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## Pony Express heads for Lowell in mid June

If on Saturday, June 14, you should happen to see a horseman with mail pouches behind his saddle or slung over his shoulder and riding as if an Apache war party

were after his scalp, do not be alarmed. You have not lost your senses and you are not seeing an apparition. Neither have you been teleported into the past century.

What you are seeing is a deputy of the Michigan Sheriff's Posse Association delivering the mail to the next way station where another posse member will relay it to the next station just as it was done over a century ago by the original Pony Express.

This nostalgic event has so appealed to the fancy of the public that this year over 300 riders and horses from 32 counties will participate in moving the mail (each one of them swearing that he can move it faster than Uncle Sam does.)

Each year the four riders from north, south, east and west, having outrun the redskins and avoided such present day hazards as speeding automobiles and road-hogging trucks converge on a different town.

This year the final four horsemen will meet in the middle of Main Street in Lowell, Michigan at high noon. This event will be followed by a parade at 2 p.m. from East Main Street to the fairgrounds. At 4 p.m. there will be a horse show that most any horse lover would drive a thousand miles to see, regardless of today's gasoline prices.

At six p.m. the Grand Ole Opry will put on a show featuring Cal Smith along with Vern Cooper and his golden voiced songsters, "Lotta Miles", also the national champion Maycroft

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## Census '80 forms pour in

Returning 1980 census questionnaires are flooding the mail boxes of the Census Bureau's district offices, according to the local district manager, Bruce Triemstra.

The "mail-back" method, historically a relatively new census-taking technique, will save taxpayers at least \$180 million if all households that were asked to do so return properly completed questionnaires by mail.

Census takers will have to go out looking for any questionnaires that do not come back within a reasonable time. Those who forgot to drop their filled-out questionnaires in the mail on Tuesday can still save tax money—and the time they will otherwise have to spend when the census taker calls—by mailing them now.

Another time and money saver is to make sure all questions that apply to the household members and to the house have been answered. Referring to the yellow instruction guide enclosed with the questionnaire will be helpful, but if you're still puzzled, call the census assistance telephone number which is printed on the address label of your questionnaire. Operators are standing by to help you.

"Each of us has a substantial stake in making the pop-



Before most of the 1980 Census forms could even be delivered last Friday, the first completed one was being mailed back. John Stinson, 601 W. Main, had already finished the questions and was ready to drop it in the mail by 10:30 a.m. on Friday. The official Census Day was Tuesday, April 1, and all forms were to be returned.

ulation count complete," the manager said. "There have been significant changes in this area since the last nationwide population count in 1970, and this is our chance to bring the record up to date. It is vitally important for several reasons.

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### DEADLINE NEARS

Two Board of Education vacancies will be filled at the annual school election on June 9. Petitions for those seats must be filed at the Board of Education office at 12685 Foreman Rd. no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 7.

A minimum of 20 signatures are required on a petition. Petition forms may be picked up at the Board of Education office on Foreman Rd.

### ON HIS OWN

This year, the Easter Bunny is on his own. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Lowell Jaycees will not be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. According to Bob Gessler, past president of the organization and chairman of the event for several years, the project was hampered by several circumstances. He hopes that it will be resumed next year.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Lipperts Pharmacy will be closed on Good Friday, April 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. and closed on Easter Sunday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Keiser's Restaurant will also be closed on Easter Sunday. Many of Lowell's businesses traditionally close on Good Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to permit employees to attend services.

### SUMMER HOURS ALREADY!

Riverside Fireplace will be open in the evenings until 8 p.m. only on Mondays and Fridays through the summer months. Stan Johnson, owner of the shop, is ready for spring with two new lines of mo-peds. Puch and Califfo. He has over 20 in stock. With the gas crunch a wallet-draining reality, the low consumption mo-peds will be seen more and more.

### PRESIDENTIAL CHECK-OFF

The IRS wants to remind you that again this year you have the option of ear-marking one dollar each on your Federal income tax return for a general fund to meet campaign expenses of the 1980 presidential election. Marking the designation of the tax return will not increase your tax or decrease the amount of refund.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Charles Hunn failed to yield the right of way at Hudson and Ottawa Sts. on Monday, Mar. 24, and was struck by Harley Dryer of Clarksville.

Elmer Graves of Ionia was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way in a property damage accident on Jackson St. last Sunday evening when he struck a vehicle driven by Mary Wernet.

Cited to appear in 63rd District Court on charges of simple larceny from Lipperts Pharmacy on Wednesday, March 26, was Daniel Harnish.

Arrested by Lowell officers and arraigned on charges of larceny over \$100 was Nancy Peterson, and for embezzlement over \$100 was Kim Oursler in connection with taking of receipts from Mel's Bar on March 9. Under interrogation, Peterson also confessed to taking the receipts from the establishment on March 31, 1979, ending a year-old investigation.

Craig Sowers of Grandville will be arraigned at a later date for uttering and publishing (writing closed account checks) of \$25 after he is released from Montcalm County Jail. The checks were used on purchases in Lowell.

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## '74 Mercury goes for 79¢



Claire Colwell bought a 1974 Mercury Montego last Saturday from Harold Zeigler Ford for 79c. You read that right . . . 79c (plus tax, title & plate). The promotion for the Ford dealership had 200 people show up for the drawing.

Winners of other prizes and the Grand Prize winner are pictured, left to right: Bev Krohn, Peter Krohn, Hal Heuring, Robert Boyce, Ann Blake, Dave Plutchow, Claire Colwell (Grand Prize Winner), John Clore (Sales Manager for Harold Zeigler Ford), and George Mooney.

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# Coming Events

**WED., APR. 2:** Lowell YMCA sponsors 3rd Lenten review. Patty Gunn will discuss "My Mother/My Self", by Nancy Friday and "Of Woman Born", by Adrienne Rich. Public is invited to the Y rooms for coffee at 9:45; the program begins at 10 a.m.

