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Above the Board

School buses to run on propane

In a unanimous vote, school board members passed a motion Monday night to convert regular-run school buses to propane.

"Conversion of our regular-run buses will cost \$759 per bus," stated Kelly, "but we will save 38 1/2¢ per gallon

on this move." With 1,000 gallons normally consumed by buses on regular routes, this move will more than pay for itself within a year. Bob Carlson, District Manager from Citgo LP Gas described propane as being a fuel that "likes to work," with over

100% octane. He further emphasized the cleanliness and relatively few mechanical problems for vehicles running on propane. With the Christian Schools in Grand Rapids making a similar move this past week, it appears that Lowell will be among the first to move to this economy fuel.

Board member Wayne Dowling commented on changes within the Kent Intermediate District resulting in the I.S.D. being much more responsive to local boards and superintendents in the operation of the district.

Communications are continuing on the assessment of \$3,000 on Alden Nash School properties, Kelly stating it is hoped this will be stricken from the tax rolls.

It should be a relatively quiet school election, with two vacancies and two incumbents, Dowling and Dumas, running to fill those spots.

Personnel matters included the usual year-end resignations and resolutions to lay off a few teachers who were hired to fill temporary vacancies.

Another major decision made Monday night was the purchase of an IBM computer to handle school payroll and general fund. The initial purchase price of \$16,858 should be recouped within a few years as the in-house system will replace a \$8,500 per year service from Grand Rapids and Old Kent Bank. Kelly also observed that additional services, such as student scheduling, report cards, and student records will eventually be included. Primary considerations influencing the decision were accuracy of reports and

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greatly reduced time requirements for office personnel.

A dozen student teachers were in the audience and witnessed a motion placing sixteen first-year teachers on second-year probation. Those teachers now on second-year probation will automatically achieve tenure at the end of the school year.

Incumbents file for Board seats

With two School Board seats open and two incumbents standing for election the June 9 election is pretty much cut and dried, barring a write-in campaign.

Both Board seats are for four year terms. Petitions have been filed by Wayne Dowling and Dr. James Dumas.

Dowling, of 12650 Grand River Dr., Lowell, was elected to the Lowell Board of Education in 1976 and is seeking his second term.

Dumas, of 6735 Alden Nash, Alto, was named to serve the remainder of Mrs.

Rotary plans 45 anniversary

Members of Lowell Rotary are organizing their celebration of Rotary International's 75th Anniversary and Lowell's 45th Anniversary for May 14.

General chairman of the event is Don McPherson. A special anniversary committee was formed after the Wednesday, April 9 meeting. Members are: George Story, Ed Kiel, Bruce Walter, Al Herman, Howard Rit-

tenger, Stan Gardner and Ival Paulsen.

Wendell Christoff, as First Vice President of Lowell Rotary, is chairman of the Ladies Night events. Current officers of the organization are to be a Special Task Force: They are: Leonard Jackson, Wendell Christoff, Dr. Richard Greenwood, Gil Wise, Bob Elzinga, Bill McPherson, Ivan Paulsen, Orion Thaler, Bob DeBoer and Don Rocheleau.

The Anniversary Dinner will be at the Lowell Middle School at 6:30 p.m. on May 14th. Plans call for a deluxe roast beef dinner with the District Governors of both districts in the area attending. All Rotary Clubs in the area are invited and all Lowell service clubs are being asked to participate in the occasion.

A special invitation to attend the dinner celebration has been announced for all Rotary Anne widows to join the group on that date. They should contact any committee member or Don McPherson.

Judy Jansma's unexpired term on September 19, 1979. He was the third highest vote getter in the June, 1979 election for two open Board seats.

There are no special propositions for consideration on the June ballot.

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Carissa is newest citizen



Carissa Dollaske (center front, standing) had a party with all her classmates last week to celebrate becoming a citizen of the United States. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dollaske of Lowell.

Members of Mrs. Stormzand's Kindergarten Readiness class at Runciman school had a special party last Thursday. They were helping Carissa Dollaske celebrate her citizenship.

Carissa is the 5 1/2-year-old daughter of Rev. Paul and

Carol Dollaske, 12716 Three Mile Rd., Lowell. Of Korean heritage, Carissa became a U.S. citizen last week in Federal Court before Judge Miles with fourteen other children and 36 adults. There was representation from around the world in the

group of 50 new citizens. Carissa's little brother was a special helper at his sister's citizenship party on Thursday.

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TAKE COVER

With the tornado season already upon us, the Lowell police department has issued a reminder about the tornado warning siren. If a tornado is reported in the area, the fire siren is sounded for a long three-minute blast. That means take cover. An all clear signal of one minute will be sounded when it is safe to resume normal activity. In the event of a tornado watch, the Lowell police and members of City crews take up positions around the city with radio communication to give advance warning should a tornado be sighted.

MEDICINE SHOWS

In the photostory on Lowell of days gone by recently, the Gremlin wondered what Train's Opera House used to be and where it was located. Tony Kropf stopped in this week with the information. Train's was on the third floor of the building that now houses Lipperts General Offices on Main Street. It was reached by a wide staircase at the west end of the building. The large auditorium was regularly used for plays and medicine shows, etc. It was named after Jarvis Train who, according to Kropf, made his fortune in Lowell trading with the Indians.

SPRING CLEANOUT

The City Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the city beginning Tuesday, April 22 through Friday, April 25. Water may be cloudy with residue shortly after the mains in the area have been flushed. Care should be taken with the family laundry.

LOVE LETTER

This week, April 20 to 26, has been officially designated National Volunteer Week by President Carter. About the same time, April 21-28, is Michigan Stamp Week, which honors state philatelists. It would be a nice thing if you would combine the observance of the two and send a note of appreciation to someone who gives of themselves freely. Lowell is blessed with many. Be sure to use a stamp.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Sharon Miles was released on \$35 bond on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for failure to pay fine and court cost on a previous violation.

Officers are investigating the breaking and entering of the Newell Manufacturing Co. on Chatham St. last Thursday night. Thieves took several tool boxes and broke into the lunch room machines, taking money from them. Most of the tools were recovered on a rural township road later Friday. The incident is under investigation.

Pablo Verdugo and three other passengers in his car escaped injury on Sunday evening when the car they were in rolled over on East Main St. near James St. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Voss Kenneth Smith and Kathy Schneider, both of Lowell, were injured when the motorcycle they were riding went out of control and spilled on Grand River Avenue near Morrison Lake Rd. on Sunday afternoon, according to Michigan State Police. Both were injured.

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Obituaries

BRONSON — Erin Elaine Bronson, 20, of 901 Sixth Ave., Lake Odessa, died Monday, Apr. 7, 1980 at Blodgett Medical Center from injuries she sustained in an auto accident Friday.

She was born April 24, 1959 in Hastings, the daughter of Floyd and Lorraine Crittenden Bronson.

A 1977 graduate of Lake-wood High School, she was employed as a teachers aide at West Elementary School for two years. She was currently employed at the Ionia Elias Brothers.

She was a member of the Lake Odessa Congregational Church.

Surviving, besides her parents, are her fiancé, Mark Salazar; five sisters, Diane King, Kathy Decker, Patti Rice, all of Lake Odessa, Mrs. Philip (Debra) Colley of Ada, and Mrs. Andrew (Lisa) Begerow of Sumpter, S.C., a paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bronson of Grand Ledger; a maternal grand-

mother, Mrs. Eleanor Crittenden of Charlotte, the entire Salazar family, 11 nieces and nephews; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held April 9 at the Pickens-Koop Funeral Home, the Rev. John Doud officiating. Burial was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

CRAMTON — Lenna B. Cramton, aged 93, of 6721 Conservation Dr., wife of the late Merle Cramton, passed away Monday, Mar. 31, 1980 at Kent Community Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Edward and Freda Cramton of Camarillo, CA, and Evelyn and Roger Jansma of Grand Rapids; a grandson, Merle Visser and three great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mary B. Cramton; a brother-in-law, Charles Cramton; one niece and two nephews.

