Church.

FRI., JAN. 18: "A Night At Big Jack" by BOA at east building of Grand Rapids Public Museum at 8 p.m. Free Admission.

MON., JAN. 21: Lowell American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. at the Clark Ellis Post club programs. Susan Doyle will present the program on her trip to the United Kingdom. Call 897-8258 if you need a ride.

THURS., JAN. 24: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will host local District Deputy Instructor for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a regular convocation afterward at 7:30, all in the Masonic Temple at Lowell.

SAT., SUN., JAN. 26, 27: Kent County Catholic War Veterans Convention, St. Alphonsus Auditorium, 228 Carrier St. NE, Grand Rapids. For reservations and tickets call 459-7065 or 459-2192 by Jan. 16.

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Mrs. Samuel Tanner, Belding

EDITOR'S NOTE: From time to time, the Ledger receives letters intended for this space which are unsigned. Letters must be signed and include the writer's address or we must decline to print them. The Ledger reserves the right to edit letters for language and length. We welcome comments on items of interest to the community.

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Respectfully,  
Ruth Gerst

### WC Donates Band Uniform

Mrs. Randall, president of the Lowell Women's Club, introduced Mr. Robert Rice, band director of Lowell High School, and Mrs. Steven Bauer, club member and artist of fine china painting, of Lowell, at the club meeting on January 9.

The club presented Mr. Rice with a check for \$200 toward the purchase of the Lowell High School Band. He brought two complete uniforms for members to see.

A gift of money was sent to "Girl's Town". The Lowell Women's Club was very proud to receive a red ribbon, for the different achievements this past year. The WC won 100 points and second place on the honor score sheet at the West Central district of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Michigan.

Also, Mrs. Don Kelly, department chairman on education, gave a mini-report on the subject.

The program on fine arts given by Mrs. Bauer, was outstanding. Forty-one ladies appreciated the display of many beautiful hand-painted items. All painted by Mrs. Bauer. She demonstrated her painting during the program.

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**HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS**  
by Pauline E. Spray

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion (Psalm 71:1).  
Driving on icy roads is hazardous. Riding with some drivers on a clear highway is about as dangerous. It is only after your destination has been reached that you feel free to take a deep breath.

Although there is no need, Christians are often guilty of going through life "holding their breath." If they allow fears to envelop them, worry when they should trust, try to work out their problems instead of allowing an all-wise Heavenly Father to do for them, they are doing just that, "holding their breath." Too often Christians fret when they should rely upon Him to work out things in accordance with His will and divine plan. Instead of expecting God's best, they "hold their breath" and anticipate the worst. They ponder what the next calamity will be when they could recline in peace and confidence.

It is our privilege, Christians, to enjoy the journey heavenward in absolute confidence and safety. We need not go through life "holding our breath." There is rest for those who put their implicit trust in the Lord. They can "relax and trust."

Prayer: O Lord, I surrender my fears into Thy keeping and trust Thee to protect me on my journey heavenward. Let me never be put to confusion. Amen.

He'll keep you when the storm is wild,  
And when the flood is near:  
O trust Him, trust Him as a child  
And you have naught to fear!  
Author Unknown

**OPEN LETTER**

Dear friends,  
Rearrangement of funeral service is especially sensible where there are no close family members to properly assume the funeral responsibilities. The concerned person may select his clergyman and funeral director in advance, decide details of the burial and service, and place the expense funds in a trust for that purpose.

Respectfully,  
David Child

**WC Donates Band Uniform**

Mrs. Randall, president of the Lowell Women's Club, introduced Mr. Robert Rice, band director of Lowell High School, and Mrs. Steven Bauer, club member and artist of fine china painting, of Lowell, at the club meeting on January 9.

The club presented Mr. Rice with a check for \$200 toward a uniform for the Lowell High School Band. He brought two complete uniforms for members to see.