**WED., APR. 2:** Free film "Living the Good Life" with Helen and Scott Nearing at Alto Library at 1:30 p.m.

**THURS., APR. 3:** Vergennes Co-operative Club will meet at the home of Doris Faust.

**THURS., APR. 3:** Organizational meeting for Lowell's 4th of July Celebration at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW Hall. If any club or organiza-

tion is interested in participating, please send a representative to the meeting. Co-chairmen: Dode Dey and Norman Martin.

**THURS., APR. 3:** Grand Rapids Rotary East is presenting the Seventh Annual Antique Fair and Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 3, 4, and 5. The proceeds of this event go to support various youth activities and other community services. The show runs from 12 noon till 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 12 noon till 6 p.m. on Saturday.

**FRI., APR. 4 & SAT., APR. 5:** Easter Play "The Only Way" at 7 p.m. at the Alto Elementary School.

Free admission and nursery provided.

**WED. APR. 9:** Snow United Methodist Women will serve a Roast Pork and Beef dinner at the Snow Christian Center, 3211 Snow Ave. SE. Serving 5:30 p.m. Public invited.

**THURS., APR. 10:** VFW Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. for nominations and election of officers.

**SAT., APR. 12:** Lowell Evening Club will have a luncheon at Thornapple Village Inn at 1 p.m.

**SAT., APR. 12:** 37th Annual Great Lakes Invitational Barbershop Harmony Show in Grand Rapids at 8 p.m. sharp.

**MON., APR. 14:** Golden Swingers will meet at 6 p.m. for a Potluck Supper in the home economics room of Lowell High School. Bring own service and dish to pass. Coffee furnished. A good program will follow the supper. All welcome.

**TUES., APR. 15:** VFW Post #8303 will meet for nominations and election of officers.

# Obituaries

**ENSING** — Ernest Ensing, DDS, aged 59, passed away Monday afternoon, Mar. 24, 1980, at his home on Murray Lake.

Surviving are one son, Thomas of Grand Rapids; one daughter, Mrs. Eric (Lavonne) Baumer of Washington D.C.; one brother, Hardy Ensing, DDS of Spring Lake; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday in the funeral home chapel, Rev. Edward Brigham officiating.

**GOODEN** — Mary B. Gooden, aged 91, of 521 Chatham St., Lowell, passed away Monday afternoon, Mar. 24, 1980.

She is survived by her children, William and Beatrice Wilbur of Lowell, Raymond C. Gooden and Mrs. Merleen Erickson; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Crystal Wilbur of Lowell; several nieces and nephews; a sister, Mrs. Alta Johnson of Cascade; grandchildren, William B. Wilbur of California, Douglas O. Wilbur of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Judith K. O'strander of Jenison; seven great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; one great-great-grandson and granddaughter.

Funeral services were

held at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. Rommie Moore of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

**DEAN** — Lyle W. Dean, aged 78, of Gun Lake, died Thursday, Mar. 27, 1980, at the Barry County Medical Care Facility in Hastings.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; three sons, Richard, David, and Darrell Dean all of Hastings; one daughter, Mrs. William (LaRaë) Lord of Ada.

Funeral services were held Monday from Leonard-Osgood & Wren Funeral Home, Hastings.

**EDLIN** — Charles D. Edlin, 67, of 2157 Westover Drive, Ionia, died Thursday, Mar. 27, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Edlin was born June 19, 1912, the son of Thomas and Grace DeGraw Edlin. He attended Dilline Schools and graduated from Ionia High School in 1933. Mr. Edlin farmed in Easton Township his entire working life.

He married Ruth Potter Nov. 1, 1941, at the Methodist Church in Lowell. After retiring in 1970, the Edlins moved to Ionia.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Ionia; one son, Gary of Lansing; one daughter, Mrs. Edward (Charlene) Behnke of Roscommon; one brother, Dale of Ionia; four sisters, Mrs. Irene Edlin of Belding; Mrs. Vincent (Paulene) Larsen of Charlotte; Mrs. Marjorie White of Belding; and Mrs. Norman (Ethlyn) Kimble of Saranac; and two grandsons, Jeff and Chris.

Services were held Saturday in the Ledrick Funeral Home with (nephew) Pastor Joe Everett officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**HAIST** — Albert Haist, 83, 656 Rich St., Ionia, died Friday afternoon, Mar. 28. He was pronounced dead at Ionia County Memorial Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack in his home.

He was born in Hersey on April 30, 1896, the son of Jacob and Frances Morlock Haist. He was married on Dec. 26, 1927, in Grand Rapids to Dorothy Krueger. They moved to Ionia and have lived there ever since. Mr. Haist was employed at the Ionia County Road Commission for many years as a truck driver. He retired in 1962.

He was a life member of the Leroy Dausman Post 175 American Legion in Saranac; a member of the World War I Barracks 1362 of Ionia; and a life member of the Ionia Hunting and Fishing Club.

Survivors include his wife, and a brother, Henry of Houghton Lake.

Services were Monday at the Ledrick Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Dow of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial in the Balcom Cemetery.

**Collectors dream**

On April 12, 1980, The Kent County March of Dimes presents an Art Exhibit and Auction at the Saladin Temple, 4200 Saladin Drive, Kentwood for the general public's enjoyment.

A champagne preview will start the function at 7:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. A collector's collection of original oils, lithos, batiks, prints, serigraphs, etchings and watercolors will be shown.

A \$2.00 donation at the door will benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. There will be a valuable door price awarded.

# Former Lowellite's sight restored after 20 years

Ed Herald of Carson City and formerly of Lowell says his 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren for the first time this past Christmas.

Herald has been totally blind for the past 19 years. The gift of sight was restored just before the holiday season, 10 days after delicate microsurgery in Grand Rapids.