Mrs. Cramton was a member of the First Congregational Church of Ada, Egypt Grange 1696 and a life

member of Vista Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

The funeral service was held Thursday at the funeral home. Rev. Jack Richards of the First Congregational Church of Ada, officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery.

YORK — Fred York, 77, of Ionia died in Ionia County Memorial Hospital Thursday, Apr. 10, 1980.

He was born May 2, 1902, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the son of Charles and Sophie (Buppel) York. He married Margaret Gustafson in Ionia April 8, 1928.

The Yorks owned and operated York's Service Station and Store in Saranac for 21 years. Mrs. York preceded her husband in death Dec. 6, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters, Madeleine York of Ionia and Mrs. Guy Robert (Mary) Cloyd of North Fork Meadows, Fla.; a brother, Dave, of Three Rivers and two grandchildren.

Services were Friday at the Leddick Funeral Home, with Rev. Nolan Williams officiating. Burial in Easton Cemetery.

RULASON — C. Mort Rulason, age 88, of North Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, April 9.

He spent most of his life around the Lowell area, moving to Florida in 1946, where he lived until his death.

He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Mrs. Alma Vosburg of Ada, Jack Stiles of Lowell, Robert Stiles of Traverse City, Mrs. Betty Lou Wolf of Lowell, Mrs. Bea

Wheaton of Grand Rapids, several great nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, in North Palm Beach, Florida.

MILLER — Melba E. Miller, aged 66, of 650 Montcalm, Lowell, passed away Sunday, Apr. 13, 1980.

She is survived by her children, Roger Colthorp of Milan and Mrs. Linda Allen of Lowell; a sister, Mrs. Margaret VanRiper of Fenwick and four grandchildren.

Memorial funeral services were Tuesday at the Bothger Funeral Home, with Rev. Kenneth Bryde officiating. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Fund. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

RAMSEY — Mrs. Mary L. Ramsey, aged 84, passed away Sunday morning, Apr. 13, 1980, at her home, 224 Charles SE.

Surviving are her sons, Richard of Ada, Robert of New Zealand; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother in Ohio; three sisters in Missouri.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Funeral Home Chapel. Her pastor, Dr. Larry M. Spradley of Central Christian Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery.

MORRISON — Leonard L. Morrison, aged 96, of 858 N. Hawley Hwy., Saranac passed away at his residence April 8, 1980.

He was born in Keene Township November 1, 1883 the son of John and Anna (Bowen) Morrison. He farmed and lived in the Saranac

area most of his life. His wife Flora Lewis preceded him in death in January, 1975 and one son, George Morrison, preceded him in death in 1975.

He is survived by one sister Lena Seward of California and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday, April 10 at 1 p.m. at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. James Frank of the Galilee Baptist Church officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

FOGLER — Mrs. Dorothy E. Fogler, aged 55, the wife of Richard D. Fogler, of 4745 Blaine SE, Kentwood, passed away Monday, April 7, 1980, in Blodgett Hospital.

Also surviving are two daughters, Virginia at home, Mrs. Rick (Julie) Naffziger of Wyoming; one son, Richard D. Fogler at home; one grandson, Cathy and Gary Veenstra and three children; three sisters, Mrs. Otto (Theresa) Finch of Wyoming, Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth) Han-

Bavarian travelogue Thursday

On Thursday, April 17, the last film in the Grand Rapids Museum Association's 79/80 Fairweather Travelogue Series will be presented at 8 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Auditorium located at 24 Ransom NE. Dick Reddy will narrate his film "Bavaria." Tickets are 50c for Museum Association members and \$2 for all others.

Dick Reddy is a graduate of the School of Journalism, North Texas State University. His numerous travels in both Eastern and Western


Europe have included a balloon flight over the Alps, as well as six filming-camping trips to the Soviet Union always seeking to capture the unusual on film.

Mr. Reddy was in Grand Rapids last year with his film on "Russia: Summer and Winter."

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Coming Events

WED., APR. 16: Home Gardener's Film Night at Lowell Library at 7:30 p.m. Program is free.

WED., APR. 16: Past Masters of Cyclamen Chapter 90 O.E.S. will meet at the home of Verna Rogers at 7:30 p.m.

WED., APR. 16: Please Note Date Change. Showboat Garden Club will meet at the Lowell Library at 7:30 p.m. to view three short films on gardening, and discuss plans to make some plantings around Lowell. Open to public.

WED., APR. 16: Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet at the home of Hazel Tanner at 1 p.m. Co-hostess Doris Laux. Program by Evelyn Tichelaar on "Flowers of Spring."

WED., APR. 16: Alto Garden Club will meet at Mrs. Kenneth Graham's home at 2 p.m. Topic is "Trees." Bring bulbs and seeds to exchange. All interested gardeners invited. For more information call Emma at 676-2401 or Nancy 868-6063.

THURS., APR. 17: Lowell Music Boosters, Community Tupperware Party at 7 p.m. in Middle School Cafeteria. Demonstration, orders taken, previous orders filled, paid for and picked up. Coffee and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Uniform fund raiser.

FRI., APR. 18: Special and regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES at Lowell Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

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Marine Pfc. Christine R. Waybill, daughter of Barbara and Edwin Mueller Jr. of 591 Fero Ave., Lowell, was meritoriously promoted to her present rank upon completion of the Advanced Automotive Mechanic Course. The 12-week course was conducted at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1973 graduate of Fremont High School, she joined the Marine Corps in May, 1979.

Reserve Pvt. Brian G. Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weeks, 6347 Weeks Road, Saranac, recently completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Charles M. Gouchenour, serving with the U.S. Navy, is currently aboard the USS Richmond K. Turner in Charleston, S.C. He is a Machinists Mate on the guided missile cruiser. His duty in Charleston will end in May. He will then report to Orlando, Florida for further schooling in the Nuclear Power Field. His address is: Gouchenour, C.M., 384-80-3148, M. Division, USS Richmond K. Turner, F.P.O. N.Y. 09501.

Pvt. Jeffrey D. Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane W. Gates of Saranac, recently completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Ricky G. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Daniels, 410 E. Kent, Lowell, recently completed training as an armor reconnaissance specialist at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Gerald A. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Anderson of 2865 McCabe St., Ada, has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class. Airman Anderson is a security specialist at Hahn Air Base, West Germany.

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SUN., APR. 20: St. Mary's Social Commission is offering a Dedication Buffet Dinner at St. Mary's School hall, Sunday, April 20 following the dedication of our new church.

\$2.50 per person. Open to the public. Come celebrate with us. For information call Mrs. Scheidel, 897-9098.

Mrs. Noskey, 897-8797, Mrs. Pawloski, 897-9845, Mrs. Zywicki, 897-7800.

WED., APR. 23: Arrowhead Women's Wednesday Night Golf will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

THURS., APR. 24: Lowell Middle School orientation meeting for parents of all present 5th graders who will enter LMS in the fall of 1980. Tours at 7 p.m. Discussion and question period with staff and administrators at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the

Bushnell Parent Teacher Club.

THURS., APR. 24: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will host a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at Lowell, to precede the regular convocation at 7:30. Arrangements will be finalized for presenting the illustrated commentary "I Am The American Flag" on May 29 after the annual installation ceremony.

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.

SUN., MAY 4: Lowell Church of the Nazarene is having a Sunday School

their Annual Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$2.50. Children under 12, \$1.00. All you can eat at VFW Post 3803, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

MAY 9-20: "My Kid Could Do That", a side by side showing of art by children and prominent 20th century artists, May 9, 10-12 to 9 p.m.; May 11, 12-12 to 5 p.m. and through May 20. Climbing Tree Alternative Learning Center and Koercher. Fine Art Services, #8 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI.

