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PONY EXPRESS COMING

The Michigan Sheriff's Posse Association is finalizing plans for the state-wide meet of Poses from all over Michigan in Lowell on June 14. Letters which will be carried by horsemen to Lowell and imprinted with a special Pony Express seal before mailing can be purchased locally at the Ledger. They can be written to anyone, anywhere and should be returned by June 12 so they can be added to the bulging saddlebags. For complete details on the celebration, see the Ledger next week.

SCHOOL ELECTION

Monday, June 9 is the date for the annual School District Election with two vacancies on the Board of Education to be filled on the ballot. Wayne M. Dowling and James A. Dumas, both incumbents, have filed petitions with the school district for the four year terms. Write-in votes are permissible. Polls in the three precincts are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CLOSED TEMPORARILY

D & K Shutting Service will be closed during the months of June and July due to the hospitalization of owner Don Sheffer. Don and wife Kathy hope to resume their service in August.

REUNITING

Lowell High School's Class of 1975 is planning their 5 year reunion for this Saturday, June 7, 1980. If there happens to be a class member who was not contacted or if you haven't made your reservations yet, please call Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing at 897-6411 days or Barb (Dey) Porter at 897-5863 evenings. Reservations will be accepted until 9 p.m. Friday.

YOU'RE INVITED

Lowell Lions are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a dinner dance at Deer Run Golf Club this Saturday, June 7. Members hope their friends will come celebrate with them. Tickets are \$25 per couple and can be obtained by calling Lion Ron Holst or Lion Dr. Clark Vredenburg.

FESTIVAL '80

This weekend marks the annual celebration of the arts in Grand Rapids called Festival '80. Several Lowell individuals and groups will be involved in the event with their art, their music or their help in the various booths. Radio station WEHB (89.9 FM) Public Broadcasting station will cover the event live. If you can't make it to the gala, about the next best thing will be listening to the talented folks from the area on one of the four stages by radio. Lowell High School's 6th Hour Music group will be entertaining.

FAME SPREADS

Another of Lowell's special events, the Fallsburg Fall Festival sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, is gaining state-wide recognition. It was included recently in the statewide press releases of the Auto Club of Michigan as one of the 47 major art festivals in Michigan. According to organizers of the Sept. 27-28 event, requests from artists to be juried have come from as far away as Colorado.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A 9-year-old shoplifter was apprehended in Lipperts Pharmacy on Wednesday, May 28 by store employees. Ranson Westover failed to see a motorcycle and backed into it on Main St. near Monroe St. on Tuesday, May 27. William Green's vehicle was struck by a car driven by James Cabal Sr. of Rockford as Cabal was backing from a private drive onto Pleasant St. on Tuesday afternoon. Apprehended in Lipperts Pharmacy on Wednesday, May 28 was Lorna Page of Bay City for larceny under \$100. Ms. Page plead guilty at her arraignment and was fined \$35. Lowell police officers investigated 10 accidents in the month of May, including one injury accident. Lowell Rescue was called to respond to six runs.

Craddock tickets selling well

By Forrest Buck

That Man-About-Town, Roger Brown, informed me that it was about time to start to publicize some of our coming events. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fourth of July celebration featuring holiday entertainment designed to please both young and old. Festivities begin with a parade building up to a great fireworks display. One of the highlights of the day will be a concert featuring popular country-rock singer Billy "Crash" Craddock staged on the outdoor stage of the Riverside Amphitheater at 8:30 followed by the fireworks.

Billy Wayne Craddock was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, the youngest of thirteen children. He grew up in a family poor in money but rich in music. They lived in a four room house so far out of town there wasn't any electricity or indoor plumbing.

Billy bought his first six-string guitar from a pawn shop with \$22 that he had earned mowing lawns at the

age of eleven. By the time Billy was in his teens he was playing in and winning many local talent contests around Greensboro.

At the age of sixteen however, tragedy struck the Craddock family, when Billy lost his beloved mother. She never had the privilege of hearing Billy sing professionally. In 1979 he released "My Mama Never Heard Me Sing" which went high on the charts.

Billy and his brother Ronald and a couple of school friends formed a group they named the "Four Rebels" and played local clubs between Billy's football practices. As a 135 pound half-back Billy was a local star, earning the nickname "Crash" by consistently crashing through the opposing teams' tacklers.

After high school Billy married his sweetheart Mae and they have three children — Billy Jr., Steve and April. In 1971 Billy formed a partnership with Dale Morris,

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Lowell Showboat Corporation will showcase the talents of country-rock star Billy "Crash" Craddock in Riverside Amphitheatre at 8:30 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Craddock has a list of No. 1 hits on the charts and an exciting stage show. Tickets are \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 at the Showboat Ticket office on Main Street, or P.O. Box 56, Lowell, MI, or by calling (616) 897-9237.