Herald recalls, "I was walking out of the kitchen and my wife Geraldine was standing by the table. All of a sudden, there she was! Then tears came to my eyes for the first time."

"I think the only thing that kept me going was faith. I always felt that someday I would be able to see again. But I never had hopes I'd be able to see this much."

According to the doctors, Herald has 50 percent of his sight returned in his left eye. A cataract was removed from Herald's left eye in microsurgery at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. His sight began returning several days later although the sudden advent of light caused a certain amount of discomfort.

Herald had never even worn glasses when he first noticed something was wrong with his eyesight in 1953. Then, at the age of 40, he was bothered by a recurring spot in front of his right eye. Doctors told him he had a condition called cataracts, a hemorrhage of the eyeball caused by broken blood vessels. The condition worsened rapidly until he was forced to give up his job as a meat cutter at the Carson City Locker Plant. (Herald was also a meat cutter here in Lowell at one time.) In 1960, Herald lost what limited vision he had left.

Although blindness forced Herald to give up his trade and lose a great deal of

independence, he never allowed himself to become bitter. "You don't make many friends by being bitter," he says. For the past 20 years, his constant companion has been a Leader Dog who has taken him on daily walks and anywhere Herald needed to go. First "Djerk" then "Skokey" served him as companion, leader and protector. Although Leader Dogs cost about \$5,000 to train, the dogs are furnished free to the blind by Lions International.

Ironically, Herald has been

a member of the Carson City Lions Club for 39 years and was club president before he experienced any eye difficulty.

Herald has spent some of the time since his sight was restored poring over picture albums seeing for the first time his children grow up. He had walked three daughters down the aisle but hadn't seen them get married. The pictures are filling in the empty spaces since he last saw his children in 1960.

Hair styles, colors, modern changes in the business district were minor, but pleasant shocks for Herald. He says, "My sight's still not perfect but I'm thankful. It's a million times better than what I've had for 20 years."

Mrs. William Dawson, 419 Elizabeth, is Ed Herald's sister.

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## STANDARD LUMBER

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**Bike-a-thon planned**

Mrs. Maria Mesler has agreed to the chairmanship of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon in Lowell, to raise funds to support the hospital, according to Mr. William J. Kirwen, Director of Development at the internationally recognized hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases which affect our children. St. Jude's is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and completely free of charge to all patients.

The funds raised in the Bike-A-Thon this spring will assure the continuation of the life giving work at the hospital.

The concern which Mrs. Mesler has for the work being performed at St. Jude's is greatly appreciated, and the children hope that the citizens of Lowell will support the upcoming Bike-A-Thon wholeheartedly.

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# Sixteen area youths study media first hand

Twelve teens from this immediate area and 21 others will be taking a study tour from April 10-19 to New York, Philadelphia and back. All along the way, forms of mass media and communications will be studied to recognize the power of the media in our culture and individual lives.

The students will gather in Ada and begin their input with Buck Matthews of WOTV and John Schmidt, a television awareness trainer. James Hill will offer the Bell Telephone Co. perspective on communications in 1980.

The students will travel on to visit rock radio station WRIF in Detroit. Eastman

Kodak in Rochester and symbolic computer communications with students of the University of Rochester and Xerox. In New York City, the impact of the varied forms of media there will be experienced with a visit to the New York Times, the magazine publications of Seventeen, Mad and Psychology Today. They will also experience network television, Broadway theater and cinema along with dialogue opportunities from persons in these aspects of media.

The group will worship in Riverside Church and learn of their local communications system. They will visit the United Nations and cultural

and historic points of interest.

In Philadelphia, the YESS people (Youth Experience Spring Seminar) will be hosted by Youth Magazine and the Annenberg School of Journalism.

Many of these teens have chosen to travel with this tour because of personal vocation choices. Others are interested in expanding their knowledge and experience.

Area teens with 1980 YESS are: Randy Welsh of Ada Congregational Church; Julie Workman, Kathleen and Mary Marron, Jeff Plekes, Cindy Lewis, Steve King, Bob Mooney, Darcy Alexander and Debbie Byerly of



Pictured above are the Rev. Diane Kennedy of Kalamazoo, Ms. Holly Brandsma, Diane Avra and Jill Folkertsma of Cascade Christian Church, and Ms. Phyllis Richards and Rev. Jack Richards of Ada Congregational Church who are completing the planning of the 1980 Youth Experience Spring Seminar (1980 YESS) on the subject of "Media-Madness".

Cascade Christian Church, Nancy Kirby and Sylvia Lautzenheiser of Saranac Community Church.

Four of the six advisors for the tour will be Diane Avra and Jill Folkertsma, and Rev. C. Jack and Phyllis Richards. The tour is a joint venture for the fourth year between the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ denominations of Michigan.

### FIRE SAFETY RULE

Good cooks should always have a box of baking soda handy. If an electrical fire breaks out in your fry-pan or broiler, douse it with baking soda—not water! After the fire is under control, have an electrician check for faulty wiring.

### FANCY FROSTING

Drizzle chocolate glaze over white frosting. Melt six ounces of semi-sweet chocolate pieces with two tablespoons of milk over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in one-half cup of dairy sour cream. Then drizzle!

### Ides of April (tax time) 3 weeks away

Less than three weeks remain until the April 15 federal income tax filing deadline. About one million Michigan taxpayers will file their returns between now and then, IRS says. Some 2.4 million, or 70 percent, have already filed—most will be getting refunds.

IRS has already issued about 1,600,000 refund checks, totaling \$1.1 billion, to Michigan taxpayers since the first of the year. Most refunds are being issued within six weeks, but IRS says, "Don't call about your refund unless eight weeks have passed." The process can't be speeded up they say, and the increased calls only tend to overload the phone lines for those still seeking tax help.

