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## SPRING IS...

With the weather switching back and forth from car-wash warm to hip-boot slushy, Michigan residents can be sure that Spring is going to be as unpredictable as ever. And if spring is here, can the joggers be far behind?

Joggers should be reminded that pedestrian accidents claimed the lives of 354 persons last year, a figure that represents about 17% of all traffic deaths in Michigan. Common sense should dictate that certain basic precautions be taken while jogging: wear light colored clothing, carry some form of identification and be constantly alert to traffic.

Officially, spring begins Thursday, March 20. Buy a daffodil if you can't find a crocus anywhere. It will ease the gray-gloomies that come with the rains.

## WHAT A DAY!

Today, March 19, is the traditional day that the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano, the old mission in California (although how they can read a calendar, the Gremlin can't figure). It is also the day that the buzzards return to Hinckley, Ohio from wintering in the Great Smokey Mountains to rear their young. Bet that old song "When the swallows come back..." wouldn't have sold a single sheet of music if the composer had known about the Hinckley buzzards instead.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident on Tuesday, Mar. 11 was Arnold Totch when he backed a company truck into a parked car on South Broadway near the Michigan Wire Co. On Monday, Mar. 10, Steven Beattie of Saranac and a 16-year-old juvenile collided on East Main near James St.

Icy roads caused Ross Himebaugh to leave the roadway and hit a Bell telephone connection box on South Hudson near Bowes Rd. on Thursday, Mar. 13. Also on Thursday, William Kincaid failed to stop at the intersection of Howard and Amity Sts., striking a school bus.

Thomas LaBine of Alto lost control of his car at the corner of Broadway and Chatham Sts. on Saturday morning and slid into a picket fence.

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## Iceberging? NIX!

Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons has issued an official warning and a plea to parents on the dangers of a practice in this area called "iceberging".

Youngsters have been breaking off chunks of ice in the Grand River and poling them down the river a la Huck Finn in long underwear. Featured in an area newspaper recently, the practice has gotten several juveniles into hot... er, cold water.

The usually benign "Mudly Grand" can be treacherous in the spring as the radically changing temperatures alternately thaw and re-freeze sections of the river. Run-off from the surrounding area tends to quick-

en the current and water temperatures are well below freezing. Area fishermen know that a dunk in the water this time of year could well prove fatal. Youngsters are too inexperienced to be aware of this and parents should make their children aware of this fact.

Several youths were rescued from an ice raft last Saturday evening by Lowell police, fire and rescue units. Another group got more than a little wet on Sunday evening.

Chief Emmons urges area youngsters to stay off of both the Flat River and Grand River ice. It shouldn't take a tragedy to underline the dangers.

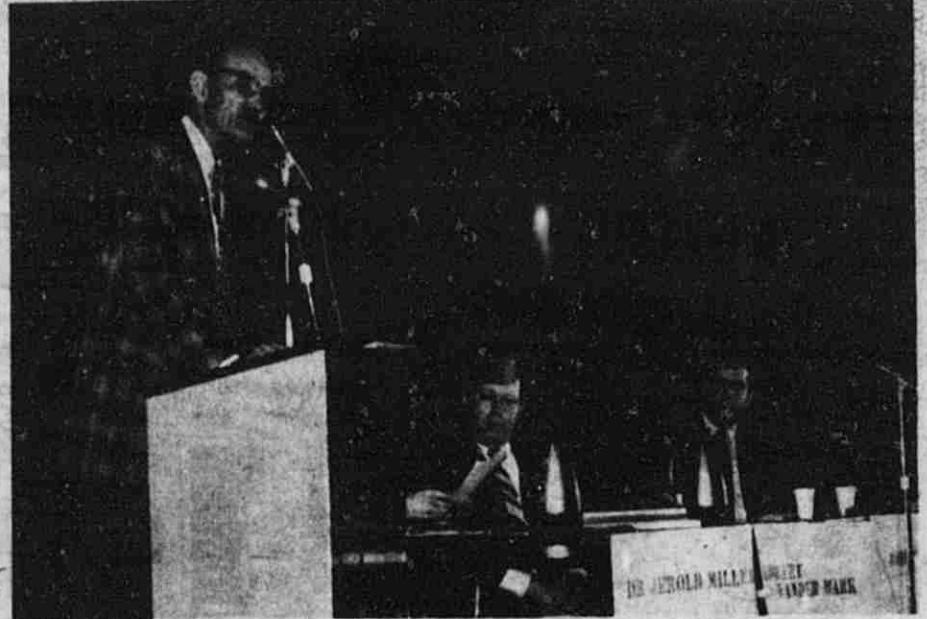
## Tisch packs 'em in

The so called, "Tisch Amendment" came to Lowell, Monday night in the form of Robert Tisch himself. Tisch was the headliner in a slate of speakers that included Dr. Jerold Miller, Director of the Department of Management and Budget of the State of Michigan, Robert Vandermark, Chairman of the State Tax Commission, and Dick Jacobs, an accountant for General Motors Corporation and Tisch supporter.

The meeting was organized by Vergennes Township Supervisor, Roger Odell and was billed as a taxpayer's informational meeting.

Between three and four hundred citizens turned out for the meeting held at the Lowell Middle School Cafetorium. Odell opened the meeting with a few remarks of his own and then put a question to Miller: "What is the Department of Management and Budget been doing to cut the cost of government?"

Miller claimed that the rate of growth in the state government had been cut



Robert Tisch spoke confidently to a large audience, a majority of which was obviously in favor of his tax cut proposals. The second microphone on the podium was placed there by TV reporters when Tisch began speaking and removed shortly after he was through.

from about 12% per annum in the 70's to about 5% in the current budget. Miller cited facts such as the Governor's veto of 84 items proposed for the 1980 budget and the Governor's curtailment of 87

separate programs which amounted to a savings of \$187 million.