Phone cable cut in Ada; area service down

Some dialing fingers in Lowell and Ada were worn down to the first knuckle on Monday as residents and merchants tried to phone Grand Rapids without success.

A major telephone "carrier" cable was partially

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severed when it was accidentally hit by a cable TV company in the area of Ada Dr. and Maple Hill about 11 a.m. Local service was not interrupted and a very few "cable pairs" were still operational but could not handle the load of calls into and out of our area.

According to Robert Thole, community relations manager of Michigan Bell's Grand Rapids district, cable repair crews were dispatched quickly and worked through the day to restore complete service to the Lowell-Ada area. The job was completed about 5 p.m.

The severed cable pairs had been stretched as they snapped and whole sections had to be removed and new sections inserted. The carrier cable contained 400 "pairs" of access wires, a multi-colored nightmare for even the repair specialist.

Spend the 4th in Lowell

Of all the national holidays, the Fourth of July is the one to stay home for.

Sure, the price of gas and the highway death toll are two good reasons to think twice before heading for the hills or the lakes. This year, especially, the best reason to spend the nation's birthday at home is the super celebration planned from noon until dark at the Lowell Fairgrounds!

Festivities begin with a grand parade at noon with 25 to 30 units this year. There will be bands and floats and horses and decorated bikes. The Lowell Area Arts Council will give awards for the best decorations in several categories. There will also be a giant USA Birthday Cake in the parade sponsored by the Lowell Bakery. Dave Clark

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Plumbing and Heating and the Boy Scouts. Sale of pieces of the cake at the Fairgrounds will help pay for the evening's fireworks.

For the Bingo fanatics, play begins immediately after the parade. The Lowell YMCA Pool will be open from 12:30 until 3 p.m. A Canoe Race is planned for 12:30. Live music begins at 1 p.m. and will continue until 7 p.m.

Children's games begin at 2 p.m. with something for the small fry on up. Volleyball tournaments run from 1-5 p.m. with teams made up of every age group (teens to terminal, if last year is an indication).

At 3 p.m., one of the highlights of the day will be

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Craddock, cont'd.

they split the cost of a Greyhound bus ticket to Nashville where they decided to go for broke with one last record. That record "Knock Three Times" was an instant hit and rose to No. 1 in the

nation and Billy "Crash" Craddock was on his way. Billy has cut twenty Top Ten country singles (nine of which have been No. 1) including "Dream Lover", "Walk Softly", "Sweet Magnolia Blossom".

CALKINS LAW OFFICE REOPENS AT MUSEUM

The Calkins Law Office of the Grand Rapids Public Museum will again be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons beginning June 1st. Hours are 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Law Office is located across from the Public Museum in Lincoln Park at the corner of Washington and State Streets. Free admission.

Built in 1836, this Greek Revival styled building is the oldest frame structure in Grand Rapids.

Craddock now has one of the most exciting stage shows around. His band the Dreamlovers, are some of the most talented musicians in the business. His back-up group "Southern Knights" are described as having Heavenly Harmony. His fast growing fan clubs tripled in size last year. Many of these will be at the Lowell concert.

Tickets for this show may be bought at the Show Boat Ticket office, P.O. Box 56, Lowell, MI or reserved by phone (616) 897-9237. Tickets \$5, \$6, \$7, and \$8.—Bucky.



The "Southern Knights" is the name of the back-up group with the "heavenly harmonies" for the Billy "Crash" Craddock concert in Riverside Amphitheatre on July 4 at 8:30 p.m.

4th of July, continued

the annual waterball fight between the Lowell Fire Department and the Alto Fire Department (a chilling experience for spectators). A huge earthball has been obtained for a contest between teens at 4 p.m. Lowell JC's will have several games going all day with a watermelon seed spitting contest planned.

At 8:30 p.m., Lowell Showboat Corp. will showcase country-rock singer Billy "Crash" Craddock at Riverside Amphitheatre. Tickets are \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8 from the Ticket Office on Main St., or from Box 56, Lowell, MI, or by calling 897-9237.

The perfect end to a busy 4th of July will be the Chamber of Commerce giant fireworks display at the Fairgrounds at 10:30 p.m.

For the cook at your house, maybe the best part of the

Lowell 4th of July Celebration will be that local organizations will fix lunch and supper.