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School News

Parents of 5th graders to meet

Parents and guardians of fifth grade students in the Lowell Area Schools should plan now to attend a special Orientation meeting for parents only on Thursday, April 24.

The meeting has been planned to acquaint parents of those students who will attend Lowell Middle School next fall with the facility.

Tours of the Middle School will begin at 7 p.m. with students as guides. At 7:30 p.m., parents will meet with teachers and administrators for a discussion of the changes new sixth grade students will face. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions after the discussion.

Students will have their own orientation session at the Middle School before they advance to sixth grade. Planned by the Bushnell

Parent Teacher Club, the hope is that parents who have had little contact with the Middle School thus far will take advantage of the opportunity to learn about the Middle School programs, organization and building. They will be better able to prepare their child for the change from elementary school to middle school and feel more secure themselves about what will be involved.

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The Tulip Time festival, held annually in Holland, Michigan, attracts the third largest number of visitors of any event in the country, trailing only the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena and the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, Lansing.

Jazz concert slated for Apr. 23 Kent Skills gives Lori a head start

Jazz comes to Lowell on Wednesday evening. April 23, from Western Michigan University's Jazz Lab Band. The concert will be held in the Lowell High School Gym at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lowell Music Boosters, all profits will be added to their Uniform Fund Drive.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students with children under 5 free.

Lowell Music Boosters are nearer their goal of providing new uniforms for the music department. The cost of a full uniform has been received from the Lowell Area Arts Council. A donation has also been received from Olin Equipment Co.

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Lowell High School student Lori Wierenga likes variety and a challenge. The 17-year-old student, a June graduate, is getting both, along with a basic career training in a Cosmetology course at the East Beltline Skills Center.

Lori, daughter of John Wierenga, Lowell, is taking the daily Skills Center course, along with classes in Government and business math at Lowell High School. She is bused daily for a 2½ hour class session at the center and returns to Lowell for her other classes.

Cosmetology is a two-year course and regulated by the Michigan Board of Cosmetology. A specified number of hours are required so the demand on students is a trifle greater than for other programs at the Skills Center.

Basic requirements for course completion and to prepare for the state board test means Lori and all of the students must complete 1500 hours of classroom and laboratory preparation. Lori spends seven hours every Saturday at the Center and is in class five days a week and attends six weeks during the summer.

Lori's course schedule is divided between classroom sessions and gaining practical knowledge in working with prospective patrons at the Kent Skills Center Clinic, a simulated beauty salon open to the public.

During the first portion of the second year, Lori followed the first year's schedule.

Currently her class of 22 is getting ready for the state board exams given periodically in Lansing.

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Lori Wierenga, Lowell senior, is a cosmetology student at the Kent Skills Center and is now preparing, after long hours of study, for the State board exams in her field.

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Society Notes

Summer wedding planned



Mary Jane Berfanger

Mary Jane Berfanger and Frederick John Quillin have announced their engagement and plans for an August 16 wedding.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Berfanger, 14256 E. Fulton Rd., Lowell, and Mrs. Cecelia Quillin and the late Lester J. Quillin of Wyoming, Michigan.

Miss Berfanger is a graduate of Lowell Senior High School and is now attending Grand Valley State colleges. Her fiancé is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Western Michigan University.

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Officers elected

On April 9, the Lowell Womens Club met in the lounge of the Schneider Manor for the annual Arts and Crafts Day. Many members brought beautiful quilts and other articles which they had made during the past year, and these were displayed on two large tables.

Three different mini-reports were given: Mrs. William Yost on International Affairs; Mrs. Irwin Kutchey on Conservation; and Mrs. Edward Laux on Public Affairs. Also, a gift of money was sent to the club's "Girls Town" project.

Program speaker was Mrs. Ronald Martin on "Criminal Justice", after which the 45 ladies present enjoyed a very interesting question and answer period.

This meeting was also the annual election of officers, with a nominating committee of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Watts who proposed the following to lead the Club during the coming year: President, Mrs. E.E. Randall; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. H. Tichelaar; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. D. McPherson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Bauer; Re-

cording Secretary, Mrs. J. Pasanen; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Schutt; Parliamentarian, Mrs. D. Kelly; Press Reporter, Mrs. G. Noteware; Auditor, Mrs. R. Yates; Installing Officer, Mrs. H. Richmond; with a Board of Directors of Mrs. A. Leeman, Mrs. C. Bradshaw and Mrs. D. Harding. All were elected and will be installed at the May luncheon meeting.

Eleanor Kropf's guest was Arlene Biggs. Mrs. H. Richmond, president of Kent County Federation of Womens Clubs, announced their annual spring meeting April 16 at Jordan College in Cedar Springs, with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Sponsor, Mrs. Johnson and her tea committee chairwoman Mrs. Roberts, with Mrs. Postema, Mrs. T. Kropf, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Leeman, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Tower served tea at the social hour—Mrs. G. H. Noteware.

Monaweck, Hale wed Saturday

Stacey Hale became the bride of Tom Monaweck in an afternoon ceremony April 12 in the Lowell United Methodist Church with Rev. Gerald Bates officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hale of 209 Pine St., Lowell. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monaweck of Battle Creek.

Theresa Farley of Lowell was Matron of Honor with Mary Kelly, Laurie Eisen and Marcy VanderJagt as Bridesmaids.

Steve Middleton was Best Man and Groomsmen were Jim Dale and Louie Monaweck. Ushers were Gerald Hale and Bruce VanderJagt. Holly Jo Janes and Kristin VanderJagt were Flower Girls.

The wedding reception was held at the Egypt Valley Grange Hall.

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Horse management course offered Coast the Coast

Beginning Thursday evening, April 17, the Saranac Community Education Program will offer a 4-week horse management course.

Instructor for the course will be Mrs. Terri Trierweiler, one of this area's foremost professional trainers and riding instructors. Mrs. Trierweiler is a former county and state 4-H champion, and has trained and shown several top horses on the state and national levels. She and her family own and operate WhippleTree Farms in Saranac. In 1979, one of her longtime students, Brenda Denny of Saranac, won several county 4-H championships en route to becoming a State 4-H horsemanship champion.

Topics covered will include the selection, care, training, and exhibition of riding horses. Several slide presentations will be shown and guest speakers have been invited to lecture. The course is



Terri Trierweiler, shows with her champion Appaloosa WT's Shotgun Chaps, will be the instructor for a 4-week horse management course in Saranac.—Photo by DLK Graphics.

designed to benefit novice and experienced horsemen alike, and will be of special interest to 4-H parents and people considering the purchase of their first horse.

The course will be held Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of

Ionia County older teens and adults can participate in a special 4-H Coast the Coast bike tour of the Upper Peninsula this summer, says Betsy Knox, Ionia County 4-H Youth Agent.

The tour will run from July 20 through August 6. Beginning at Frankfort, Michigan participants will travel nearly 1,000 miles by bicycle, crossing Lake Michigan by ferry to Wisconsin and then biking from Green Bay along the northern U.P. shore to St. Ignace.

Saranac High School. Registration fee is \$10 per person and can be made in advance by phoning the Community Education Office at 642-9232.

4-Hers study dog care

Gail Ayres, Toni Zahm, and three 4-H teen leaders of Kent County will attend the statewide 4-H Dog Care and Training Workshop, May 1-3 at Kettunen Center, the state 4-H leader training facility near Tustin.

The workshop will include seminars on grooming and obedience training and a leader dog demonstration. A dog quiz bowl, designed to test participants' knowledge of canine-related subjects, will also be held during the three-day workshop.