In the specific area of property taxes, Miller referred to the "Circuit Breaker" which allows tax relief for

anyone paying more than 3 1/2% of their annual income in property taxes. Miller also noted that 300,000 senior citizens received an average of \$342 each in the property

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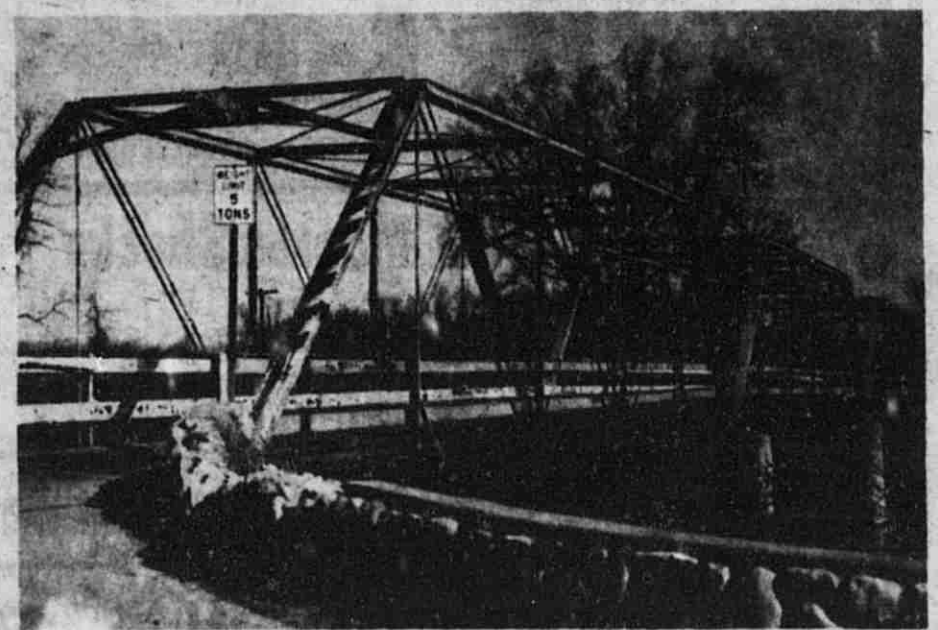
## Upper bridge gets funding

In a news release dated March 13, 1980, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that Lowell's upper bridge was one of the 46 in the state to receive funding in 1980. The upper bridge, (Division St. over the Grand River) has been slated for 90% state and federal funding of replacement costs. The bridge was declared unsafe and closed in May of 1979 and funding was applied for under the state's critical bridge program. The old bridge was built in 1895.

The estimated total cost of the new bridge comes to \$942,000 with the state and

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The days are numbered for Lowell's Upper Bridge on S. Division St. over the Grand River, and its replacement can't come too soon for area residents. The bridge had to be closed last May after inspections showed it to be totally unsafe. Word was received this week that construction of a new bridge at the site and demolition of the old bridge have received funding under the state and federal critical bridge program, the only one in Kent County to qualify. A modern wider bridge should be completed by the spring of 1981.

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# Obituaries

**CHIPMAN** — Lee Earl Chipman, 57, of Ruskin, Fla., formerly of Lakeview, died Wednesday, March 5, in Florida. He was born Oct. 9, 1922, in Lakeview. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his mother, Erma, of Ruskin, Fla.; two sons, George of Evert and Tim, who is with the U.S. Navy; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Wait of Cedar Springs and Miss Lee Marie Chipman of California; five brothers, James of Big Rapids, Clare of Ionia, Loren of Florida, Dennis of California and Keith of California; six sisters, Mrs. Louis Adams, Mrs. Thomas Johnstone, Mrs. Ruth Steffen, all of Florida, Mrs. Lynn Davis of Missouri, Mrs. Dale Bowers of Ionia and Mrs. Edwin Prusinski of Ada.

Services were held in Lakeview with burial in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Mecosta.

**JOHNSON** — Eric Scott Johnson, aged 28, of 9140 Bailey Dr. NE, Ada, passed away suddenly early Sunday morning, March 16, 1980 at his home.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John (Charlene) Butler of Ada; two sisters, Mrs. Gerald (Randi) Ellis of Alto and Mrs. Richard (Cindy) VanLuyn of Grand Rapids; two brothers,

Stewart F. Johnson and John A. Butler Jr., both at home; his grandparents, Mrs. Fredrick (Bertine) Hill, Mrs. Stewart C. (Ellen) Johnson and Olive Butler Sr. all of Grand Rapids and aunts and uncles.

Services will be held at 11 Wednesday morning at the funeral chapel with Rev. Robert J. Lignell of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the K.C.A.R.C. (envelopes available at the chapel). Eric reposes at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE at 3 Mile Rd.

**Zeigler** — Beulah Zeigler, 85, died Sunday, Mar. 16, 1980, in Ionia Manor.

She was born in Goldfield, Iowa, July 6, 1894, the daughter of George and Lillian Green. She married George Zeigler Oct. 27, 1917, and lived most of her married life in Holland Lake. Mr. Zeigler preceded her in death Jan. 3, 1956.

Mrs. Zeigler was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ionia.

She is survived by one son, Harold Sr., of Kalamazoo; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Nadeen) West of Westland; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Leddick Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Hausermann of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial in Balcom Cemetery.

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## Local woman at White House

Ms. Peggy Shade of 4706 Segwun, Lowell, was the invited guest of President Jimmy Carter on March 12 in honor of Head Start's Fifteenth Anniversary.

A reception for the occasion was held in the East Room of the White House with speakers Stuart E. Eizenstat, Lady Bird Johnson, Patricia Harris (the newly-appointed Secretary for H.E.W) and the President. Following the ceremony refreshments were served and everyone was greeted with a hand shake from Roseline Carter and Lady Bird Johnson.

Ms. Shade has been active in the Head Start Program for three years. She has been a representative for the Lowell area three years, Kent CAP Head Start Chairperson two years, National Head Start Association Board of Directors for two years and is the newly-elected Chairperson for the Michigan Federation of Head Start Parents, Inc.

She has recently been very active in Washington D.C. helping to aid the Head Start program through communications with House and Senate Representatives.

## Monsma in race for Congress

State Senator Stephen V. Monsma, D-Grand Rapids, has announced his candidacy for Congress in the Fifth District.

Monsma said he was running because he wanted to "help forge new policies" in the areas of energy, inflation control and defense.

Monsma has served almost six years in the Michigan legislature, first as a member of the House of Representatives from the 93rd district and now as a member of the Senate from the 32nd district.



Stephen V. Monsma

Monsma is a graduate of Calvin College (AB), Georgetown University (MA), and Michigan State University (PhD), all in political science. He taught at Calvin College for 7½ years before being elected to the Michigan legislature in 1974.

He is a member of the Grand Rapids Urban League, the Grand Rapids Right-to-Life Committee, Kent County Democratic Executive Committee, the West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Bread for the World, and the national boards of Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, the Association for Public Justice, and Evangelicals for Social Action.

Monsma is 43 years old, married, the father of two children, and a member of the Christian Reformed Church.

**AIN'T IT AMAZING** — It took Noah Webster 20 years to complete it, but on April 14, 1828, his masterful American Dictionary of the English Language was published. The massive volume showed a definite evolution in usage which separated American English from that of the mother country.