Lowell Lions will be serving their chicken dinners at 4 p.m. until they are gone. Alto Lions will offer beef barbeques and a beverage. The Women of the Moose will have tacos and a beverage. The Lowell JC's will have ice cream. The Lowell Firemen will have their "beverage" booth again this year.

It should be a fun-filled, tummy-filled Fourth of July in Lowell this year!

City Council again denies tax break

Optec, Inc. was again denied a tax break under Public Act 198, by the same Lowell City Council that denied the request a month ago. Jerry Persha, owner of Optec requested a new hearing because the last one hadn't been publicized in a newspaper, an oversight on the part of City Hall. Though the public notice in this case is not required by law, it was decided to grant the request for a new hearing because the city has publicized other 198 hearings.

Optec was constructed over one year ago and it was for this reason primarily, that the request was denied. Councilman David Carter stuck to his opinion that "198" is supposed to be an entitlement and should not be offered to businesses that have already established themselves.

The council approved a contract with the Kent County Road Commission that will designate the Road Commission as overseer of the construction of a new bridge over the Grand River at Division St. The Road Commission will be taking on the project in exchange for several sections of street in the city's major street network. The Road Commission will then be in line for any state funds for the maintenance of these streets. The streets include: Grand F. ver Dr. from S. City Limit to E. City Limit, Division from Grand River Dr. to Jackson and Jackson from Division to Main. This amounts to 1.08 miles of street that receives about \$3,000 annually from state gas and weight taxes. The city assures that these streets will be maintained to the standards of other city streets.

The city benefits in that the road commission will pay all engineering fees, half the local share of construction, and 50% of future maintenance to the bridge. Under the terms of the new contract, the city's portion of the costs for building the bridge will fall between \$67,500 and \$70,000. State funding could come through as early as this October.

The council authorized the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for the employment of summer help in the cemetery and parks.

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Bids on 1,800 trees and shrubs for beautifying the embankments of Int. 96 between the Kent-Ionia county line with 28th St. SF will be taken next January or February by the Michigan Department of Transportation, reports Charles K. Brooks, Grand Rapids district highway engineer for the MDT.

Estimated cost of the 12.4-mile-long project is \$125,000 of which federal funds will pay 90 percent and the MDT 10 percent, he adds.

Trees will include evergreens, maples, willows and ash; and sumac, juniper, cranberry, cotoneaster and hawthorn will be some of the shrubs.

Planting will take place in the spring and there will be a one-year guarantee on the trees and shrubs. "Thus, if any die within the year after planting, they will be replaced at no extra cost," says Brooks.

Montcalm Avenue, the east side of Pratt Lake and the Chessie System railroad tracks constitute the eastern boundary of the project.—Dave Barnes.

Birth

Grandparents Joe and Nona Parker, and Art and Pat Warming are beaming at the birth of their new granddaughter Casey Lee Parker on May 28. She was born at Butterworth Hospital weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. Mom and Dad are Joe and Gail Parker.

DRIVING COSTS RISE \$356 IN MICHIGAN

Driving costs for motorists in Michigan increased \$356 during the last year, according to Automobile Club of Michigan. "It costs Michiganders 21.5 cents per mile to operate their cars, or 12 percent more than the 19.4 cents a mile in 1979," said Auto Club Touring Manager Joseph Ratke. Operating expenses for motorists who drive 15,000 miles annually will be \$3,266 compared with \$2,910 in 1979.

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Walk-a-thon nets \$7,000



The staff and boys of Honey Creek Christian Homes have a real feeling of accomplishment after their successful first Walk-A-thon held last Saturday, May 31. About 190 walkers covered the 10 mile trek from the Lowell Middle School to the Honey Creek Campus on Grand River Avenue. Approximately \$7,000 was raised for application to the cost of a learning center which will be an addition to the present gymnasium.

She's an R.N.

Mrs. Peter (Patricia) Walter graduated from Blodgett School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse on Saturday, May 31. She received one of three awards given for excellence and graduated with honors.

Patricia is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walter of Riverside Dr., Lowell.

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Steve Noffke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noffke of Lowell, is a recent graduate of Michigan Technological University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Working for Capitol Consultants, Inc. Steve, wife Jane and son Richard will be residing in Lansing, MI.

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Hooker Chapter installs officers



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By Roger Brown

Before I get started on anything else, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Kathie Quada back to her typewriter. We are all more than a little bit astonished at her speedy recovery from the major surgery that she underwent just a few weeks ago. Kathie does nearly all the writing that goes into the Ledger, with the exception of only a few items, such as this column. I've tried to get her to write this too, but she won't buy it. Welcome back Kathie.