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FILM DATE CHANGED
The breast cancer film sponsored by the Geranium Guild, to be held at the Saranac High School Cafeteria, will be held April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Off The Blotter

Ionia Police report that Rhonda Wells, Mill St., was fined \$21 for improper passing.

According to the Ionia County Sheriff Department, Timothy Carigan, 5164 Page Road, was fined \$30 for speeding. Linda Sharpe, 101 Church St., paid \$11 for driving on an expired operator's license.

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5 earn 3rd

Five Ionia County youth successfully completed in the Appaloosa Horse Judging Contest held at MSU. Saturday, March 26 during the annual Block and Bridle Horse Show.

Out of a total of 15 Jr. Teens competing, the Ionia County team was third high team overall. Its members consist of Jill McCrumb, Stacey Moore, and Kendra Ackerson all of Portland; and Russ Tiejema of Saranac. Competing on an individual basis in the Senior Division was Jeannie Beach of Muir.

The purpose of these judging experiences are to develop memory and decision making as well as learning to judge and evaluate horses.

The next contest the youth will be participating in will be the 4-H Horse Jamboree held April 26 at MSU where the 4-H Horse Judging contest is held annually.

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Applicants sought for ag program

A select group of farmers and agrusiness persons from Michigan will soon participate in a leadership training activity offered by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

The Michigan Agricultural Leadership Program (MALP), the sequel to the Kellogg Farmers Study Program (KFSP), which operated from 1965 through 1973, begins next fall.

MALP participants will be selected from nominations submitted to the MSU Department of Agricultural Economics. These nominations will be made by MSU Extension field personnel, agrusiness firms, farm organizations, Kellogg farmers and civic groups.

To be eligible, nominees (male or female) must be successful farm operators committed to farming as a chief means of livelihood, or be agrusiness persons committed to continued involvement in Michigan agriculture. Participants should be from 25 to 35 years old and have demonstrated some leadership potential.

From these nominations, 50 persons will be chosen to receive fellowships after thorough screening and evaluation by MSU personnel. Six of the fellowships will be awarded to agrusiness persons. Larry Connor, chairman of the MSU agricultural econ-

omics department, notes that MALP carries a \$3,000 tuition fee per person (\$1,000 the 1st year, \$2,000 the second). Program personnel will help participants obtain educational loans for all or part of these expenses, if they desire. The tuition fees cover about one-third of the program cost per person; the remainder, to commercial farmers.

Johnsongrass is top Michigan weed threat

"Johnsongrass has become one of the most significant weed threats in the state of Michigan," says Dr. Bill Meggitt, Michigan State University weed specialist. "This pest has existed in the state for a number of years, particularly in southwestern Michigan, where heavier snow covers encourage overwintering of johnsongrass rhizomes."

Dr. Meggitt likens johnsongrass to quackgrass, a similar weed problem in the state. Because both pests germinate from underground rhizome root systems, control programs are similar in some respects.

"Growers have the option of using Roundup herbicide for control under certain circumstances, but it is important that the johnsongrass has attained some growth before application is made," Meggitt emphasizes.

Organic gardening films at Library

A Home Gardener's Film Night will be held at the Lowell Branch Library on Wed., April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Three films from the Kent County Library audio-visual department on organic gardening will be shown.

The films will include: "Tara's Mulch Garden," which tells about vegetable gardening through the use of mulch, a low-cost way of feeding one's family . . .

using a minimum of tools and no chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

"Ruth Stout's Garden", a look at the life of a charming 93-year-old woman who has developed a "no dig/no work" method of gardening. From a 45 by 50 ft. plot, Ms. Stout provides a full complement of vegetables for herself and her sister all year round and admits to not visiting a supermarket in 14 years.

"Organic Gardening: Composting", about the different types of composting piles and bins and the role that composting plays in natural life processes.

The program is free and will last approximately one hour. The Lowell Library, a branch of Kent County Library System, is at 325 W. Main St. For further information, call the library at 897-9596.

Volunteers needed

The Rape Crisis Team of Kent County is a 24 hour crisis intervention and community education program. Trained volunteers are available on an on-call basis day and night to offer support, information and referral to rape victims and family and friends of victims.

Volunteers have telephone contact with victims, meet with them in person, accompany them to the hospital and/or vice squad office, and attend court sessions, if necessary.

There will be a training session for volunteers from May 2-10, 1980. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer can call Switchboard at 774-3535 for further information.

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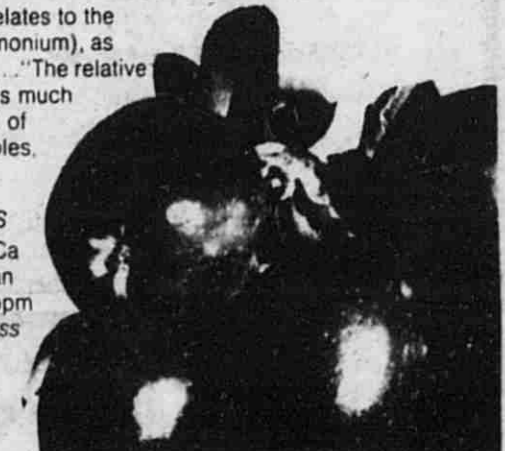
RESEARCH Apples

Adequate calcium level and nitrate-N are important to tree growth, yield and better storage life of apples

USDA work by Shear and Faust¹ reported on tree growth as it relates to the type of nitrogen used. "Growth was greatly inhibited by NH₄ (ammonium), as compared to nitrate applications." In another report² they noted . . . "The relative concentration of calcium in the fruit as compared to the leaves is much lower under ammonium nutrition than under nitrate nutrition. All of these findings emphasize the preferential use of nitrate-N for apples, especially if applications are made in the early Spring."

Preharvest nutrition determines postharvest results

Apple respiration research by the USDA² states that fruit high in Ca has a low respiration rate and a longer potential storage life than does low-Ca fruit. They noted that at Ca levels in the flesh of 90 ppm or less, fruit is subject to breakdown soon after harvest regardless of handling procedures.



¹ Shear, C. B. and M. Faust. 1971. Nutritional factors influencing the mineral content of apple leaves. J. Amer. Soc. Hort. Sci. 96(2): 224-240.
² Faust, M. and C. B. Shear. 1972. The effect of calcium on respiration of apples. J. Amer. Soc. Hort. Sci. 97: 437-439.

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Yes, day by day, every day, we are trusting mortals for the safety of our loved ones and possessions.

Why is it people are so eager to trust mortals but reluctant to trust the Lord? Why is it so difficult for many Christians to believe Him implicitly? Why do they hesitate to take Him at His Word? Why do they struggle over accepting His promises?

What glory and light would illuminate all our days if we believed and trusted the Lord as we trust mortals! Thousands down through the ages have learned to do just that. And they have not been disappointed. Christians, let us seek to trust Him more and more!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, it isn't difficult to trust Thee, for over and over again, I have found in Thee all that I need. Help me to trust Thee more and more as the days come and go. Amen.

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Folk singer at WCMHS meeting

The annual meeting of the West Central Michigan Historical Society is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Runciman School auditorium.

The major order of business will be the election of the Board of Directors of the organization.

Entertainment for the evening will be folk singer and Great Lakes historian Bob

Moy. His program gives great insight to the history of Michigan through songs of the lumbering days, songs of the lake trading, songs which trace the changing face of our state. He continues to add to his list of folk songs which he learned from his family through his travels in Michigan and throughout the Midwest.

Sacred concert in Caledonia

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, will be ministering at Alaska Baptist Church in Caledonia on April 19 beginning at 7 p.m. This team of twelve college students is designed to aid the local church in its community outreach and will provide a sacred concert featuring hymn arrangements, selections from cantatas, and traditional favorites.