### FERTILIZE YOUR ASPARAGUS NOW!

Fertilize asparagus before growth begins in the spring and again in July, after harvest is completed. Hand-sprinkle about three cups of commercial fertilizer such as 5-20-20 or 12-12-12 per 50 feet of row. Broadcast the fertilizer over the bed and work in.

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# Ferris has h.s. music camp

A Summer Music Camp for band students entering grades 8-12 will be offered on the Ferris State College campus July 27-August 9.

Students who attend will participate in symphonic band, chamber music and conducting class. Students may attend as either resident or day campers and may elect Session I (July 27-August 2), Session II (August 3-August 9) or Full Session (July 27-August 9).

Total cost for resident campers is \$130 for either one-week session or \$250 for the two-week session. This includes instruction, recreation, meals in a College dining room and housing in College residence halls.

Cost for day campers is \$65 for the one-week session or \$125 for the two-week session. This includes instruction, recreation and lunches.

Session I (July 27-Aug. 2), is open to any band student who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 1980. Top high school literature will be used.

# Another honor for Tower

Ben Tower has been named to the Grand Rapids Press' 1980 All-Area Team in addition to other post-season accolades.

The 6-8 All-State senior could play almost any position for Saranac, averaging 28 points and 19 rebounds per game. His high game was a 45-point show and his highest rebounding game totaled 34.

Tower was recruited by several major colleges but signed a letter of intent with Michigan State University recently.

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# 21 advance to Forensic Regional

Lowell Senior High hosted the district Forensic Tournament on Thursday, March 27 with six schools represented.

According to Forensics coach Jane Gillespie, 21 Lowell students earned either a first or second place rating which qualifies them to go on to the Regional Tournament to be held in Ionia on Saturday, April 19.

Lowell Forensic students who advance to the next level of competition and their ratings from the district tourney are: Dramatic Duo—Barry Eldridge and Laura Yost, 1st; Multiple Interpretation—Serpent, 1st and Odyssey,

2nd; Impromptu—Chris Wingeier, 2nd; Serious—Kathlin Bieri, 2nd; Humorous—Brenda Scheidel, 2nd; Storytelling—Jeanne Courser, 1st; Oratory—Carla Shores, 2nd. Several alternates from Lowell were also chosen.

Even under ideal conditions, a tornado may be on the ground for 7 minutes before commercial radio or TV could begin to warn the population. The community siren system can be activated with the least delay and can alert most of the population within hearing distance.

# Conference time again

It is that time again when parents of Lowell students are asked to make a special effort to come to the school and discuss their child's progress.

This spring's parent-teacher conference schedule is as follows:

ALTO—Wed., Apr. 9, 8 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; BUSHNELL—Wed., Apr. 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; RUNCIMAN—Wed., Apr. 9, 8 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; MIDDLE SCHOOL—Tuesday, Apr. 8, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Wed., Apr. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; HIGH SCHOOL—Wed., Apr. 9, Noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be no school for students in the Lowell Area Schools on Wednesday, Apr. 9.

# CREATE WITH LEFTOVERS

Use leftover beef to compose and freeze your own TV dinners. That saves money, time and shopping trips. Simply assemble the beef, gravy and cooked vegetables in one sealed package, using a large square or heavy duty foil, and freeze. Place sealed package in a pan in moderate oven (350°F) and bake until heated through (30 minutes to 1 hour if defrosted; 1 hour 30 minutes if frozen).

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**DNR report**

Spring officially arrived at 6:10 a.m. March 20. Temperatures remain below nor-

mal but have been warm enough to deteriorate lake ice to unsafe conditions, melt

any existing snow, and pull the frost out of the ground. Warmer temperatures or warm rains should excite fish to start upstream and provide a concentration and adequate numbers of trout and pike in area rivers.

In the Muskegon, White, and Grand Rivers, a few steelhead and brown trout are being taken by those willing to endure the cold and winds. A few fish have tested the water in the lower rivers, but good spring runs up river will wait for warmer temperatures, helped by warm rain. The frigid waters keep fish sluggish and warmer water is needed to excite fish to move. Better baits are small cleos and spawn for steelhead and crawlers for browns.

Panfishing has resorted to boatfishing as warmer temperatures have deteriorated ice to open water. Extreme caution should be used when venturing onto any existing lake ice. Cold winds have left fishing to the strong hearted, taking a few bluegills, perch, and crappies off area inland lakes.

Reports indicate good runs of suckers which may extend to warmer weather and a pike run.

The Ionia county officer reports fishing good below the Lyons dam. High waters are requiring the use of a boat and that officer reminds all to have and use the required boat safety equipment including life preservers.

On April 9, the Womens Club of Lowell will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge of the Schneider Manor on Boves Road for the club's annual art and craft show. Members will bring examples of their own craftwork from the past year.

Mrs. Ronald Martin will speak on "Our Prison Systems." The mini-report for April will be given by Mrs. Irwin Kutchev, chairman of conservation.

This meeting will also be the annual election of officers and the nominating committee of Mrs. Rommie Moore, Mrs. Elmer Swanson and Mrs. V.L. Watts will present a slate of prospective officers for the coming year. The new officers will be installed at the annual spring luncheon to be held at the May meeting.


Our sponsors, Mrs. Johnson, and her tea committee chairman Mrs. Roberts, with Mrs. Postema, Mrs. T. Kropf, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Lecman, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Tower will serve tea at our social hour.—Mrs. G.H. Noteware.

**Births**

Michelle Milton of Lowell is the proud mother of a 7 lb., 6 oz. baby boy, Aaron John, born March 25 at Butterworth Hospital. His grandparents are Sam and Ada Milton of Lowell and Sammy Milton is a proud uncle.