CRASH, BAM, BIFF, BOP, ZOWIE

My five-year-old boy Casey got a new two-wheeler for his birthday a couple of months ago. He has been riding it ever since, but with the aid of training wheels. Last Wednesday, we decided to give it a try without them. Of course I had to make a trip downtown after my wrenches, but we soon had the training wheels off and started making passes across the back yard. The grass is a bit softer than pavement for all those novice crashes.

Though a bit wobbly, Casey was doing all right with his first few trips across the yard. He had a couple of problems though. One problem was the fact that he couldn't turn. He'd go peddling across the yard and crash into the fence, or picnic table, or dog pen, or any number of things. Another problem was that he was used to his training wheels, and with them, he could apply the brakes, stop, and not tip over. I didn't count how many times he came to a stop, didn't put a foot down to catch himself, then tipped over in slow-motion. I tried not to laugh.

We worked on his turning and stopping for awhile and he made some real progress, so we moved the project to the High School parking lot for the sake of easier peddling. Here he really started to get the hang of it and was soon doing figure eights and sharp turns out in the expanse of the parking lot. He had a little psychological problem with the curbs though. Every time he got near one, he'd freeze, forget how to turn, and crash into it, making for some pretty nasty spills. Remarkably, he got through the entire two hour session without a scrape. Dad suffered the only injury. Like a big dummy, I was barefoot and when running along beside him at the parking lot, I stomped on a good sharp stone. I think there's still a dent in the bottom of my foot.

He picked it up really well, and by the end of the two hour session, we had him riding well enough to leave the training wheels off for good. With a little adjustment of the seat and handle bars, he got so that he could even get off to tippy-toe starts by himself. Now, less than a week later, he rides the darned thing like he was born on it.

Going through this whole ordeal with him made me realize how difficult learning to ride a bicycle is. Could you imagine learning to drive a car, boat or airplane if they were that difficult to learn? You'd smash up about twenty cars before you got the hang of it, and I don't think you'd get enough chances with an airplane to ever learn how to fly.

The Kodiak bear, or big brown bear, is the largest type of bear, sometimes reaching nine feet in length and 1,600 pounds.



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Installed were: Excellent High Priest, John L. Strachan; King, Albert S. Carpenter; Scribe, Gould O. Rivette; Treasurer, Cecil H. DeRushia; Secretary, George H. Noteware; Captain of the Host, James F. Cahoon; Principal Sojourner, Major M. Boegert; Royal Arch Captain, Gardner E. Compton; Master 3rd Veil, Glenn C. Parsons; Master 2nd Veil, Kenneth L. Leys; Master 1st Veil, Orval E. Jessup; Sentinel, Gordon B. Johnson.

Board agenda set

Lowell's Schools Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on June 9 at the Board of Education offices, 12689 Foreman Rd., Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda are the following items: 1) Sixth Grade Health Education program; 2) Close-Up report; 3) School Board Election.

This ceremony was followed by an illustrated commentary, "I Am The American Flag", prepared and presented by Arden Connell, proprietor of Ardens Photo Shop in Grand Rapids.

In appreciation, the Chapter volunteered a substantial sum be turned over to Mr. Connell for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children. Complimentary refreshments and a social hour concluded the evening.

In Europe

Bill Braman, formerly of Lowell, is one of 40 participants in the U.S. Labor Exchange Program.

He is participating in meetings taking place in France, West Germany and Belgium. They are meeting with various Labor Unions, touring plants and coal mines, learning their ways and customs. They left the U.S.A. on May 18 and will return on June 6.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeHaan of Bowes Rd., Lowell.

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Name change for area bank

Officials of the Wayland State Bank have announced that effective June 1st the company will be known as United Community Bank. Headquartered in Wayland, the firm serves the communities of Alto, Dorr, Clarksville, Hopkins, Freeport and Gun Lake with banking offices.

According to A.H. Johnson, Chairman of the Board, the change was dictated by the number of locations and

the types of services available have undergone dramatic transformations over the years.

"For better than 75 years, our bank has been a partner in helping build stability and prosperity in this area," Johnson says. "Today our organization is united in a network of convenient bank offices in local communities. While we make use of the most up-to-date computerized technology for the great-

est efficiency, we never lose sight of the personal aspect. The term 'United Community Bank' seemed a more appropriate way to characterize what we call our New-Fashioned Banking."

While the name has been altered, Johnson foresees no changes in operation. "Our relationship with the members of the community is our greatest asset," he adds. "We believe a bank should be a positive resource for

residents, farmers and local businesses. Our strength is in the community. We don't intend to forget that."