Through varied ministries, the Swordbearers seek to present the message of Christ's redeeming work and to encourage believers in practical Christian living. Cedarville College is a Baptist College of the arts and sciences located in west central Ohio.

Transportation to the concert will be provided from the First Baptist Church of Lowell at 6:15 p.m.

Movie at Nazarene

The movie "A Distant Thunder" will be shown at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 211 N. Washington, on Saturday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

The film begins where "A Thief in the Night" ended. The public is invited to attend.

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On Sunday, April 20, at 3 p.m. Bishop Joseph Breitenbeck of the Grand Rapids Diocese will formally dedicate the new St. Mary's Church building at 402 Amity St., Lowell.

There are four ceremonies and rites which make up the dedication of a new Catholic Church. Holy water is used as a sign of the saving waters of Baptism. The altar and walls of the building are anointed with oil, the ancient sign which symbolizes that a thing or person is holy and set aside for a sacred purpose. The altar and church are incensed as a sign of a Christian's prayer rising to God. Finally, the candles are lighted at the altar as a sign of the presence of Christ, the Light of the World.

Father Thomas Simon, Associate Pastor at St. Jude Church in Grand Rapids and Co-Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, will preach the sermon. All former pastors of St. Mary's Church have been invited to attend and several have expressed their intention to be present for the ceremony. Father Thomas Schiller is the present Pastor of St. Mary's.

Also taking part in the ceremony will be Dan Vos,



Bishop Joseph Breitenbeck

president of Dan Vos Construction Co. of Ada, builders of the church; Thomas Scheidel, President of St. Mary's Building Committee; and Thomas Heintzleman, President of St. Mary's Parish Council.

Music for the ceremony is under the direction of June Serne and Gordon Proulx.

Following the Dedication, a dinner will be served in St. Mary's School Hall by the Social Committee under the direction of Nancy Zywicki.

Company honors

The Prudential Insurance Co. has again presented its President's Citation to Mike Shinabarger of Lowell.

The citation is a company-wide award, according to Robert P. Hill, president, North Central operations. The citation is presented on the basis of 1979 sales and service achievements to the top ten percent of Prudential's agents and sales managers.

In addition to the Citation, Shinabarger has also received a Northern Star Award, which is presented each year to leaders in the North Central Home Office's nine-state territory.

This is the ninth time Shinabarger has received the Northern Star Award.

Lunch Menu

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Wed., Apr. 23: Turkey and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans or Salad, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly and P-Nut Butter, Jello with Whip or Fruit, Milk.
Thurs., Apr. 24: Spaghetti, Cabbage Slaw, French Bread, Fruit or Whipped Jello, Milk.
Fri., Apr. 25: Macaroni and Cheese or Goulash, Fresh Green Peas, Potato Bread and Butter, Pudding or Fruit, Milk.

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April 23: Rita Laux, Russ Hernandez, Lucy Churchard, John Cook, Tom Davis.

April 24: Gary Goff, Orion Thaler, Helen Kunkel.

April 25: Burrell Spitzer

Treva Johnson of Lowell has been named a Merit Award Winner by the Voluntary Action Center in their annual "Volunteer of the Year Awards". The awards presentation will take place on Thursday, April 24 from 3-5 p.m. in the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Johnson was chosen to receive the Merit Award for 31 years of outstanding

volunteer service to the community of Lowell. The Voluntary Action Center sponsors these awards each year during National Volunteer Week, a time set aside for all communities to officially recognize and thank their volunteers.

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street — 897-7514</p> <p>Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>GERALD R. BATES, MINISTER Donald L. Buege, Assoc. Minister</p> <p>"The Face of Jesus"</p> <p>Child Care During All Services</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2287 Segwun, S.E. Lowell, Michigan</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MARK BUCKERT PASTOR Ron Moykkynen, Elder 897-9551</p>	<p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) 2700 East Fulton Road</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PASTOR RAYMOND A. HEINE Asst. Pastor CHRISTOPHER D. ANDERSON</p> <p>Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3050 Alden Nash, S.E. (2 miles south of Lowell)</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>REV. ROGER E. KUBILIS, PASTOR Phone 897-7047 Come Join Us In Worshiping In Spirit And In Truth</p>
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Arrow thinclads drop opener Ries named

The Lowell boys track team was hampered by the absence of some of their key runners causing them to lose to Caledonia Friday, April 11, 83-49.

Even in the rain and the bitter cold the Arrows looked strong in the field events. Carl Kloosterman took first in the Discus, 138'1" and first in the shotput, 49'5". Dave Chrisman was second in the Discus, 122'2" and third in the shotput, 32'2 1/4". Darryl Dumas took first place in the long jump with a jump of 19'10 1/4". Steve Doyle took third in the long jump with a jump of 18'1 1/2" and third in the high jump, 5'8".

Russ Hernandez crossed the finish line in first place in the 100 m. dash at 0:11.58 and Dumas placed second a few hundredths of a second behind at 0:11.67. Dumas also took first place in the 110 m. high hurdles, 0:15.23. In 200 m. dash Hernandez came in neck and neck with a Caledonia runner, but placed third, :24.91.

Ken Blain fought the cold in 1600 m. (mile) run to give him a great kick placing third with a time of 5:03.6 and third in 3200 m. (2 mile) run 11:20.29. In the 800 m. run, Dennis Malone placed second, 2:07.1 and Craig Eley took third, 2:16.36.

Doyle came in third place in 400 m. run with a time of 0:55.6. A team consisting of Hernandez, Kloosterman, McCreedy and Dumas won the 400 m. relay, 0:46.75.

At the Sparta Relays last Sat., April 12, the Arrows brought home five medals and a school record.

A very cold and windy day didn't stop Carl Kloosterman from breaking the school and the Sparta Relay record in the discus with a throw of 157'5". The previous record was 148'7". Kloosterman's and Chrisman's total throws gave them a first place medal in the Discus and a second place medal in the shotput. Darryl Dumas and Steve Doyle teamed up in the long

jump to take second. Dumas also took a third place medal in the high hurdles with a time of 0:15.5.

Steve DeNolf had first place in the 330 low hurdles, but a stumble after the last hurdle gave him a third place medal, 0:42.39.

In the spring medley relay, consisting of a 440, DeNolf, 220 Onan, 220 Fitzpatrick and a 440, Eley, the Arrows placed sixth, 2:51.

The 440 relay team of Hernandez, Kloosterman, J. McCreedy and Dumas placed fifth.

Foster, Shiler, Fitzpatrick and Blain took a fifth in the Middle Distance Relay.

The Arrows took a sixth in the Sparta Relay with a team of Hernandez, Kloosterman, DeNolf and Doyle.

The Arrows will be hosting Cedar Springs this Thurs., April 17.—K. Lambert.

In 1809 Capt. Allardyce Barclay of Ury, Scotland, became a wealthy man by betting at 100 to 1 odds that he could walk 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours.

Girls begin season with win

Lowell's girls track team began their season last Friday with a victory over Caledonia 68-55.

Individual first for Lowell were: Kelly Dickerson in the shot put and discus; Sue Sitzer in the 100 meter hurdles and 200 meter hurdles; Diane Clark in the high jump and long jump; Kathe Dey in the one and two mile run.

Other first places were the 800 meter relay. This team consists of Ann Smith, Chris Hildenbrand, Sitzer and Clark. The 400 meter relay took a first, also. This team is Elaine Blasher, Diane Clark, Smith and Hildenbrand.

Taking second places were: Bonnie Peters in the one and two mile; Hildenbrand in the 200 meter dash;

and Tammy Nagy in the 400 meter dash.

Hildenbrand took a third in the 100 meter dash. Smith placed third in the 200 meter dash.