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Superbowl 14 Most Valuable Player Terry Bradshaw will be the keynote speaker at the second annual "AIM For Your Future Rally II" on April 16 at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. Other speakers on the program include Zig Zigar, Dr. Denis Waitley, Skip Ross, Jeanne Robertson, and AIM co-founders Bill Sanders and Bill Uffelman, Jr.

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By Roger Brown

Well, guess what the great procrastinator has been doing instead of writing his column this Tuesday morning? That's right, filling out that old census form. Actually, a true procrastinator wouldn't fill it out at all, and would just wait for the census taker to come around and light a fire under him. But for some reason, I decided to step out of character and send the darned thing in on time.

I was thinking as I was filling out my form this morning, "Why wasn't I asked to bid on the printing of the census forms?" Wow, can you imagine the money involved? A guy could retire on that. I just roughed it out: 220 million people divided by 3 for an average of 3 to a household, means that over 7 million of these forms had to be printed. That doesn't include the envelope, the return envelope, and the instruction brochure. All in all, I'd guess that well over 30 million pieces of printed material were distributed for this census, and I wasn't even asked to submit a bid. Granted, with the equipment that I have, I would have had to start printing this junk about ten years ago to have it ready on time, but that's beside the point.

So after being snubbed by the Bureau of Census, I decided to get even. The instructions said to use a black pencil, so I got out one of the kids' crayons; lavender because it's so close to Easter. Then in the first section I listed the people living here, myself first, followed by Terese, Angie, Casey, and Jimmy Hoffa. That oughta mess 'em up.

I played it pretty straight in the next section, until I got to the part about race. I put myself down as Filipino, Terese as an Eskimo, Angie as Chinese, and Casey as a full-blooded Apache Indian. Let 'em figure all that out. Oh yeh, I put Jimmy down as a plain old white.

Again, I played it pretty straight, until I got to the last section. Here I filled out the bottom portion marked, "for Census Use Only" and left the top portion blank. I did mark in the top that we lived in a \$200,000 house with no plumbing and have to enter it through someone else's living quarters.

Actually, I was pretty disappointed in the census. I thought for sure that they'd ask for more information like education, occupation, family income, oatmeal consumed in a week. Things like that. It's really too bad, because I had some great answers all dreamed up. For example, I was going to list my occupation as a shepherd. Oh well.

Well, what did they expect when they asked for these forms to be filled out and mailed back on April Fool's Day?

popular speakers. Terry Bradshaw is the only quarterback in NFL history to lead his team to a record 4 Superbowl victories. His team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, has been named the "Team of the Decade" for the seventies, and his teammates named him M.V.P.

Zig Zigar is one of America's busiest and most popular speakers. Besides his speaking career, Zig has a nationally syndicated radio program, and is promoting his "I Can Course" for high school students. Much of his time is spent to help youth. He is the author of the best-selling book, "See You At The Top."

Dr. Denis Waitley is a national authority on high level achievement, and was recognized as such when honored by both houses of Congress for speaking excellence. He has trained and counseled Superbowl and Olympic athletes, Apollo Astronauts, returning prisoners of war, and leaders in business and government. He is a Naval Academy Graduate and a former "Blue Angels" flying ace.

Also appearing will be Skip Ross, President of a direct-selling organization with sales of over \$100 million. Skip conducts his "Formula for Dynamic Living" seminar nationwide. Jeanne Robertson, is fast becoming one of the most sought after speakers in the country. She is a Director of the National Speakers Association.

The Rally will cover topics such as Attitude Control, Goal-setting, Teamwork, and Motivation. For ticket info or questions call AIM at 323-8074 in Kalamazoo.

**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.

**Planets outshine stars in April**

The arrival of Leo the Lion to his place high in April evening skies announces the coming of spring's constellations, but outshining the stars in April are four planets—Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus, says University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

"Leo can be found easily with the help of the pointer stars at the end of the bowl of the Big Dipper, now nearly overhead after dark," Teske says. The lion is as far to the south along the pointer stars as one would trace in the opposite direction to find the north star.

Sky-watchers may observe the movements of Mars and

Jupiter near to and brighter than the fixed blue star Regulus, which is the handle of Leo's sickle, says Teske.

"Reddish Mars, which has been creeping slowly westward since mid-January, halts and resumes its eastward motion during the first week of April. The yellow, brighter Jupiter continues to drift west until the end of the month.

"By the first week in May the two planets will have gathered into a glittering compact group with Regulus."


Farther to the east, just below the lion's triangular haunch, the ringed planet Saturn can be seen, Teske

points out. And high in the west after dark is Venus, brightest of the four planets now visible, he says. "Named for the goddess of beauty, the planet owes its great luminance to the high reflectivity of the sulfuric acid clouds that perpetually shroud its burning hot surface from the direct gaze of earth-based telescopes."


Venus will not be so advantageously placed for evening viewing again until the year 1988, he adds. "Now rounding the sun and catching up with the earth in its orbit, Venus will continue to increase in brilliance all month."