## Take care!

In children under 5, 85 of all poisonings are accidental. These poisonings can be prevented. The two most important factors in poison prevention are education and removal of potential hazard.

For very small children before the child is old enough to climb, the most important method of poison prevention is to remove all potent poisons from the child's reach. Once a child is old enough to climb, virtually anything that is unlocked within reach.

Both adults and children must learn what can be poisonous in their homes. The most obvious dangers are medications, cleaning or painting solutions. Many other items, also very dangerous to children such as vitamins, cosmetics, nail polish, nail polish remover, fumes, non-prescription medications, cough and cold preparations, and alcohol, name a few.

Having the number of your poison information center each phone in your home can save precious time in the event of an actual poisoning. The poison information center may instruct you to a syrup of ipecac and activated charcoal. For this reason it is important for every household to have these in medicine chest.

If you have small children and occasionally leave the house with a babysitter, it is important that you have a copy of "The Pharmacist's Babysitter Guide to Poison Prevention." This includes step by step discussion of poison prevention and what to do in the event of suspected poisoning. This pamphlet is available either from your pharmacist through the MPA, 815 Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. There is a charge for postage and handling.

## Info on arthritis at Ionia

John R. Duff, Central Region Director of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, will be speaking about so-called "cures" for arthritis at the Ionia Arthritis Meeting, March 25.

The Arthritis meeting will be held at the Pine Vista Apartments Community Room, 667 Union St., Ionia, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25. The meeting is sponsored by the Ionia Volunteer Unit of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, a United Way Agency.

Duff warns that "falling into the hands of a promoter

always harms the arthritis patient. Sometimes the product itself is dangerous such as the potent steroid drug offered in Mexican clinics. Yet, even if the product device causes no damage, the lack of proper medical treatment allows the disease to progress and possibly cause permanent disability.

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by Pauline E. Spray

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever (Psalm 37:18).

Back when I was a girl during depression days, I did not have as many pretty dresses as most girls do today. I had dresses for school—two cotton prints the fall I started high school. Then there was my "very best" dress which was reserved for Sundays. Sometimes I had a "second best"—one which was too good for school but not good enough to dress up. This was worn on "not so special" occasions.

God had a special plan, a "very best" one, for each life. It is unique and especially designed for the individual personality. His "very best" plan brings fulfillment and genuine satisfaction to the finder.

But there are many who have had to settle for God's

"second best". Perhaps they failed to seek His will for their lives early enough. Some never felt the need for God's guidance until it was too late. Others failed to make proper preparation. Fretting and grieving will not help these people. However, they can work willingly and faithfully at their assignments and finally claim the reward God has in store for those who must accept his "second best."

Prayer: O Lord, Thou knowest all about my days. Help me to work willingly and faithfully at the task Thou hast given me. May I so live that some day I shall joyfully claim my heavenly reward. Amen.

Oh, help us, Jesus, from on high: We know no help but Thee!

Oh, help us to live and die As thine in heaven to be. Henry Hart Milman

Ecumenical breakfast in Ada

An ecumenical Lenten Breakfast will be held at St. Robert's Church, Ada, on Thursday, Mar. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Tanya

Vonnegut Beck. Her remarks are entitled "Magnificat." Reservations must be called in before March 24 at 949-1360. Babysitting will be available at 50c per child.

Focus on family life

St. Mary's Home and School Association will hold their next meeting Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room of the school at 322 Amity St.

Since 1980 is designated the Year of the Family, the guest speaker will be Regina McClurg, Family Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. She is employed by Catholic Social Services. Before working with CSS, she spent three

years counseling youth in a drug abuse program in Muskegon, and prior to that experience, she taught school for five years.

Ms. McClurg will be speaking on the subject of parenting, dealing mainly with increasing a child's self-esteem, improving communication, and building stronger family relationships. Ms. McClurg will be happy to answer any questions on this topic.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

There are times that I am at a loss for words. This seems to be one of them. I just don't seem to have anything to say. So maybe you might as well put the paper down or turn to another page.

But this is true of so much of life. All of us come to those times when we just do not seem to have words to say. For instance, which one of us knows just exactly what to say at the time of death. Our hearts may ache for the persons that remain, but words just do not seem to speak what is in our hearts. The words that we do say often only seem to open up the floodgate of tears again. And yet we feel that we should say something and so we do the best we can and often God uses it to help.

Have you ever tried to describe love? I have. It is another word that defies definition. Oh, I know that you can find a definition in the dictionary, but this does not tell us too much about love. It is fun to ask young people in love, "What is love?" Very seldom can they tell you, but they are sure that they are in it.

Perhaps you have also been at a lack of words in the area of prayer. I remember

calling on a minister's wife in the hospital several years ago. She had a very serious disease of the eye. The pressure was intense and consequently the pain was great and drugs just didn't seem to reach it.

Her hospital room was dark as I walked in, and we talked. She told me how close God seemed to her. She mentioned that at times the pain was so great that she could scarcely pray and how glad she was that her life was in God's hands, that she was so glad she had prayed to Him before and she was sure now that He understood even when she could hardly do more than groan.

No doubt there are times when we scarcely know how to pray or what to say as we pray. Every person has those times of sorrow or pain or even deep despair, when words seem so inadequate to express our true feelings. And it just seems like no one understands.

There is much to be said for a regular prayer life, that is, regular communication with God. Every Christian ought to pray daily, not just now and then but every day. It helps if this time is at a certain time each day. The way we are used to talking with God and we know that He hears our prayers. For we talk to Him when His presence seems to fill the very room in which we sit.

When prayer is regular and meaningful, then when the time comes that we lack words because of one reason or another, we too can have the feeling that God is able to understand even our groanings.

It is not always necessary to speak in flowery phrases and long words. Whenever our minds have prayed regularly it is not like a strange knocking at the door and saying "God I haven't bothered you much before, but do want to talk to you now." It is a continuation of wonderful part of our lives given over to God.

2nd review at

The second in the series of Lenten Book Reviews offered this year by the Lowell YMCA will be held on Wednesday, March 26, in the rooms. Priscilla Lussmyer has chosen "The First Easter", by Paul L. Maier. Dr. Maier, Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, presents in text and photographs the true but somewhat unfamiliar background and setting for the Scripture story. The religious, social and political life of the time is vividly portrayed, making "the week that changed the world" more understandable and the Easter message the more meaningful.

Coffee and cookies will be served at 9:45 a.m. by the Lenten Review Committee. Evelyn Barnes, Stella Brashaw, Evelyn Briggs, M. Connell, Betty Coons, Julie Kronbach, and Mary Siebers. The public is cordially invited to come for refreshment and fellowship and stay for the program, which will begin at 10 a.m.