California grad

Tony Kiedas, son of Steve and Peggy Idema of Lowell, will graduate from Fairfax High School in Los Angeles, Calif. on June 11. He formerly attended Lowell Area Schools. Tony will enter UCLA in September.

Somerville seeks second term



Jo Somerville

Commissioner Jo Somerville, 3rd District representative, also serves on the Board of Institutions (governing the Community Hospital complex), Task Force on Alternatives to Incarceration, County-Township Committee, Grand Rapids Employment and Training Council (governing C.E.T.A. Funds), and Downtown Riverfront Committee.

Commissioner Somerville previously served as Cascade Township Trustee from 1976 to 1976.

"Representing the people of District 3 is a challenging experience," Somerville said. "Most of our problems deal with the rapid growth we continue to experience in a suburban and rural community. Many services are not yet available to accommodate our population over 30,000 citizens."

District 3 comprises several governmental units, including townships of Ada, Bowler, Cascade, a portion of Grand Rapids Township, Lowell, Vergennes and the City of Lowell.

Somerville lives at 71 Gladys Drive in Cascade Township.

Chamber plans Ox Roast

Ox Roast

Preparation for Pony Press Day on June 14 was main item for discussion at the May 28 meeting of Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

Members have planned Ox Roast for that day to be held in the parking lot of Paul's Showboat Restaurant on E. Main St. The proceeds from the Roast will help for the giant fireworks play on the 4th of July at Fairgrounds. The Roast will be held at the Methodist Church in case of rain.

The billboard in the M Street parking lot will be used to advertise the Chamber's Ox Roast and the Pony Express Day with the work to be done by D. Clark, Noel Christoff, Robert Brown with advice from N. Pelz. Other promotion ideas were discussed.

Chamber members will set June 12 as the date for nominations and election of officers for the organization.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Elof Erickson, former Alto, entered Butterworth Hospital last Saturday, June 31. Elof is 84 years old and would appreciate help from his friends. His number is 4280.