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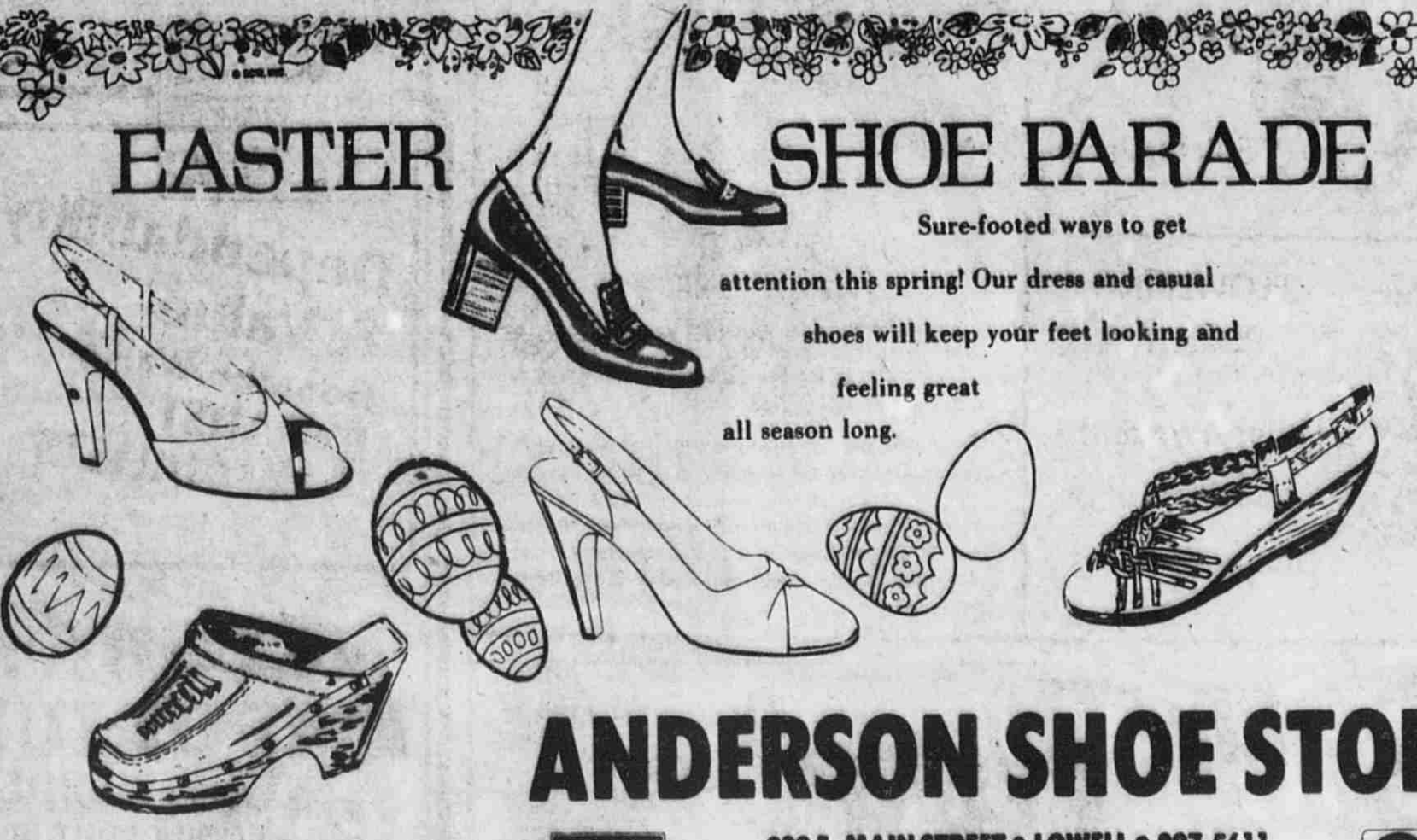
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### Bipartisan support sought for new tax cut plan

A major school finance proposal that would slash Michigan property taxes by more than \$1.3 billion was unveiled last week by the Joint House-Senate Republican Task Force on Property Tax Reduction.

Rep. Martin D. Butch (R-Kent County), a Task Force Committee Member, stated that the plan is a tax cut, not just a shift, that will save Michigan citizens some \$250 million.

The plan would exempt the first 26 mills levied on residential and agricultural homesteads for school operating costs, resulting in a property tax reduction of 50 percent for most home and farm owners. Some \$858 million in lost revenues would be made up by increasing the sales tax from 4 percent to 5.5 percent.

"This is a comprehensive, balanced proposal that is a

responsible alternative to the proposed Tisch amendment," Butch said. "It's not just a trade-off, it's a significant tax cut that will do much to ease the heavy burden of property taxes."

Rep. Butch said he is hoping for Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to furnish bipartisan support.

It was emphasized that the increased sales tax won't affect food and drug items. Out of state tourists will pay a sizeable share of the increase.

"Local control of schools is insured through this proposal," Butch said. "The change of financing will not affect it in any way, and as a matter of fact there is nothing in the present constitution that provides for local control. If this proposal is approved by the voters in November, it would state in the constitution that the Legislature intends for

local residents to determine the direction of their own schools. The state will reimburse local units of government dollar for dollar for what they lose. This is an important point because the property tax is a local tax."

He added that under the provisions of the plan lottery funds would be earmarked for education and would not be diverted into the state's general fund as they presently are.

Butch explained that the plan would provide an \$80 million tax reduction for senior citizens, the blind and disabled and disabled veterans through an exemption of the first \$25,000 in State Equalized Valuation on their homesteads. Renters would receive increased tax credits totalling some \$14 million.

"The proposal also plugs a glaring loophole in the Headlee Amendment," Butch said.

"that permitted property taxes on individual residences and agricultural lands to increase much faster than the rate of inflation. By requiring a millage rollback by class on real property if assessments increase more than the rate of inflation we'll accomplish Headlee's original intent."

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Leaders will be letting youth and adults know how they can participate in one or all 4-H Passport programs, ranging from work-adventure trips to other countries, hosting children from around the world, discovering their own family history, or helping solve problems in their own community.

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By moldboard plowing no tillage and reduced tillage fields, farmers can keep perennial weeds in check, reduce weed seed populations on the soil surface, and get better performance from the wider variety of preplant and pre-emergence herbicides available for conventionally tilled corn.

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## Society Notes

### USN promotes Bouck



LCDR William G. Bouck

William G. Bouck has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy. LCDR Bouck is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California. At present, he is attached to Fighter Squadron One, engaged in operations flying the Navy's latest supersonic fighter, the F-14 Tomcat.

Grover of Lowell, and their two daughters in Poway, California.