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Traverse City, founded in 1847, was an important lumbering center, but the rich forests were gradually depleted. Due to overzealous efforts of the loggers. In the 1890's, B.J. Morgan discovered that red tart cherries were suited to the area's soil and climate and Traverse City eventually became the cherry capital of the nation, a title it still claims, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, Lansing.

One up, one down in Saranac opener

If last Saturday's doubleheader is typical of the season ahead, Saranac varsity coach John Lepien may age quickly this year.

The Redskins needed a come-from-behind, extra-inning effort to pull out the win in the top end of a doubleheader against Grand Rapids Baptist. Saranac couldn't claim victory until Tim Patrick slugged a towering two-run blast in the ninth inning to win the game, 8-7.

Grand Rapids pushed three runs across the plate in

the opening inning with two singles and a walk. Saranac came right back in the bottom of the first when Craig Coulson singled to drive in a run. Tim Patrick hit a fielders' choice for another and Roy Wright singled in a third run.

Grand Rapids scored on a passed ball in the third inning and the Redskins returned the favor later that inning when Coulson singled, advanced to second on a balk, stole third and scored on Patrick's infield single.

In the fifth, Grand Rapids scored twice on Redskin errors, giving the visitors a 6-4 lead.

Jim Pittman blasted a leadoff homer in the sixth for Saranac and Coulson doubled and scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning to knot the score at 6 to force the game into extra innings.

After a scoreless eighth, Saranac reliever Art Hotchkiss—pitching in his first varsity game—walked the ninth man in Grand Rapids' order in the top of the ninth inning. The baserunner then went to second on a passed ball, stole third and scored on a "pickle", where the man on third sneaks home while the runner on first decays the defense into a rundown between first and second.

Down 7-6 in the ninth inning, Patrick pulled his late-game heroics by slugging a home run over the right field fence, bringing home Coulson who had led off the extra frame with a single. Lepien said Patrick's homer was "probably the longest home run I've ever seen hit over that right field fence in our ball park."

Hotchkiss got the win for Saranac and Fragan was tagged with the loss for Grand Rapids. Coulson pitched eight innings, giving up three hits, walking five and fanning 18. All seven GR runs were unearned.

Of the 14 Saranac hits, Coulson went 4-for-5 at the plate with one RBI; Patrick 2-for-5 with 4 RBIs; Wright, 2-for-3; Trent Chipman, 2-for-4; and Pittman, an RBI with his home run.

In the second game, Saranac pitcher John Gistingier allowed three unearned runs and the Redskins dropped a tense, 3-2 decision.

Grand Rapids had three walks and two errors to score its first two runs, but it never got a hit in that inning. The

Saranac girls win opener

The Saranac girls varsity softball team walked away with its season-opener Saturday, walloping Grand Rapids Baptist, 29-5.

The Redskins pounded out 11 hits and committed one error while scoring almost at will. The Redskins scored eight runs in each of the first two innings and by the end of the third inning, held a 20-4 lead.

Saranac added nine more runs in the fourth inning to close out its scoring.

Lisa Eddy led the Redskins with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate, including a triple. Hollene Opdycke and Deb Stuart each went 2-for-2. DeAnn Eddy went 2-for-4 and Sarah Smith, 2-for-3. Monty Hayden added a double.

Wendy Sheldon went the distance on the mound for Saranac, working all five innings and striking out 10 batters.

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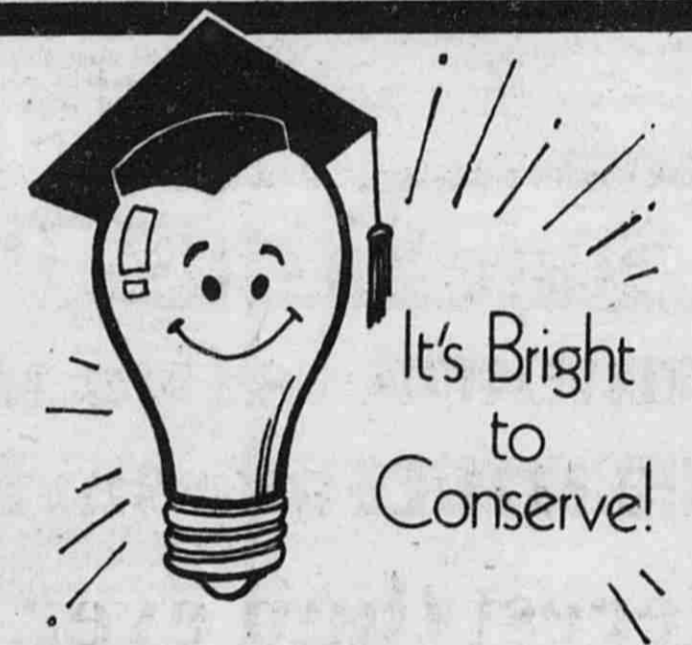
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Prepare family for tornado season

While there is still time this year, the Insurance Information Institute urges homeowners to make plans that will help protect both families and property from possible death and destruction in a 1980 tornado.

Making a detailed inventory of the contents of your home—*with* photographs, if possible—is a good place to begin, according to the Institute.

Both the household inventory and your homeowners insurance policy should be stored along with other valuable papers in a secure place away from the home.

Everyone in your home should know where to seek shelter when a tornado is sighted. If a storm shelter is not available, make certain

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LOWELL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association will be held at its office at 217 West Main Street on Monday, April 21, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing three directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

David F. Coons, Secretary

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the family knows where the safest place in the house is to move to. (The most secure location is normally on the bottom floor, basement if available, and at the center of the building. A bathroom or closet away from windows is a good second choice.)

It is also a good idea to keep adequate supplies on hand (flashlights, a first-aid kit, transistor radio and fresh batteries), stored in a convenient shelter or protective area.

STOCK FREEZER WITH MICHIGAN MEATS

If buying large quantities of beef and other meats for your freezer, you should be aware of the Michigan law regulating advertising and sale of bulk meat. Sellers of bulk meats must give customers a written statement specifying the initial weight of the carcass or primal cut purchased; the type of animal and carcass section, such as loin, rib, chuck or flank; and the estimated price per pound of the final weight after cutting loss, including the charge for packaging and freezing.

If the seller cuts the meat, the statement must show the weight of each cut.

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By Roger Brown

I turned thirty a couple of months ago. Depending on which side of that little milestone you are on, that may, or may not sound very old to you. Personally, I don't pay much attention to it, but I did get to thinking about just how old I am while driving the other day.

As I was cruising along, I noticed an old school bus abandoned out in a field. At first, I thought the bus looked awfully new to be junk, but then realized that school buses haven't changed much in the past several years, and the bus could actually be quite old. Then for some reason, I remembered seeing red, white, and blue school buses as a kid and thought to myself, "Boy, you gotta be an old turkey to remember red, white, and blue school buses."

So as I drove, I tried to recall more old dinosaurs from my memory.

I'm so old that I remember when you had to open coffee cans with a key. Those lids made great Frisbees before Frisbees were even invented, but you had to watch it or else you'd slice the heck out of your finger on that sharp edge. The guy who invented the Frisbee has probably made millions and all he did was make a safe coffee can lid.

I'm so old that I can remember every town having at least one milkman that delivered dairy products to your door. The service itself is already dead, and consequently all those old "housewife and milkman" jokes are going to have to die, too. (Mainly because coming generations won't know what a milkman is, and won't get the jokes.) Speaking of milkmen, when's the last time you had milk out of a returnable bottle?

I'm so old that I can remember the birth and short but glorious life of the Hula-Hoop. I even spent some allowance money on one of those things.

I can remember when hi-fi was the big word in sound systems and nobody had ever heard of stereo, let alone quadraphonic.

I can remember when a zip code or area code was probably something that the CIA would use.

I can remember living without the aid of Formica, Styrofoam, fiberglass, poly-vinyls, PVC, poly-urethane, and Play-doh.