CONCERNED PROPERTY OWNERS OF LOWELL TOWNSHIP. A special meeting is being called at the Township Hall on March 20th at 8:00 P.M. Please come and voice your opinion on the new Zoning Ordinance. "One Concerned Property Owner" p18 & 19

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Tower signs with MSU

The suspense is over for Saranac basketball fans, a troupe of college recruiters and for senior center Ben Tower. Saranac's star center announced last week that he signed a Big Ten basketball letter of intent with Michigan State University.

The Big Ten letter, it must be pointed out, keeps Tower from playing with another Big Ten school but allows him to change his mind and sign with any other college outside the Big Ten before the national letter signing date of April 9. Tower has stated that his decision is final.

"I think Michigan State University is a good opportunity for me," Tower said. "I think I'll get a good education and have the opportunity to play with a great basketball team."

Tower said he actually signed the letter of intent Monday night when MSU coach Jud Heathcote visited Tower's home, but he still harbored thoughts of attending other colleges outside the Big Ten—most notably Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Stanford and Stet-

son—until late Tuesday night.

"We feel very good about it," Heathcote said from his office at MSU Wednesday afternoon. "I've been a Ben Tower fan ever since the first time I saw him play this year. He fits into our plans for next year and will definitely challenge for a starting position. He has the ability to start right away, but whether he has the experience is another matter. He knows the difference between High School ball at the Class D level and college ball, especially in one of the top basketball conferences in the country, is quite a jump. But we feel certain he has the talent to overcome that gap."

"It's always super to have one of your former players go on to college," he said, "much less be able to play basketball there and in a conference like the Big Ten, one of the best in the country, is even nicer."

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Off The Blotter

onia County Sheriff's department reports that Linda Yearby, 6097 Peck Lake Rd., was fined \$20 for speeding. Harvey Conner, Morrison Lake Rd., was also fined \$20 for speeding.

According to the State Police, Harold Desotell, 6495 Timpson St., Alto, was fined \$20 for speeding, as was Larry Starks, 7349 Parsonage St. Rosemary Hough, 191 S. Bridge St. was fined \$19 for having expired registration plates.

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SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH. [United Church of Christ] 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI. DIAL-A-PRAYER - 642-9650. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL 642-6322

Learn to kiln dry lumber

A workshop in kiln drying lumber March 24-27 at Michigan State University will offer participants both lectures and practical experience.

Participants will get to try a variety of procedures involved in kiln runs, using two conventional dry kilns and several measuring instruments provided by the MSU Department of Forestry.

The workshop will be held at the MSU Kellogg Center for Continuing Education and will be limited to 25

SICK VIOLETS?

If the lower leaves on your African violets seem to be rotting and falling off, the problem is called petiole rot. It occurs when the lower leaves rest on the rim of the pot. They get droopy, then turn brown and soft and eventually shrivel up. This happens when fertilizer salts build up over time and injure the fragile stems. Remove drooping leaves and cover pot rims with foil or tape to prevent further problems.

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## WC donates to Girls Town, business group

The Womens Club of Lowell met March 12 in the Manor. The business meeting included a gift of money to "Girls Town" and another to the Lowell Area Business Association for a brochure which would attractively point out Lowell's strong points for commercial and industrial interests and for those wishing to relocate in the area.

President Mrs. Randall read the report from the nominating committee listing the new officers to be presented for election at the April meeting. Mrs. Harding's guest was Dorothy Hoag and Edith Roth's guest was Bea Cery.

The program was a book review by Mrs. David (Betty) Coons of Lowell of "Hanta Yo" written by Ruth Beebe Hill, which tells about the Dakota Indians.

Sponsor Mrs. Stauffer and her committee chairman Ruth Jones, with Mary Sieber, Mrs. Staal, Mrs. Poe, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Gardner served tea.—Mrs. G. H. Noteware.

**PANORAMA OF POTTERY**  
New this year, the program demonstrates techniques for making and decorating pottery. Hands-on sections allow visitors to shape clay and try their hands at decorating methods. Henry Ford Museum, March 29 and 30. No additional charge beyond Museum Admission.

## Host families sought

Lowell Lions are looking for families interested in becoming hosts for a youngster from abroad for the summer. The youngsters would arrive in late June or early July and normally would stay about six weeks with their host family.

Some of the countries involved with the exchange program are: England, Finland, Japan, France, Holland, Austria, Sweden, Rhodesia, Switzerland, Israel, Canada, Belize, Germany, Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark and Uruguay.

The Lions Youth Exchange program is self-funded and has no paid employees. The program is a serious effort to help a young person share in the life of another culture.

For this reason, the host family should welcome the exchange youth from the first moment into their home as one of their own, and be willing to make allowances for small differences in culture or attitude. The family must be willing to cooperate closely with the host Lions club and district Youth chairman at all phases of the

## Good News

William F. Codling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Codling of 11316 Dorothy St., Lowell, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant. Sgt. Codling is a weapons control specialist at Rockville Aircraft Warning Station, Keflavik, Iceland.

Doug and Sue Wester will celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on March 23.

## They're engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hatt of Ionia announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Lynne, to Gregory Royce Hendrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hendrick of Saranac.

Hatt is a 1977 graduate of Ionia High School and is employed at Meijer's and The Clothing Care Center. Hendrick is a 1971 graduate of Saranac High and employed by Meijer's Warehouse in Lansing. A Sept. 6 wedding is planned.

**BUTLER** — Dale L. Butler, aged 39, of 5408 Mick E. Kentwood, passed away Monday, March 10, 1980 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Annie; his parents, Arnold and Louise Butler of Marne; two daughters, Mrs. Tim (ynthia) Shea of Grand Rapids, Tenia Butler of Wyoming; step-children, Stanley and Amy Bartling of yoming, Richard Bartling of Grand Rapids, Diane Bartling of Kentwood; a step-granddaughter, Amanda Bartling; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Norma Butler of Marne; four sisters, Mrs. Aubrey (Trudy) Corkle of TX., Miss Eloise (Lillian) of Lowell, Mrs. Terry (atherine) Smith of Wyoming and Mrs. Richard (Charles) Schultz of Coopersville; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Internment Cemetery Memorial Gardens. For those who desire, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Admission is separate for Greenfield Village and Museum. Admission is \$4.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children 6 through 12. Children under 6 are admitted free. Senior citizens \$3.50.



Nancy I. Rottier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Rottier of 6079 Wingeier, Alto, has been included on the dean's list of Bob Jones University, Greenville SC. Students must earn at least a B average to be included. Ms. Rottier is a senior in the School of Education.