### Good News

Celebrating wedding anniversaries soon are: David and Sue Beute on April 5, 12 years; Doug and Mary Covertson on April 6, seven years; Dick and Ruth Sisson on April 7, 35 years.

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### Women's Clubs in U of M honors 3 from area

The spring meeting of the Kent County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at Jordan College, 360 Pine Street, Cedar Springs on April 16 with the Cedar Springs Club hosting. Mrs. John Nawara will take reservations until April 12.

Registration and coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Lounge which is the first building on the left as you enter the campus. Go to the south door. The college will furnish the music for the morning session. Presidents' reports and election of officers will also be on the agenda. Mrs. Irma Richmond will be presiding. A luncheon will be served at noon. Price \$4.00.

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Three area students were among 4,000 recognized at the University of Michigan's annual Honors Convocation on Friday, March 28. Those receiving Class Honors were recognized for their undergraduate academic record equal to at least half A's and half B's for two terms during 1979.

Honored from Ada were Clayton Hecoeks, 5866 Grand River Dr., School of Music, and Richard L. Vonk, 9301 Conservation, College of Literature, Science and the Arts. Both were awarded Class Honors.

From Saranac, Martin K. Hill, 5375 Riverside Dr., College of Engineering, received Class Honors.

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## Local youths head for jamboree

Ionia County youths will join other 4-H horse club members from across the state to demonstrate their knowledge about horses at the seventh annual 4-H Horse Jamboree, held April 26 at Michigan State University.

Participating in the horse judging competition is (Jr. Division) Joe McCrumb of Portland, Stacey Moore of Portland, Russ Tiejema of Saranac, and Kendra Ackerson of Sunfield; and Jean Beach of Muir will be competing in the Senior Division.

In addition, Ionia County's 4-H Horse Bowl team will be competing for state honors during the jamboree. Having won the regional competition, the young people will now match their horse knowledge against that of other regional winners.

County 4-H'ers competing in the Horse Bowl include Candy Cowling, Sulya Wohlsheld, Karen Kilpatrick, Kathy Burrows all of Ionia and Maria Williams of Saranac.

### Off The Blotter

Scott Mackey, 122 Center was fined \$19 for following too closely.

Ray Miller, 5219 Ivan Rd., paid \$24 for driving too fast for conditions.

David Koolman, 328 Summit St. paid \$12 for no operator's license.

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## Haskins signs with GVSC

Lionel Haskins Jr., outstanding athlete from Saranac High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football at Grand Valley State this fall.

The 6-2, 183-pound running back won eight varsity letters during his career with the Redskins and set several records. He rushed for 1,034 yards in his senior season and scored 98 points; both are school records. He was the Tri-Central Conference's leading rusher during both his junior and senior seasons.

Haskins was also a highly regarded place-kicker for the Redskins. He was named to All-Conference, Lansing Journal All-Area, WQTV All Area and all-State teams as a kicker.

An exceptional student off the field, Haskins was named to the honor roll during both his junior and senior years.

Haskins is the son of Lionel and Jane Haskins of 7696 Parsonage Rd. in Saranac.

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## Village & Twps. to cooperate on ambulance service

Efforts to obtain an ambulance service for the Saranac area received several boosts last weekend.

At their annual meeting Saturday, Boston Township officials allocated \$10,000 from the next year's budget to be used for establishment of an ambulance service.

In addition, at the request of Robert Clark and Steve Wyman, members of the Saranac citizens ambulance committee, Boston and Easton Township officials agreed to form both township and citizens committees to work with the Saranac groups.

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Clark Sunday said the citizens committee will be meeting within the next two weeks to compile all figures obtained for various ambulance service possibilities. After that, he said, the group will organize a meeting between all committees formed in the village and surrounding townships.

Clark said he and Wyman also will be contacting Berlin and Keene Township officials to ask them to form similar committees.

The Saranac citizens committee is looking at three possible ambulance systems. One would be to hire the Ionia-based ETT Ambulance service to place an ambulance in Saranac.

At a March 17 meeting between Saranac village residents, the village council and Ionia County Commissioner Marge Smith, Jim Buxton, co-owner of ETT, explained that providing service to the village would necessitate purchasing another ambulance, hiring additional staff, insurance and rental facilities. Although subsidy from the county and fees charged for each run would help defray the cost, Buxton said additional money would still be needed.

A second possible ambulance service would be for the Village of Saranac to purchase an ambulance and establish its own service.

Although Clark said he feels such a plan could be managed once the initiative outlay is funded, both the village and the township seem to agree the third possibility, that of a First Provider system, would be the cheapest and quickest to put into operation.

Under a First Provider system, Clark explained, licensed Emergency Medicine Technicians would immediately respond to a call and provide emergency service until an ambulance arrived.

Although there are sufficient personnel to establish a First Provider system immediately after purchasing all necessary equipment, Clark said implementing a full-time ambulance service would require up to 17 weeks for personnel training.

Also, the First Provider system would be considered cheaper. The vehicle needed for the service would cost in the area of \$7,000 including everything except radio equipment, gasoline and oil, Clark said he estimates the system would cost \$12,000 to set up and operate for the first year.

## Lowell...in days gone by



Lowell's old timers know that Mother Nature can be a formidable enemy. On Sunday, March 27, 1904, much of Lowell was flooded. In the photo, looking west along Main Street, there is ice in the foreground as men inspect the damage by boat. The church on the right is the old First Baptist Church at the corner of Main and Jackson Sts. All the lovely old trees that line Main St. had to be removed to make room for the widening of M-21.—Photo courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hahn.

## Keep kids with kites safe

The only sure thing about the weather this time of year is that many days are good for flying kites.

With the kite-flying season, comes danger to youngsters who either aren't taught some safety tips or forget them. Parents and school officials should emphasize safety when kids send their kites aloft.