A gift of money was sent to "Girl's Town." The Lowell Women's Club was very proud to receive a red ribbon for the different achievements this past year. The WC won 180 points and second place on the honor

**Society Notes...**

**Reflections From Outer Space**  
By Rev. Jerry Bates

Yours: You have spent a lot of time talking about things like taxes, politics and schools, so you already have a groundwork of information about each other. Chances are that when that person says, "How are you?" they really mean it. They really want to know how you are. They are asking the question just to pass the time of day. And they aren't just asking about your physical condition. They would not be offended if you really let your hair down and said "I got a problem."

You see, many times that person has a problem that they would like to share. Too. They are just waiting for someone to take a risk and let them know they have a problem. We assume that we are the only one that has a problem. Sad to say, most of us do. And if we could learn to talk with others, it would help us to see that every one of us is human. Every one of us has some kind of a problem. And that most of us are trying to carry the problem alone.

When we are alone, we begin to strain. And by taxing that risk the other person will feel free to share with us. So, the next time a friend says, "How are you?" tell them. And be surprised at the caring that you find in another person and the joy that they share with you.

Keep the love flowin'...  
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**cozy corner**  
By Roger Brown

Not that Terese fancies herself as another Peggy Fleming or anything like that, but she is a pretty good ice skater and does enjoy skating. Consequently, every winter since we've been married, we've tried to build a skating rink for her. I say it's for her, but I really enjoy skating too, though I'm just grateful enough to keep from hurting myself when I fall.

When we lived in Saranac, our house was on the millpond there. Yes, the millpond did have water in it then. Every winter I made an attempt to keep a skating rink cleared off there. When all that snow showed off the best of me, I ended up shoveling anyway, because the snowthrower wasn't powerful enough to throw the snow from the center of my rink to the edge and then couldn't throw the deep snow it had accumulated about halfway to the edge. So much for that idea.

I borrowed my dad's garden tractor with a blade to push snow with. It didn't work worth a darn either as the wheels slipped on the ice. I left it there overnight and the battery was dead by morning. There was no starting it by hand, so it just sat there until the spring thaw came dangerously close to sending it to the bottom. I got a crew of about six stout guys-together and we carried it up the steep bank to the house.

Meanwhile back at mid-winter, I was pretty good about keeping a bank cleared off but soon ran into problems because of a freezing rain that made the ice all bumpy and impossible to skate on. I borrowed a gasoline powered pump that my dad had to drain his swimming pool with. I cut a hole in the ice, started it up and let it flood the pond while I went in to watch TV.

What a mess when I went to check on the results of my flooding. The water had first flowed off in one direction leaving a frozen puddle there, then it flowed off in another direction leaving a frozen puddle there, and so on, until I had about twenty little skating rinks, all different heights and layered over one another like petals on a flower. The bumpy ice had been better skating. So much for ice skating that year.

Following years at the millpond didn't pan out much better except one year when mother nature did a pretty good job all by herself.

This year, at our new house in Lowell, I decided to build a rink on our concrete patio. Every night for about a week after the holidays, I stood out in the freezing cold spraying the patio with a garden hose. I worked great. I had about an inch and a half of glare ice built up by last Tuesday morning. How was I to go it was going to be sunny and sixty on Wednesday. I watched as all my efforts melted and ran off to the yard.

I'm just glad I don't have a swimming pool, cause sure as the world it would freeze up on me in July or I'd run my lawn mower into it, or something.

**Coming Events...**

WED., JAN. 16: Camp Fire Leaders will meet at the home of Betty Coons at 1 p.m.

THURS., JAN. 17: Single Parent Support Discussion Group will meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ada Congregational Church.

FRI., JAN. 18: "A Night At Big Jack's" by DOAA at east building of Grand Rapids Public Museum at 8 p.m. Free Admission.

MON., JAN. 21: Lowell American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. at the Clark Ellis Post club rooms. Susan Doyle will present the program on her trip to the United Kingdom. Call 897-8258 if you need a ride.