Sgt. Mark A. Vallad, whose wife, Dorothy, lives in Montague, Texas, recently was assigned as a senior welder with the 8th Infantry Division in Baumholder, Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Porritt, live at 12918 64th St. SE, Alto.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nordhof of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of a new grandson, Toby, born to Barbara and Tom Leeuw on March 6. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leeuw of Grandville are also proud grandparents.

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**WED., MAR. 19:** Bushnell first grade girls and their mothers will meet at 3 p.m. in the Kiva to learn about Blue Birds, the first division of Camp Fire. If interested, but unable to attend, call Betty Coons, 897-7159 or Marilyn Keim, 897-9886.

**Mar. 19, 26 and APR. 2:** Lowell YMCA will sponsor Lenten book reviews. The public is invited to the Y rooms at 9:45 for coffee; the programs will begin at 10. On March 19, Phyllis Bieri will review "Go Out In Joy" by Nina Herrmann; on March 26, Priscilla Lussmyer will present Paul L. Maier's "The First Easter"; and on April 2, Patty Gunn will discuss "My Mother/My Self" by Nancy Friday, and "Of Woman Born" by Adrienne Rich.

**FRI., MAR. 21:** Music Boosters present their annual Gong Show in the Middle School Gym. Doors open 6 p.m., show begins 7 p.m. Cake raffle and refreshments. Tickets at the door: pre-school, 50c; students, \$1.50; adults \$2.50.

**MON., MAR. 24:** Lowell Women's Bowling Assn. will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Lanes meeting room.

**MON., MAR. 24:** Lowell Area Arts Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bushnell Kiva. Anyone interested in participating in this year's Fall Festival should attend. Working committees and steering committee will be formed. Brainstorming for new ideas. Everyone welcome.

**THURS., MAR. 27:** Cub Scout Pack 3188 Pancake Dinner at First United Methodist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. \$3 adults, 12-under \$1.50, 5-under free. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, sherbet and coffee, tea or milk.

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**THURS., APR. 17:** Music Boosters will hold their Giant Tupperware Party at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Proceeds to the new music department uniforms.

**TUES., APR. 29:** Annual membership meeting of West Central Michigan Historical Society will be at Runciman School at 7:30 pm. Program and refreshments, election of Board of Directors.

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## Cash croppers should calculate carefully

Cash crop farmers had best do some careful calculations if they are going to get the most profit possible out of their corn and soybean plantings this spring.

Dr. George K. Dike, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service agricultural economist, says current market trends do not hold promise for lucrative profits.

The current corn outlook is unclear due to the effect of

the embargo and subsequent uncertain effect on price of supply control measures that may emerge from administrative decisions.

Holders of corn should consider a couple of factors. First, the mid-Michigan base contract narrowed from post embargo extremes insuring that early hedgers were rewarded for storing hedged corn. Secondly, there is no reason to expect May or July

basis to perform differently but high interest rates will add three cents per bushel per month to the cost of holding corn.

Contributing to current soybean volatility (mostly on the down side) improved soybean crop potential in Brazil and Argentina and improved world fishmeal production estimates.

This reinforces the general bearish view of the market for any unpriced 1979 crop

soybeans. A large carryover of 1979 means into the 1980 marketing year which begins on Sept. 1, 1980 is very likely.

Projections for 1980 crop balance sheets using average yields and acreage estimates similar to 1979 suggest average 1980 crop prices not much higher than the average for the 1979 crop, perhaps 25 to 60 cents higher.

## MSU ag economist expects declining wheat prices

Forward contract some of your wheat; next year's prices may not be as good as they are now.

Dr. Don Mitchell, Michigan State University agricultural economist, expects prices to decline during spring and early summer.

A reasonable strategy would be to contract part of next year's crop on market rallies and wait for spring production estimates to make additional marketing decisions. If expected world production continues to develop as a record crop, U.S. prices

will probably decline below current levels by harvest. The upside potential is not great. Unfavorable weather is the major thing that could change his analysis. The downside risk is much greater with the loan level providing a benchmark or floor at

that extreme.

Wheat prices following the Carter Administration grain embargo to Russia remained strong because of export market strength. It does not appear the embargo will effectively reduce Soviet imports or U.S. exports. Gov-

ernment programs have also provided strength to the market.

But this kind of strength is not expected to continue. U.S. wheat acreage is likely to increase 10 percent above last year's level. If conditions are normal, we'll have a record crop. Add this to the expectation of 10 percent lower U.S. exports than was the case in 1979, and we have a large stock buildup that lowers prices.

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## Shopping for health insurance

How do you shop for health insurance? Find out what the hospital rates are in your community for room costs and other services before buying health insurance, say the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Unless a hefty portion of these costs are covered, it may not be a good policy for you.

However, don't go to the other extreme either. A higher maximum policy may be impressive when deciding on medical insurance, but it may be too wide-ranging for your needs. A good policy will cover a larger proportion of ordinary expenses of common ailments which you are most likely to incur, say the CPAs. A catastrophic medical bill is less likely.

Those covered by group plans through their place of work should carefully check their protection against others to decide if supplemental insurance is needed. Before buying this extra coverage, though, make sure there is no duplication of coverage or payment of premiums or benefits that cannot be collected. Health insurance companies check with each other to be sure there is no overpayment of benefits and you should check, too.

The most economical way to pay for health insurance coverage is to mail an annual check, the CPAs say. There are usually added charges, but it is paid in monthly installments or if the payment is collected by an insurance agent.

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## Sun is source of awesome power

The Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum has produced an all new sky show entitled "Capture the Sun" to run from January 31 to April 27.

This timely audio-visual program deals with the sun as a star of life and as a source of awesome power, which might one day be effectively captured to help solve the energy crisis.

The sky show is timed to correspond with the latest peak in the eleven year sunspot cycle, when we might expect dramatic solar-terrestrial effects such as magnetic storms, disruption of long distance radio communication and brilliant displays of the northern lights.

Visitors will learn how nuclear fusion, the process that powers the sun, might one day provide us with phenomenal amounts of energy free from the hazards of pollution and radiation.

"Capture the Sun" will be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. from January 31 through April 27. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75¢ for students. Children below 1st grade level cannot be admitted to the sky theatre. Groups of 35 or more persons

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## Workshop set for auto mechanics

An Auto Air Conditioning Workshop for automobile mechanics, sponsored by Ferris State College in cooperation with Kent Skill Center, will be held in Grand Rapids Friday-Saturday, March 21-22.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for automobile mechanics to gain skills and knowledge in the repair and service of automotive air conditioners, and prepare mechanics to take the Michigan Motor Vehicle Mechanic Certification Test for the specialty repair category entitled "Heating and Air Conditioning." The test will be given in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, April 23.