I can remember when grass, gay, acid, rock, pot, speed, stoned, weed, and drag, each had only one definition.

I can remember when NASA could just as well have stood for National Amateur Spitting Association.

And most of all, I can remember when I didn't have to come up with something for this doggone column every week.

Tornadoes can occur at any time of the day or night and in almost any month of the year. However, most tornadoes occur in the months of April, May, June and July in the late afternoon and evening hours, usually between 3-7 p.m.

Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn NW, offers a free adult program entitled "Flowering Shrubs & Spring Wildflowers" April 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. and repeated from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary, call 453-6192 for reservations.

Tips for women on Social Security

When a woman works in a job or profession throughout her adult life, she's earning social security credit toward a monthly retirement income. Her benefits will tend to be higher than those married women who have not worked outside the home and are only covered through their husband's job. A wife's retirement benefit is only 50 percent of what her husband is eligible for at age 65.

A married working woman can receive social security retirement payments either on her own record or on her husband's just as the husband has the choice of receiving benefits either on his record or hers. However, says The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, when a person is eligible for benefits on more than one work record, the benefit payable is equal to the larger amount.

What about a woman who interrupts her career to stay home and raise a family then

later returns to work? She may end up with a lower social security benefit due to that.

A divorced woman of 62 or older can get social security benefits when her ex-husband starts collecting his retirement or disability payments if she was married to him for at least 10 years. If she is at least 60 years old, she may also get payments if her ex-husband dies or if she has young children entitled to benefits on his record.

A wife who has earned her own social security credits can retire with her own benefits even if her husband is younger than she or if he continues to work past 65 and earns too much to collect benefits. Later, when her husband retires she's entitled to take a wife's payment if that would be the higher amount.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board Meetings for 1980 are scheduled as follows:

January 14, 1980	July 14, 1980
February 11, 1980	August 11, 1980
March 10, 1980	September 15, 1980
April 14, 1980	October 13, 1980
May 12, 1980	November 10, 1980
June 9, 1980	December 8, 1980

Township Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue at 8:00 P.M.

Irene Osborne, Vergennes Township Clerk

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified residents of Grattan Township: The last day to register for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, May 20, 1980 will be:

Monday, April 21, 1980

Registrations will be received at my home, 5110 Gavin Lake Road, Rockford, Michigan. Please call 691-8834.

Patrick Malone, Grattan Township Clerk

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CITY OF LOWELL BID NOTICE

Sealed bids for Municipal Refuse Collection and Disposal will be accepted by the City of Lowell before 2:00 p.m. on April 18, 1980. Specifications of the bids are available at City Hall.

Bids will be opened publicly at that time at the Lowell City Hall Council Room, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI.

Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, Attn: City Manager. All envelopes shall be clearly marked "Proposal for Refuse Collection".

No bids shall be received after the date and time specified above.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept other than the low bid when doing so is deemed in the best interest of the City of Lowell.

Ray Quada, City Manager

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CITY OF LOWELL BID NOTICE

The City of Lowell is seeking bids for design and installation of mechanical, plumbing and electrical equipment in its proposed new public works facility.

Plans and performance specifications will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or from Wolverine Building Products, 4700 44th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 on or after April 25, 1980.

Bids must be received not later than 2:00 P.M. May 9, 1980 at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. All bids will be opened at that time.

Ray E. Quada, City Manager

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified residents of Vergennes Township:

The last day to register for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, May 20, 1980 will be:

Monday, April 21, 1980

Registrations will be received by appointment at my home, 1051 Lincoln Lake Rd. S.E., Lowell, Michigan. Please call 897-8355 after 5:00 P.M. I will be at my home from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 1980.

Irene Osborne, Vergennes Township Clerk

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LOWELL TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified residents of Lowell Township: The last day to register for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, May 20, 1980 will be:

Monday, April 21, 1980

Registrations will be received during regular office hours at the Lowell Township Hall. On Monday, April 21, 1980, the Township offices will be open to receive registrations from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Carol Wells, Lowell Township Clerk

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To the Qualified residents of Bowne Township: The last day to register for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, May 20, 1980 will be:

Monday, April 21, 1980

Bowne Township offices will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, 9 a.m. until noon.

On Monday, April 21, I will take registrations at my home, 8793 Alden Nash Ave., Alto, MI between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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CITY OF LOWELL REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified residents of the City of Lowell: The last day to register for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, May 20, 1980 will be:

Monday, April 21, 1980

City offices will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations Monday through Friday, weekly, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Monday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 19, 1980, I will take registrations at my home, 409 N. Division, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Nancy J. Wood, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Arabs introduced the tent to Africa.

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN INSURABLE ACCOUNTS

This is to inform the public that under Section 583.22 of the Rules and Regulations for Insurance of Accounts, the First Savings and Loan Association of Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan, and the Van Buren Savings and Loan Association, South Haven, Michigan and Lowell Savings and Loan Associations [Uninsured Non-Bank Member], Lowell, Michigan, have filed an application with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board for permission to increase its insurable accounts, First Savings and Loan Association of Saginaw to have its home office at 124 South Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan and to maintain all present branch offices at the following locations: 5500 Dixie Highway, Saginaw; 3601 State Street, Saginaw; 260 Washington Avenue, Bay City; 345 North State Street, Caro; 5470 Gratiot Road, Saginaw; 101 North Lafayette Street, Greenville; 201 North State Street, Oscoda; 806 McEwan Street, Clare; 4850 Bay Road, Saginaw; 101 Downtown Mall, Saginaw; 2195 James Street, Grayling; 222 North Main Street, Cheboygan; 220 North Michigan Avenue, Saginaw; 133 West Chisholm, Alpena; 2855 Henry Street, Roosevelt Park; 427 West Front Street, Traverse City; 3017 Center Avenue Road, Essexville; 1020 North Euclid Avenue, Bay City; 119 East Ludington Avenue, Ludington; 2355 Burton Street, S.E., Grand Rapids; 1105 28th Street, S.W., Wyoming; 3440 Kelly Street, Hudsonville; 217 West Main Street, Lowell; 304 Broadway, South Haven; 146 East Main Street, Zeeland; and two approved but unopened branches at 501 Whitehall Road, North

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Anyone may write in favor or protest of the application. Your comments may discuss, but are not limited to, the applicant's record of performance in helping to meet the credit needs of its local communities. Four copies must be sent to "Supervisory Agent, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, 2900 Indiana Tower, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204," and received by April 26, 1980. An additional 20 days to submit comments may be obtained by writing to the Supervisory Agent if your letter is received by April 26, 1980.

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You may look at the application and all comments filed at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, unless any such materials are exempt by law from public disclosure. If you have any questions concerning these procedures, contact the Supervisory Agent by letter or telephone c22-23

Ball programs begin

Forget about the snow on the ground last Monday morning. Spring is here. The proof is the announcement that the YMCA youth ball programs are getting underway.

The Y Little League and Pony League baseball programs for boys start this week with the following schedule:

Nine and Ten year old boys: Sat., Apr. 19, 1-2 p.m.; Tues., Apr. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 26, 1-2 p.m. Eleven and Twelve year old boys: Sat., Apr. 19, 2-3 p.m.; Tues., Apr. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thirteen and fourteen year old boys: Sat., Apr. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Tues., Apr. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All practices are held at the Lowell Middle School.

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Solar energy save \$\$\$\$

The solar energy craze is no longer a craze as many American families realize substantial savings in their budgets by utilizing solar

Johnson honored

Dale Johnson, 11914 74th St. SE, Alto, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Group, has been named one of the company's top agents for 1979 for his excellent production and service record during the year.