THURS., JAN. 24: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will host local District Deputy Instructors for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a regular convocation afterward at 7:30, all in the Masonic Temple at Lowell.

SAT., SUN., JAN. 26, 27: Kent County Catholic War Veterans Convention, St. Alphonsus Auditorium, 228 Carrier St. NE, Grand Rapids. For reservations and tickets call 459-7665 or 459-2192 by Jan. 16.

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# Area Sports...

## Wrestlers Take 2 In Quad Meet

Lowell grapplers defeated two of three schools in a Quad Meet which included Creston, Northview and Wyoming Park.

The Arrows took on Creston first and won 38-30. Troy Hall (96) was beaten in a 2-5 decision. Dale Bieri (105) wrestled to a 13-0 decision over his opponent. Randy Roth (119) won by forfeit. Jeff Dykhuisen (112) and Joe Rathbun (126) both lost their weight classes.

At 132, Greg Martinez won his match, 6-0. Chuck Shrenk (145) was pinned in the third period. Tony Posthumus (136) and Jay Rickett (155) and Dave Christmas (185) all pinned their

men, bringing in points for the season. Dan Stuart (167) won 8-2. Dan Stuart (198) and Mark VanWeelden (Hwt.) both were defeated.

The Arrows took on Northview next and won 27-24. Hall had a quick pin in the first period. Bieri defeated his opponent by a decision, 4-2. Dykhuisen won 6-2. Roth lost a very close decision, 9-10. Rickett won 5-0, and Posthumus won 4-0 decision. Shrenk lost by a very close decision, 9-10. Rickett won 5-0, and Posthumus won 4-0 decision. Shrenk lost by a very close decision, 9-10. Rickett won 5-0, and Posthumus won 4-0 decision.

## Arrows Surprise Fremont

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## Fremont Squeaks

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## P-W Spoils Saranac String

Pewamo-Westphalia topped Saranac and broke their string of six wins Tuesday, Jan. 8 with a final score of 62-58.

Someone at P-W figured an effective game plan to box up Redskin Ben Tower and gained the lead by the end of the first quarter. Fremont switched from zone to man-to-man defense to get back in the game. They gained control of the ball for a few minutes but Wittenbach changed the direction of the ball to put it in the hands of the half.

## Don't Skate On Thin Ice!

Michigan residents and visitors are given a seasonal reminder by State Police Director, Col. Gerald L. Hough about the potential danger to persons who venture onto thin ice on outdoor water areas in early winter.

Hough said Michigan water accident statistics in the past few years show that non-boating accidents each year include some deaths caused by falls through ice.

## Second Shut Out For Lowell Icers

The Lowell Red Arrow hockey team chalked up another win last Thursday, Jan. 10, as they beat the Central Rams 7-0.

Lowell opened scoring midway through the first period on a goal by Bob McGrew assisted by Dan Sarinac and Tom Grim. Another goal scored with 21 left in the first period by Steve Ries unassisted gave the Arrows a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period.

## DNR Report

Skiers, snowmobilers, and winter enthusiasts rejoice. Winter is back with a vengeance. Meteorologists say the jet stream is in a winter weather pattern for the Great Lakes. Temperatures in single figures, winds, and snow tell the weather story.

Lakes should be making ice with overnight temperatures near 0°. Most District 9 waters are not safe or recommended yet. Brave souls who have ventured on thin ice report catches being spotty. Bluegills are running small but are available on most inland lakes.

**Council Proceedings...**

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

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 17, 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, Jackson, Warning, Lessens and Collins.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the December 3 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Warning.

Carried.

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

Yes: All Councilmen present.

No: None.

Absent: None.

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**

General Fund	\$12,811.51
Major Street Fund	\$1,111.08
Local Street Fund	\$6,234.12
Sewer Fund	\$2,451.89
Water Fund	\$56,004.68
Equipment Fund	\$1,374.41

Council discussed the resolution passed October 1, 1979 making an effective date of contract from July 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980. It should have read, September 30, 1981.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the date be corrected to reflect the September 30, 1981 deadline, supported by Councilman Carter.