Workshop sessions, scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 21, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, will feature hands-on work with mock-ups and vehicles.

Enrollment will be limited to the first 20 pre-paid participants. For further information contact: Ferris State College, Office of Continuing Education, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Auto mechanic certification and recertification examinations will be given by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (NAISE) at Ferris State College, May 1, 6, 8 and 10. But the deadline for registration

forms to be in Princeton, N.J. is Tuesday April 1.

Registration forms and information can be obtained by calling Cliff Samuels, Automotive Department, Ferris State College, Big Rapids. Phone: (616) 796-9971, extension 365.

Mechanics who obtained certification in either the fall of 1974 or the spring of 1975 must take the recertification test in order to keep their certifications in effect.

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## Admissions requirements change

The director of undergraduate admissions at The University of Michigan has notified high schools throughout the state that, for the first time, the U-M will accept either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) for freshman admissions. The change is effective with the 1981 winter term.

Since the late 1950's the U-M has accepted only the SAT's for admissions purposes.

Cliff Sjogren, the U-M director of admissions, announced that beginning with the winter 1981 term, U-M admissions decisions will be made using "the highest available score" of either SAT's or ACT's submitted by prospective students.

The ACT is primarily an achievement test, while the SAT places a greater emphasis on verbal and mathematics aptitude.

The ACT may be taken on April 12 and June 14 and on October and December dates. The SAT may be taken on May 3 and June 7 and on November and December dates, according to the admissions office.

Only the SAT will satisfy the test requirement for students entering the U-M in the 1980 terms. Sjogren stressed.

## Choral pageant traces U.S. growth

Lowell Middle School eighth graders are presenting a choral pageant, "Our Country 'Tis of thee", next Tuesday night, Mar. 25, at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited. It is being held in the middle school

cafeteria and admission is free.

The class has been working diligently for four weeks, and it has been an exciting experience for kids and teachers alike.

In these days of trouble and anxiety, it is refreshing to follow the story of our country's roots to the present and to see the pride, courage, and loyalty that made our country the best in the world.

Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn NW, offers a free adult program entitled "Spring Wildflowers." This slide and nature walk presented from 2 to 4 p.m. and repeated from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 453-6192 for reservations.

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## Volunteers for YFU sought

Volunteers are needed in the Kent County area to help implement Youth for Understanding's international exchange program.

People interested in cultural exchange who enjoy working with teenagers are urged to consider being Area Representatives. Responsibilities include: interviewing families to host students from other countries, maintaining contact with both students and families, and publicizing the program in the local area. Full support for all facets of this program is supplied by the Regional Office in Grand Rapids.

## Riding program needs funds

The Kent Special Riding Program, a therapeutic and recreational horseback riding program for the physically and mentally handicapped here in Kent County, is initiating its fund raising drive on April 1.

Working in five broad areas of the community, committee members will be contacting the residents of Kent County through their place of work, at shopping centers, and through service clubs. So when contacted, please make a contribution to keep those kids riding. For more information, call the Kent County 4-H Office at 774-3265.

Youth for Understanding (YFU) is a twenty-nine year old non-profit educational organization which involves more than 7,000 American and international students yearly in 25 countries all over the world. There are summer and year programs for the Americans, and year and six-month placements for all other nationalities.

Area Representatives receive professional training, both in workshops and on an individual basis with the Support Service Coordinator. Anyone interested in more information should call the Grand Rapids Office (collect) at 361-9484.

## Prizes for winners; losers get gong-g-g!

Friday, March 21, is the date for the Lowell Music Booster's annual insanity called the Gong Show. The show is a variety of amateur acts with singing, dancing and comedy.

The Gong Show begins at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Middle

School but the doors will open at 6 p.m. Last year there were about 500 in attendance and the show was ready to begin as people were still filing to their seats so it would be good to get there early. Tickets at the door are: adults \$2.50, stu-

dents \$1.50, and pre-schoolers 50c.

Fifteen acts with entertainers as young as seven years old will take the stage competing for the top three prizes. Lowell's "Country Pride" will provide the backup for the different acts and Bob Perrin will be Master of Ceremonies.

Music Boosters will have refreshments available and will host a bake sale. All proceeds from the event will go to the new music department uniforms.

Last year's winner, Julie Ramsdell, will entertain although she will not enter the night's competition.

Judges for the Gong Show will be: Bev Hall, Arnie DeLoof, and Gordon Gould. For an evening of entertainment and bellylaughs, head for the Middle School this Friday night.

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## 8 from Lowell in computer face-off



Competing in the third annual high school computer programming contest at GVSC today and tomorrow are: Back row—Dan Everitt, Steve Smith, Doug Snyder (Advisor), Curt DeVries, Tom Brown; Front Row—Ken Blain, Cam Parks, Mark Buda, H.M. Raymor.

Eight students from Lowell High School will be competing in the third annual high school computer programming contest sponsored by Grand Valley State Colleges today and tomorrow (Mar. 19-20).

Representing Lowell on the computer team are: Dan Everitt, Steve Smith, Curt DeVries, Tom Brown, Ken Blain, Cam Parks, Mark Buda, and H.M. Raymor. Dale Alyea will be an alternate. Advisor to the group is senior high teacher Doug Snyder.

There will be 40 high school teams who will solve

problems on the computers at GVSC. The winning teams will be selected on the basis of how many of the four problems they are able to solve and how fast they complete the work.

Each member of the winning team will receive a \$200 scholarship to GVSC. In addition, the team will be awarded a \$200 scholarship to be given to a student named by the high school principal.

The top four teams will receive plaques.

## Janyne's a champion orthographer!



Janyne Althaus will compete in the Spelling Bee Championship at Ottawa Hills on April 17.

Janyne Althaus of Lowell Middle School won the Regional Spelling Bee Championship at Forest Hills Northern Middle School on March 12. Tracy Jousma of Lowell Middle School finished fourth in the competition. Janyne and Tracy reached the Regional Spelling Bee by competing against other Lowell Middle School students. Janyne won the school championship and Tracy was the first runner-up.

In the regionals, they competed against champions and runners-up from five other

area schools. The words were chosen from the "1980 Words of Champions" which all contestants study.

Janyne will receive a new dictionary for her victory. She now advances to the finals at Ottawa Hills High School on April 17. If she wins the finals, Janyne will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. and \$100.