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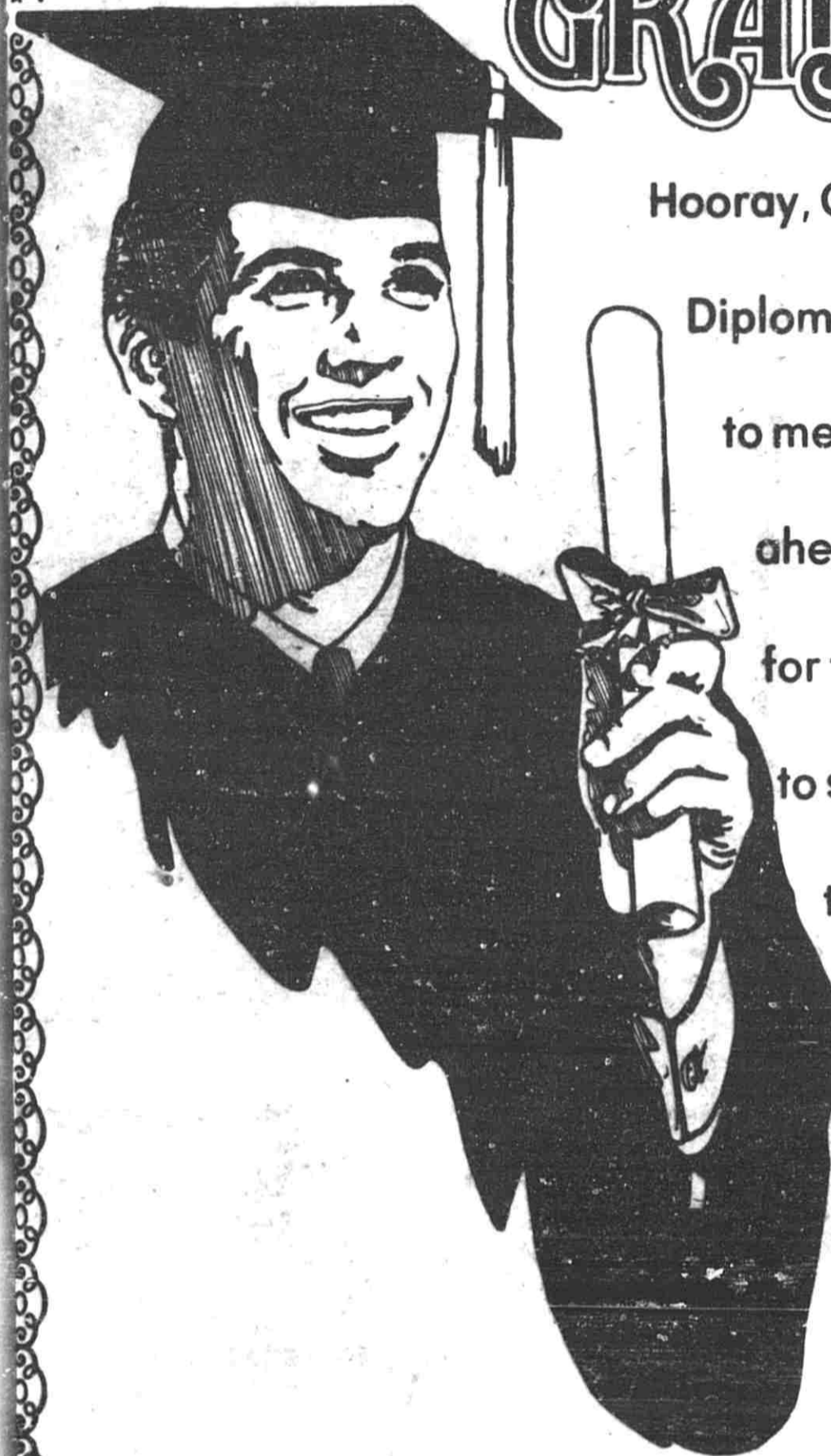
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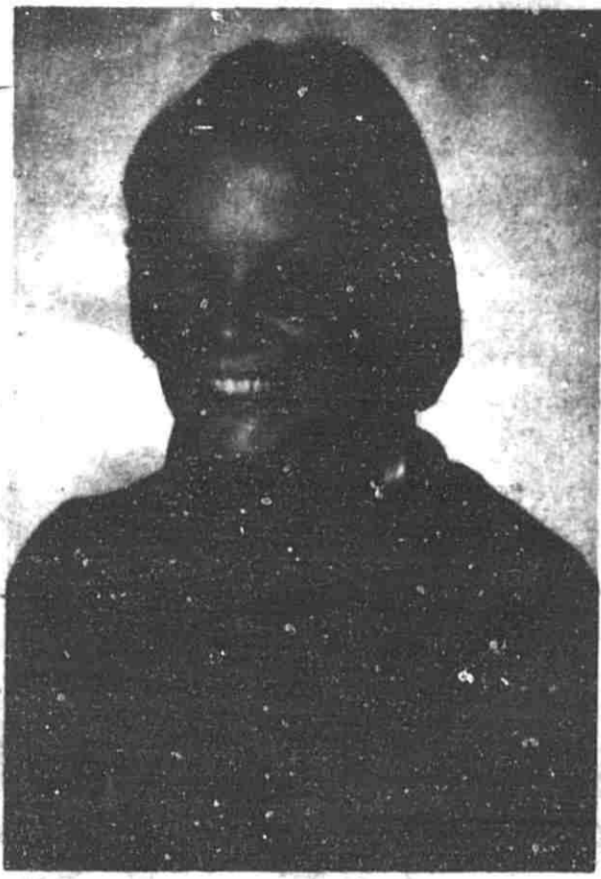
L.H.S. TOP TEN . . .

Keeping their noses to the grindstone paid off for ten outstanding young people in the 1980 graduating class of Lowell High School. The top 10 students were named this week.

Sharing the honor of valedictorian this year are Sheila Smith and Deanna Snyder.

Salutatorian for 1980 is Sherri VanBelkum. The rest of the top 10 follows alphabetically: Barry Eldridge, Dolly Gerard, Lee-

sa J. Hartley, Mark Lessens, Mary Magle, Steve Sterzick and Kathy Thebo.



Sheila Smith
Co-Valedictorian

Sheila is the daughter of Elmer and Ethel Smith of 4360 Segun, Lowell. She has maintained a consistently high grade level while participating in cheerleading, Student Congress, track, annual staff, track, Mat Maids

and drama club. She will major in accounting at Ferris State College.

Deanna is the daughter of Robert and Gloria Snyder of 9095 Vergennes, Ada. Her high school career includes four years of cheerleading, three years of track, volleyball, Girls Varsity Club, two years as a teacher's aid,

Deanna Sue Snyder
Co-Valedictorian

Editor of the yearbook, Student Congress Secretary and a year on the Jenison High School swim team. She plans to pursue a career in medicine at Houghton University, Houghton, N.Y.



Sherri VanBelkum
Salutatorian

It has been a busy four years for Sherri, daughter of Nick and Delores VanBelkum, 8048 5 Mile Rd., Ada. She kept her grades high and still found time for Ski Club, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Student Congress, Girls Varsity Club, cheerleading, net minder, office aide and the annual staff.