Johnson, who was honored at Farm Bureau Insurance Group's recent annual convention in Dearborn, received a sales achievement award for his 1979 production in new life insurance volume. In addition to the award, Johnson received recognition during a special convention session honoring the firm's top award recipients.

powered systems in their homes. People are beginning to realize 20 to 30 percent of their annual fuel bills can be traced to hot water usage, alone and are installing rooftop "collectors" to combat this rising cost. These collectors heat water with energy absorbed from the sunlight striking the rooftop. A typical solar system can cut the average family's hot water bill in half.

Homeowners are finding solar hot water heaters to be a sound investment. Fully installed such systems cost between \$2,000 and \$3,600. However, the water heaters can be expected to pay for themselves by reducing the fuel bills in seven to nine years.

While measuring the cost of installment, you should consider the federal tax breaks, too. The 1978 National Energy Act provides for a 30 percent tax credit on the first \$2,000 of a solar system and 20 percent on any additional costs up to \$10,000. A \$2,000 system could actually cost only \$1,400.

Social Security numbers for kids

Everyone who applies for a social security number must provide evidence of age, identity, and U.S. citizenship or lawful admission status, including young children. Robert Fleminger, social security district manager in Grand Rapids, said recently, "Parents sometimes have difficulty finding the required evidence for their children. They especially have trouble with the idea of providing evidence of identity."

Proof of age is relatively easy—public or hospital record of birth recorded before age 6 or religious record of birth or baptism recorded before age 5. One of these documents will also establish citizenship.

Documents which will establish a young child's identity, and which are usually available to most families, include: report card, school identification card, baby's hospital wrist band, newspaper birth announcement, baby book, court order for name change, church membership or confirmation record, doctor or hospital records, vaccination certificate, daycare or nursery school records, or child's membership in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other young organization.

This is not an exclusive list. Fleminger said. Any document providing identifying data such as a physical description, photograph, or signature may be used as evidence of identity.

Letters

Dear Editor: Would you please change our mailing address back to our Lowell home? We are leaving Phoenix and plan to be home soon.

We have had a good winter, even with the '500 year' floods! Understand that Michigan "lucked out" this winter as far as snow goes—that figures! We leave and the weather improves! Looking forward to seeing our hometown, friends and relatives soon.

Thank you, Sincerely, Pat Miller

Dear Editor: Here's a check for \$6 to renew our subscription. Think your paper is great, and look forward to reading it each week. Especially the Cozy Corner!

Thanks, Irene Groen

LETTER TO EDITOR
Dear Editor: Thank you to all contributors to the Easter Saturday Bake Sale. It was a success! Officers of St. Mary's Altar Society

In uniform... Marine Pvt. Randy L. Coffman, son of Carol C. Coffman of 6015 Peck Lake Road, Saranac, has reported for duty with 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in November, 1979.

Dear Mr. Brown, Kindly send the paper to our home address after the 26th March edition. Monday is a red letter day as that is the arrival of the copy. We enjoy the "Cozy Corner" and also think the new format is a great improvement. Thanks, (Mrs. V.L.) Pauline Watts

Dear Editor: Making a park on an island in the middle of town! What a great idea! I hope the city involves the whole community in this project. I sure am ready to help!

Sincerely, Steve Harrington, School Naturalist

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The Back Page

New picnic tables for Kent County Park System

Jack Golden Associates of East Detroit, lowest and best qualified bidder of five at \$15,075, has been awarded the contract for components for 150 picnic tables with tubular metal legs, reports James Porritt, manager of the Kent County Road and Park Commission.

The commission is buying 118 more such tables from

the firm at the same unit price because the company's bid was lower than expected and because the Board of County Commissioners approved a special appropria-

tion to buy extra tables to speed the long-range program for replacing aging tables and adding to the number of picnic tables with the new kind, he adds.

Total cost of the 268 picnic tables is \$26,934.

The component parts, scheduled to arrive later this month, will be sent directly to the Kent County Sheriff's Department's honor camp in the northeast part of the county, where the inmates will assemble them.

Crews from the KCRPC will start placing the picnic tables in different parks including Fallasburg and Townsend in late May or early June, says Porritt.

"We plan to advertise for bids for such equipment for the next three years," he states.

"There are two reasons why the road and park commission is getting tables with metal legs," says Porritt. "One is that the new kind will last longer than the ones with wooden legs which after a few years begin to rot. The other is that picnic tables of all-wood design have become too costly."

The manager says he expects there will be many more visitors at the county parks this coming season than last year due to the high cost of gasoline. "People just aren't going to drive long distances for their picnics, swimming, ball games or whatever and we must be ready with the proper facilities," he states.

There are 1,867 picnic tables in Kent County's 27 parks.—Dave Barnes.

Camp Fire Girls have Dads for dates

Lowell and Alto Camp Fire girls have invited their fathers to be their guests at their annual Dad-Daughter Dinner on Monday, April 21. The event is to be held at 6:15 p.m. in the Runciman all-purpose room.

Each Blue Bird and Adventure group is planning its own potluck and preparing table decorations on the theme of symbolism. The 6th grade Adventurers will present a skit, and Heather Palmer, director of Camp Keewano, will show slides on the year-round programs of-

fered there for individual girls and for groups.

The Camp Fire leaders will be meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty Coons to plan the remaining spring activities. These will include the annual Council Fire, at which time awards are presented to be held on May 22.

The Day Camp of the Southeast District of Kent County Council, of which the Lowell groups are a part, has been set for June 23-27 at Townsend Park.

Identify before giving info

Census takers for the 1980 Census of Population and Housing are easy to identify. They wear red, white, and blue cards with the U.S. Department of Commerce seal and "Census Enumerator, Official Credential" printed on them. Their cards also have their signatures, certifying that they have sworn to keep confidential all information they collect for the census.

Anyone without this official identification card will claim to be a census taker should be reported to the police or to the district office. Dial information for the local census number to call.

Census takers have started making their rounds here calling at residences from which householders have mailed back their census questionnaires. They are using the telephone to reach most of the householders who have mailed back questionnaires inadequately filled out.

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DNR report

Warm spring rains today may help to warm river waters to further spur trout in their spring runs upstream. This is a good time to catch many species of fish. As waters warm, fish body temperatures warm and they become more active. This makes for more fish moving upstream and fish possessing a more active fighting characteristic. As waters warm, trout fishing will only improve till spawning runs terminate.

The Grand, Muskegon and White Rivers are all reporting good numbers of steelhead. The better baits in-

clude spawn, wigglers, and small spoons.

At the 6th Street dam Grand Rapids, fish are actively passing through the fish ladder. Fish are upstream to the Lyons dam well as most tributaries.

Suckers are reported in streams with dip netters and fishermen alike reporting fair fishing.

Inland lakes are ice free. Area fishermen are reporting fair fishing for bluegills.

The 1980 fishing licenses will go on sale April 12. The 1979 fishing licenses are effective through April 2, 1980.

Asthmatics can apply for free summer camp

Applications are now being accepted by the American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM) for its free summer camp for asthmatic children.

The American Lung Association's Camp Sun Deer is an active week-long camping program for children with significant asthma who, because of their disease, might never get to enjoy a regular camping experience. Camp Sun Deer is located 10 miles north of Battle Creek, on Clear Lake in Dowling, Michigan. Camp Sun Deer will provide all the activities of regular camp with the additional medical support necessary to treat asthma episodes, or attacks, so that campers will be able to participate fully in all camp programs.

Anyone interested in applying to Camp Sun Deer, or contributing to its support, please write or call the American Lung Association of Michigan at 403 Seymour Avenue, Lansing, MI 48914, phone (517-4541).

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Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island opens this year on May 15. The historic fort was built on the Island in 1780 after Indians tricked the British into watching a ball game in front of the fort on the mainland. The Indians threw the ball into the fort, went in to fetch it, let in the rest of their tribe and killed the British.

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