Janyne is the daughter of Fred and Joy Althaus of Lowell.

Ed. note: Orthography is the study of words and their spelling.



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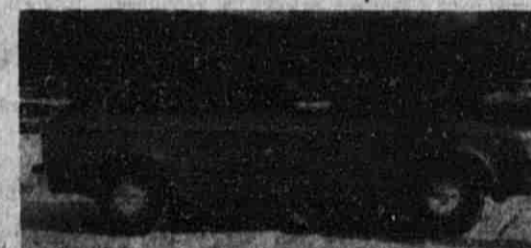


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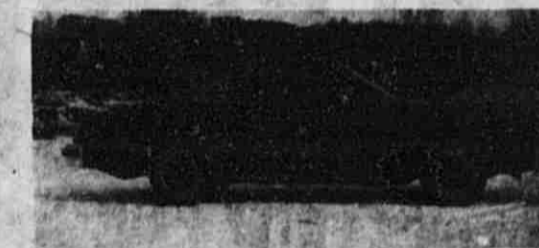
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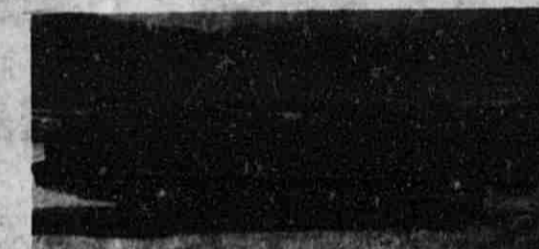
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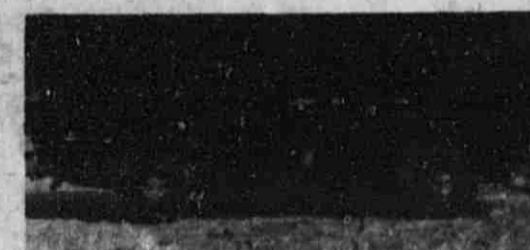
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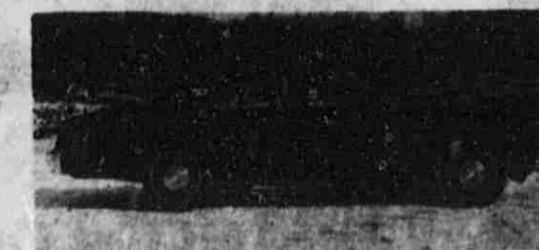
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**Board Proceedings**

**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular School Board Meeting  
March 10, 1980

The Board approved payment of general fund bills totalling \$52,978.78. The Board took action on the following: A motion to endorse the major adjustment in elementary attendance areas as proposed by the superintendent; purchase of a station wagon that the school had been leasing from Zeigler Ford for a purchase price of \$1,667; award of the low bid for band uniforms at a total figure of \$27,892.24; placing of a teacher on third year probation; approval of the budget for the County Allocation Board; approval of the variable millage resolution; a motion approving the sale of the letter press at the middle school for \$1,800; contracts to two teachers; a resolution supporting the appointment of Mary Tonneberger to the Kent Intermediate School District Board of Education. Discussion items involved the annual election on Monday, June 9, with two board vacancies to be voted on; names of teachers being considered for tenure and probation; proposed assessment of school property on Alden Nash by the Lowell Township at \$3,000 for 1980; driver education vehicles needed for the state-mandated driver education program; a board/administrator workshop on March 17, and a letter of appreciation from the Lowell Arts Council for the use of the middle school for their play. The meeting which was held at the Alto Elementary School adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 29, 1980**

at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, Corner of Bailey and Parnell Avenues, Lowell, Michigan.

The budget shall be submitted which will include Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Funds.

Irene Osborne,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

c19

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 29, 1980**

at 1:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 11680 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan.

A budget will be submitted for consideration which includes Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Funds.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationship of entitlement funds to the entire budget.

Patrick Malone,  
Clerk

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**LOWELL TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, **March 29, 1980**

at 1:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE. A budget shall be submitted for consideration which includes Federal Revenue Sharing entitlement funds.

Carol L. Wells,  
Lowell Township Clerk

897-7600

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**BOWNE TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 29, 1980**

at 1:30 p.m. at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield SE, Alto, Mich.

A budget shall be submitted for consideration which includes Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Funds.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationship of entitlement funds to the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township Hall, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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vs. WILLIAM GIRARD SS Unknown Defendant. Honorable Roman J. Snow (P-20747), Circuit Judge. At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice Building in the City of Grand Rapids, on the 6th day of March, 1980. On the 27th day of February, 1980, an action was filed by Dorothy Girard, Plaintiff, against William Girard, said Defendant, in this Court for absolute divorce. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, William Girard, whose last known address is unknown for the last 18 years, shall answer or take other such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 6th day of June, 1980. Failure to comply with this order will result in a Judgment of Default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this cause. Roman J. Snow, Honorable Circuit Judge Examined, Countersigned & Entered: M.A. Diedrich, Clerk. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. M. A. Diedrich, Deputy County Clerk p3/19-4/9

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## "Main Street", continued

Slightly injured in an accident on Sunday morning was Richard Kline when he hit a light pole in Johnson's market parking lot.

Arrested on Wednesday, March 11 by Lowell officers for driving while license suspended and on a warrant for failure to appear in court was Greg Misner.

Investigation and a subsequent confession led to the arrest of Kimberly Ousler and Charles Clark in the breaking and entering of Mel's Bar on Sunday, Mar. 9. Both were arraigned in 63rd District Court on Tuesday, March 12.

The breaking and entering of two coin boxes from the Lowell Wash All on Thursday evening is under investigation by Lowell officers. The thieves made off with a small amount of change.

Arrested Saturday morning on M-21 was Richard Priebe of Grand Rapids for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arraigned Monday morning in 63rd District Court.

Cecil Sturdevant was arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant for felony assault. He was turned over to Ionia County Sheriff's department for arraignment.

Lowell police, fire and rescue units assisted in getting four juveniles out of the Grand River near South Hudson St. on Saturday evening when the ice chunk they were attempting to ride became uncontrollable.

Two sharp-eyed residents of Birchwood Apartments led to the apprehension of two subjects. Lowell officers issued appearance violations for larceny under \$100 to Marcus Kline to 63rd District Court and to a juvenile accomplice to Juvenile Court for the theft of gas from residents' vehicle.

## Bridge, Cont'd.

federal government kicking in \$804,000. The cost to the city will be about \$138,000 which covers its ten percent share plus design fees and approach work over \$20,000, which is exempt from state and federal funding. These estimated costs include demolition of the old steel suspension bridge.