Carried.

Council then discussed the purchase of a dump truck chassis.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Warning for adoption, supported by Councilman Carter.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell is interested in purchasing a 1980 Dump Truck Chassis; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received and tabulated as follows:

Thomet Chevrolet	\$14,899.36
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## Lowell Journeyed to Mt. Pleasant

Lowell journeyed to Mt. Pleasant for a tournament on Saturday. Four places were taken by Roth, Rathbun, Christian and VanWeelden. Second places were taken by Martinez and Rickett.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, there will be a home match against Zealand. Then on Thursday, Jan. 17, the Arrows travel to Coopersville. On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Arrows will go to Muskegon for a tournament.

## News Coverage Offered

By Red Cross

Jean Arendson, R.N., a Red Cross volunteer nurse, will teach lay people how to take blood pressure at a course beginning in February.

The Red Cross blood pressure course, "Vital Signs Module II," will be held on two consecutive Wednesdays, February 6 and 13, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter Building, 1050 Fuller, N.E.

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The course is free but there is a charge for the textbook. For information or to register, call the Red Cross Nursing Office, a United Way service, at 456-8661.

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**WHAT: LAS VEGAS NIGHT  
WHERE: DEER RUN GOLF CLUB  
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEB. 2, FROM 7 - 11 PM  
DANCING FROM 11 PM - 2 AM  
HOW MUCH: \$5.00 PER PERSON  
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IN PLAY MONEY  
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Always make sure the damper is open before lighting a fire. Keep the damper open until ashes are cool.

A sturdy spark screen that completely covers the fireplace opening is essential.

Follow the instructions on artificial logs. Burn only one at a time and never add one to a burning natural-wood fire.

Never soak home-rolled newspaper logs in flammable liquids of any kind. Never use a flammable liquid to light or relight a fire.

Remember the poker or tongs can get very hot. Don't burn trash or wrappings. They can become flying paper embers that settle on the roof. Aerosol cans, light bulbs and some plastics can explode in a fire or produce dangerous gases.

Keep rugs, pillows, newspapers, holiday wrappings and other flammable materials away from the fire area and out of range of sparks.

Make sure all fires are completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.

### Multi-Media Event At Museum Jan. 18

"A Night At Big Jack's" is a multi-media event scheduled for Friday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. in the east building of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

The story is told through slides, music and narration. It was created by the Detroit Observational and Astrophotographic Association (DOAA).

A similar multi-media event was presented at a meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council

last year and was well-received. That showing was courtesy of Jerry Persha of Lowell and Gary Roth of Royal Oak, both DOAA members, and was called "An Hour Before Dawn."

The multi-media event will be followed by the movie "Exploring The Milky Way", of special interest to novice and experienced star-gazers.

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The following donors have given a total of nearly \$2,000: Flat River Snowmobile Club, William Serne and sons, Dan Lessens family, R.E. Reagan family, Womens Club of Lowell, Orval McKay family, Benjamin Pools.

Paul's Showboat Restaurant, Schneider Manor in memory of Bill Jones, Middle School Concert, John Wellman DC, Clifford Walling, Tom Stahr, Richard King, William Faust, Rose DeLoof, George and Carole Anderson.

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### Lunch Menu

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Mon., Jan. 21: Fruit Juice, Lasagne or Goulash, Cole Slaw or Green Beans, French Bread with P-nut Butter, Whipped Jello or Choice of Fruit, Milk.

Tues., Jan. 22: Hot Dogs with Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Chilled Fruits, Cookies or Bars, Milk.

Wed., Jan. 23: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Jello with Whip or Fruit, Milk.

Thurs., Jan. 24: Fruit Juice, Pizza with Meat and Cheese, Garden Salad or Vegetable, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.

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