Sherri will major in Business Administration at Grand Rapids Junior College in the fall. She has accumulated several awards and honors in her high school year among them, the DA award, third place at Grand Rapids Junior College Business Competition Day, membership in the National Honor Society and attended Girl State.



Barry Craig Eldridge
Barry is the son of Richard and Fern Eldridge of 12382 92nd St. and he plans to major in Music and Education at Grand Rapids Junior College for one year, then transfer to Cedarville Baptist College in southern Ohio.

His activities include band, choir, State Solo Ensemble, State forensics, debate, 6th Hour Music, Student Congress Vice-President, Freshmen class Vice-Pres., Sophomore class representative, Close-Up Washington D.C. program, Michigan Jr. Charolais Breeders officer, member of 4-H and the Alaska Baptist Church.

Barry earned honors and awards throughout his high school career, among them: Tri-Rivers Honors Band, District 10 All-Star Band, Jagar All-Star Band, Junior Rotari-



Dorothy Ellen Gerard

ernment, her church youth group and choir, and two years at Blue Lake International Band kept Dolly busy. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned an academic scholarship from Calvin College.

Barry Craig Eldridge

an, Most Valuable (Band), Drum Major, Blue Lake Pine Arts Camp, International Band European Tour in 1978 and 1979, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Loesa J. Hartley
With a career in Physical Therapy in mind, Loesa plans to attend Calvin College. She is the daughter of Douglas P. Hartley, 110 Flat River Dr., Lowell.

She participated in track, gymnastics, cheerleading, band and the high school annual staff. She is also a member of the Calvary CRC's Young Peoples' Society. Loesa has been on the Honor Roll throughout junior

Dorothy Ellen Gerard
Dolly is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Gerard, 2251 W. Main St., Lowell and has plans to attend Calvin College for her degree in Business Administration followed by work at the University of Michigan for a masters degree in hospital administration.

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Leesa Joy Hartley

and senior high. She lettered in cheerleading in her Jr. and Sr. years.

Mark Timothy Lessens
Mark plans to major in engineering when he attends Grand Rapids Junior College in the fall and hopes to attend Michigan Technological University to earn his degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lessens, 517 Elm St., Lowell.



Mark Timothy Lessens

This year Mark is president of both the National Honor Society and the International Club. He participated in cross-country, basket-

ball and tennis, four years of Marching and Symphonic Bands. He is a member of St. Mary's Church choir and is a Boy Scout.

Mark participated in the 1979 American Legion Wolverine Boys State and will attend the Rotary Leadership Camp at Camp Emery this summer.

Mary Magle
Mary is the daughter of Gerald and Pat Magle of 940 Boynton SE, Lowell. She will attend the University of



Mary Magle

Michigan in the fall and will major in psychology. She is a member of the Lowell Senior High School Choir.

Steve Sterzick
Steve, who plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall majoring in accounting, is the son of Adrian and Joyce Sterzick, 5772 Alden Nash, Lowell.

Steve is a member of Boy's Varsity Club, the National Honor Society, and is a Junior Rotarian. He participated in golf, baseball, YMCA bowling and Slo-Pitch Softball. He is the treasurer of the Lowell Wesleyan



Steven Todd Sterzick

Youth Group and is employed at Deer Run Golf Club. He earned varsity letters in golf three years and in baseball two years.

Kathy Thebo
Kathy plans to work for a year and then go on to college for classes in art. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thebo, 9595 S Mile Rd., Ada.



Kathy Lynne Thebo

Kathy has been a member of Future Farmers of America, Pom Poms, girls basketball and community girls softball.