Plans for funding the city's \$138,000 share include either sale of revenue bonds against state gas tax annual payments to the city, or federal revenue sharing funds, or a combination of the two. A third possibility is also being explored. The city may deed the new bridge and responsibility for payment to the Kent County Road Commission in trade for certain sections of city streets that receive state maintenance funding.

City Manager Ray Quada states that the first step toward the construction of the new bridge is to make certain that the city owns enough right-of-way to accommodate the new and wider bridge. Following this will come design of a new bridge and razing of the old bridge. Quada's estimates on a timetable include letting bids by the end of May, construction beginning in mid-summer, and completion coming in the spring of 1981.

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## New side entrance



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## Tisch, continued

tax relief last year. When Miller finished his comments, it became quite clear on what side of the fence most of the audience was sitting, as there was no applause or any response at all from the crowd.

VanderMark was next, and his comments primarily concerned the tax commission itself. VanderMark said that the tax commission has no control of the levels of assessments that are set by the constitution and the legislature. The tax commission, he said, merely sets guidelines

by which local assessors make their assessments of property in their areas. Setting these assessing guidelines at the state level gives the best chance of equitable assessing in all 83 counties, explained VanderMark. Again, no response from the audience.

Jacobs' turn at the podium was next, and he set to the task of taking apart many, if not most of Miller's statements. Jacobs said that his figures showed a 23.8% gain in state spending from 1978 to 1979 as opposed to the 5% figure that Miller had used. When Jacobs had finished, his comments were applauded greatly, only to be outdone by the applause that greeted Tisch, next at the podium.

Tisch's opening statements claimed that the tax commission operates outside the law, and said that we had long since passed the time when property can pay tax in line with inflation. Tisch claimed that property should pay tax in line with the services that property receives, and that Michigan pays the highest rate of property tax in the country.

Tisch's statements ended the opening remarks and the meeting was opened up to questions from the floor. Almost all questions were directed at either Miller or VanderMark and expressed dissatisfaction with the status quo of the state government and its taxing procedures.

At times the questions got out of control with persons from the floor citing personal tax problems that should be handled at a local level. Obviously, neither Miller nor VanderMark could answer these questions without specific details of the case.

Throughout the evening, responses from Miller or VanderMark in defense of the state's policies, were greeted with hoots and jeers from the biased audience. Tisch's comments on the other hand, were invariably applauded and cheered.

In responding to questions, Tisch used the occasion to advocate his proposed amendment to the constitu-

tion; the so-called "Tisch Amendment".

This amendment calls for 50% cut in assessed valuations based on 1978 state equalized valuations, a 75% cut if your income is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, a complete curtailment if your income is below \$5,000. The amendment also calls for new fees, licenses or tax without a vote of the people and puts a 2% per year limit on raising property tax. The speakers agreed that the Tisch Amendment would cut about 15 or 20% out of the State's budget.

Toward the end of the evening, a person from the floor asked Miller and VanderMark for a yes or no answer to whether the thought property tax should be cut. Both said "yes".

Tisch's closing statement called for a show of hands of all those who thought the state could trim 15 to 20% fat from its budget. Near everyone raised their hand.

## Check their credentials

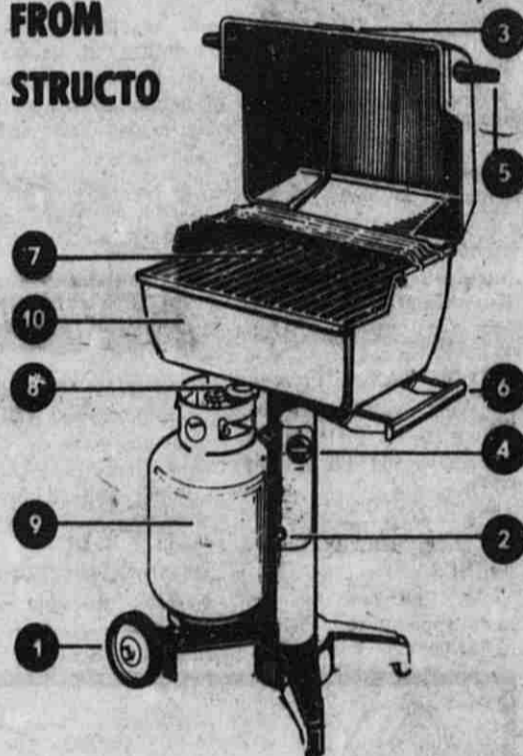
Taxpayers should ask to see the credentials of an individual claiming to be an Internal Revenue Service employee, the IRS cautioned. From time to time, individuals pose as employees of the IRS in an attempt to collect money for what they claim are unpaid taxes.

In almost every instance taxpayers who owe money will receive written notification before being contacted in person by the IRS. In addition, every IRS employee who makes public contact carries distinctive identification, and is required to show it when conducting official business.

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## COZY corner

By Roger Brown

The Cozy Corner has a "why is it?" department, and from this department are going to come a few questions. Now, these may not be the most thought provoking questions to ever come down the pike, such as "which came first, the chicken or the egg?", but they're pretty good questions just the same.

Have you ever noticed how the first day of autumn is very cool, crisp, and fall-like, and the first day of winter is always cold, blustery, and very winter-like? Also, the first day of summer always seems to be hot, lazy and very summer-like, right? Well, if all of this is true, "Why is it" that the first day of spring always acts more like the middle of winter? Mark my words, come Thursday, March 20th, it'll be cold, snowing and blowing.

About seven or eight years ago, gasoline was sold every where for about 35 cents per gallon. For that 35 cents, we got our windshields washed, tires, water, and oil checked, free maps, and depending on where you bought your gas, free glasses, windshield scrapers, keychains, stamps, etc. My question is, since gasoline has risen to a dollar and thirty-five cents per gallon, "Why is it" that you can't even get the attendant to come outside after the money?

Given the fact that billions and billions of dollars are spent on education in this country each year, Americans today should be among the best educated people in the entire history of mankind. With this in mind, "Why is it" that Three's Company, Dukes of Hazard, Laverne and Shirley, and CHIPS come out toward the top of the TV ratings week after week?

When eating in a full service restaurant, people will complain like crazy if the waitress doesn't keep their coffee cup filled up, or forgets to bring catsup with the french fries. But the same person when eating in a fast-food restaurant (and spending about the same amount of money) waits on himself, gets his own napkins, sets his own table and even has been trained to clean up his mess when he's done eating. "Why is it?"

My final question concerns this column. "Why is it" I ever got into the habit of writing this at 5:00 a.m. ZZZZZZZZZZZ?