The following are tips for parents, teachers and area children:

- Use only dry string—not wire or anything metallic—with your kite. Never use wire or metal in the construction of your kite. Only wood, paper and plastic are to be used. On rainy days, keep your kite indoors. Wait for dry days.
- Stay away from busy streets and highways while flying your kite. Be careful not to run across a motorist's path. Don't fly your kite near radio or television antennas. Keep well away from any electric wires.
- If your kite becomes snagged in a power line, don't try to pull on the string or climb the utility pole. It's better to lose a kite than your life. If you see a kite tangled in electric lines—even if it isn't your own—call the local power company and let them know the location.

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  - Tues., Apr. 8: Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers, Tossed Salad, Fresh Cooked Vegetables, Choice of Chilled Fruit, Cookies or Bars, Milk.
  - Wed., Apr. 9: No School—Parent-Teacher Conference.
  - Thurs., Apr. 10: Fruit Juice, Pizza with Meat and Cheese, Garden Salad or Vegetable, Assorted Fruits, Milk.
  - Fri., Apr. 11: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pickles and Potato Chips, Soup or Baked Beans, Choice of Fruit or Whipped Jello, Milk.

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## Happy Birthday

- April 5: Gertrude McAmery, Laura Sturgeon, Ther Clemenz, Rosa Peckman, David Lippert.
- April 6: Connie Vaughn, Robert Kehoe, Carol Smith, Marlene Parsons, Fran Ryan, Kim McFall, Amy Dintaman.
- April 7: Debbie Condon, Lillian Spivey, Kathy Sheffer, Mike Jansma, Tom Smith.
- April 8: Jim Powell, Jay Vezino.
- April 9: Tom Oesch, Herbert Badder.
- April 10: Cathy Gouchenaur, Lyle Weeks, Henrietta Dozema, Charles Shaw, Evelyn Wittenbach, Aaron Zeigler, Blanche Finout.
- April 11: Mildred Tressler, Belated Happy Birthday to Howard White, April 2.



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After the Grand Ole Opry show, there will be dancing to the best country music this side of heaven. There will be plenty of mouth waterin' refreshments available of course.

If at all possible Governor Milliken will be there and he feels so strongly about the event that he says even democrats are welcome!

If for some reason it is impossible for you to come to the festivities, then by all means send a letter via Pony Express to a friend or if you have no one to write to send a letter to Steve Loop. As a matter of fact send one to Steve anyway (Steve Loop is the only address you need). We'll see to it that he gets it.

Steve is MSPA's number one side-kick and a super champion person who at ten years old has outlived his life expectancy. Steve has muscular dystrophy and can't even move his head without help. In spite of this Steve is way ahead of his years scholastically and is currently studying on an eleventh grade level.

Steve's greatest desire is to see Disney World so this year that is what the proceeds from the Pony Express

ride and the following festivities will be used for and to be sure Steve is well cared for the association is sending his Mom right along with him. Besides sending Steve to Disney World, we would like to see him receive all the letters that the riders can carry.

To send your letter by Pony Express, just ask any Posse member for the official stationery. It only costs a buck and podner, that's a bargain in anybody's book.

The official stationery will also be available at the Grand Valley Ledger in Lowell.

The weekend of June 14th will be a big weekend for the Michigan Sheriff's Posse, little Stevie Loop, the people and the merchants of Lowell. An estimated 500 Sheriff's Posse members, deputies, law enforcement officers, their families and several thousand country music fans will converge on the fairgrounds for this three day event.

**FAMILY THEATRE SERIES**  
"Rumpelstiltskin" is a delightful presentation of the Grimm's classic by the Greenfield Village Players complete with demons, creatures and a Rumpelstiltskin who disappears in a puff of smoke. Admission is \$2, curtain at 2 p.m. March 29 at Henry Ford Museum Theater.

## 6 guns stolen

### Monday

Burglars set off the intrusion alarm at Trapp's Sporting Goods, 3154 E. Fulton, Ada, early Monday morning as they made off with an estimated \$850 worth of firearms.

Owner Douglas Trapp and his wife were asleep in their apartment at the rear of the establishment when they were awakened by the alarm at about 6 a.m.

By the time Trapp entered the store, there were only wet footprints on the floor and several behind the store to tell the tale. An inventory disclosed the loss of two rifles, three revolvers and one pump shotgun.

Kent County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the theft.

## Good Friday

### service for area at St. Mary's

Lowell's traditional Community Good Friday service will be held Friday, Apr. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity St.

Sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, the worship service is for every one in the area. Rev. Gerald Bates of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will preach the sermon, "It Is Finished", John 19:30. Host Pastor is Father Thomas Schiller of St. Mary's Church of Lowell.

Special music for the service is under the direction of Gordon Proulx.

A nursery will be provided.

Admission can be applied to the \$40 annual family fee for membership in "Friends of Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum" and permits unlimited free admissions for 12 months, a quarterly magazine and discounts in the Shops.

## New awning graces Main St



Work on the addition of a permanent awning over the front of Anderson's Shoes on Main was underway early this week. Howard West, owner of the shoe store, explained that addition was necessary because constant exposure to the sun has ruined many of the leather shoes in the display window. The awning should also make the shop easier to keep cool in the summer.

## Census '80, continued from pg. 1

"First, census results determine our representation in government at all levels. From the U.S. House of Representatives, State, county, and city governments right down to the local school board, seats in elected governing bodies are apportioned according to census population figures."

"In dollars and cents, a complete count is important, too. Census figures count heavily in the allotment of money for a great many local government programs. The census results influence the distribution of some \$50 billion a year in Federal revenue sharing programs in which Federal funds are provided directly to local and State governments for their use."

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out of the census, the manager stressed. Answers provided to the Census Bureau cannot be used to embarrass or harm any individual, family or household in any way at

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