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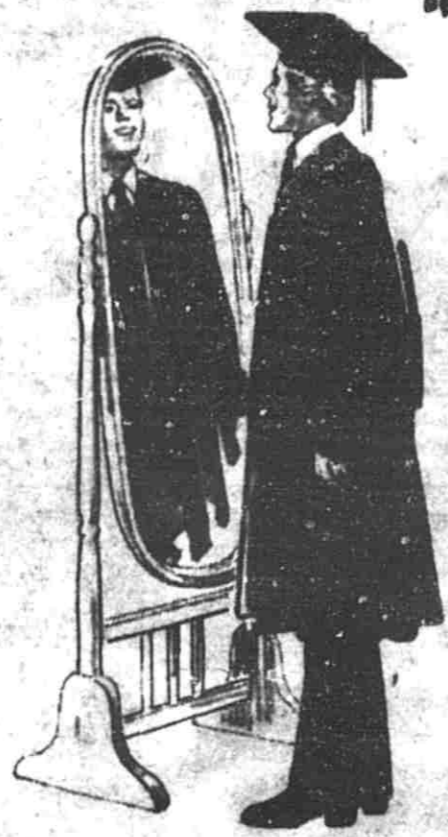
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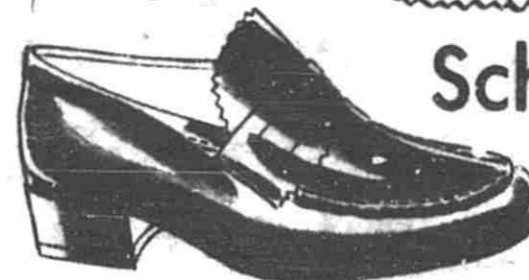
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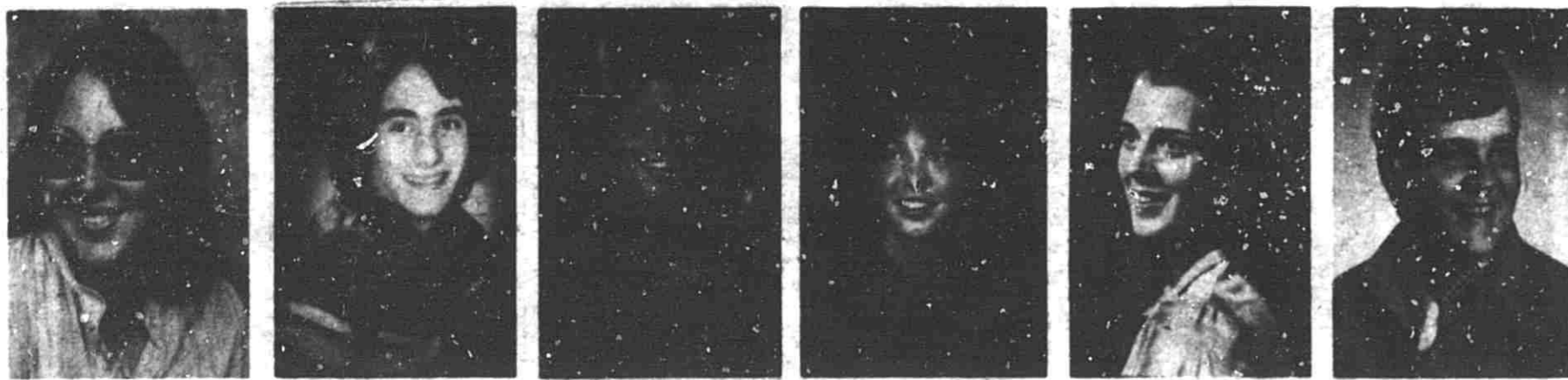
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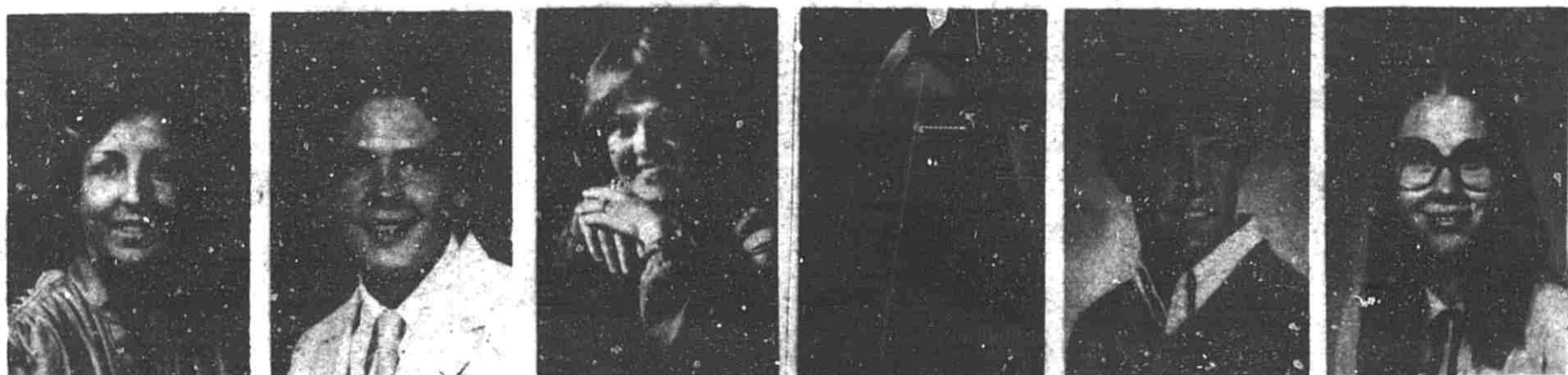
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