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New Ada Bridge assured by Amway

Ada's covered bridge definitely will be rebuilt, the chairman of a successful citizen's fundraising drive has announced.

In fact, John VanderVeen of Ada said lumber to rebuild the landmark has been ordered after Amway Corporation offered to pay \$70,000 toward the \$91,830 project.

VanderVeen said Amway's donation, the willingness of the Kent County Road Commission to pay 10 percent of the cost, and the Ada Covered Bridge Committee's ability to raise more than \$22,000 in public contributions made the rebuilding drive a resounding success.

He also noted that the Road Commission has agreed to insure and maintain the new bridge, while Ada Township officials will make certain it is properly lighted and policed.

The announcement by VanderVeen was the first public disclosure that Amway is the previously anonymous donor paying a major share of the bridge rebuilding costs. Amway's offer was made privately to township officials, the Road Commission, and key local citizens only days after an arsonist set the century-old span ablaze last September 9.

VanderVeen reported that officials of Dan Vos Construction Company, which is handling the rebuilding at cost, are 90 percent certain the bridge can be rebuilt this year. However, he said no definite work schedule can be established until certain tests are completed upon the wood. Those tests may take two or three weeks after the wood arrives in Ada.

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community to join in this effort will assure its security once it is restored."

Both VanAndel and DeVos noted that residents of Ada and surrounding areas more than fulfilled that desire.

We've grown... a little

City officials have received the unofficial 1980 Census report for Lowell from the Census Bureau which shows Lowell's population increased by 12.3 percent since the last census in 1970.

The last population figure from the Census Bureau showed Lowell's population at 3,068. The new figure is 3,444 but city officials feel that number may be off by as much as 300 to 500 residents.

City residents who did not get a census form or who received one but didn't send it back in are asked to contact City Manager Ray Quada at Lowell City Hall in order to assure an accurate count of the city's population.

"We're proud to be a part of a community so willing to provide its money to rebuild this structure which is such a solid link to our common heritage," the Amway owners said.

VanderVeen said he expects to announce plans for a brief ceremony formally dedicating the covered bridge once the date of its completion nears.

Board holds first meeting of 80-81

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education will hold their organizational and regular meeting on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board offices in the Middle School on Foreman Rd.

Agenda items for the organizational meeting are: 1. Election of officers; 2. Schedule of meetings; 3. Official depositories of school funds.

Agenda items for the regular meeting are: 1. High School discipline report; 2. Adoption of Lowell Middle School and Lowell High School handbooks for 1980-81; 3. Coaching assignments; 4. Establish operational and debt mileage for 1980-81.



PAINT CREW NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help paint the benches at Recreation Park at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday morning, July 12. The City is supplying the paint. Call Quada to try to round up the manpower to get the job done. Just show up in paintin' clothes and your help will be greatly appreciated.

REUNION

The Lowell High School Class of 1970 will be having their reunion on Saturday, July 19. If by chance there is a class member who was not contacted or if you haven't made your reservations yet, please call Norene at 897-8421 days or 897-5525 evenings. Reservations will be accepted until 9 p.m. Friday, July 18.

MACKER TOURNEY

Macker Siadlarena is located in the driveway (and adjacent street) of 521 Elizabeth St., Lowell, Michigan and is the site for the 7th Macker Tournament this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 11, 12 & 13. Basketballs will slap the concrete with 3 man teams competing in the double elimination event. Hoopsters from junior high up, both men and women have entered.

TALENT NIGHT

Don't forget Showboat Talent Night is this Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m. Amateurs will compete for 12 spots in the Showboat Week line-up. Prices are \$1.50 for adults and 75c for kids under 12.

REDUCTION, REBATE, DISCOUNT

Harold Zeigler Ford Inc., has a huge sale going on now through Saturday, July 12 with a huge reduction in interest rates, factory rebates up to \$1,000, and a State sponsored 2 percent discount on sales tax from their huge selection of cars.

MICHIGAN FESTIVALS

Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay area is the heart of the nation's cherry country and Traverse City is the home of the National Cherry Festival, July 5-12. The National Blueberry Festival will be held in South Haven, Michigan, July 16-20. Both events are chock full of cherry/berry events to delight the whole family. Culinary treats center on the cherry/berry in question. Antique engines will puff, cough and spit their way into action on Saturday and Sunday, July 12, 13 at the 9th annual Antique Gasoline Engine Show at Charlton Park Village and Museum near Hastings.

There's always something happening in Michigan.

Amway requested its offer be kept confidential until local residents raised part of the rebuilding costs as proof there is community-wide support for the bridge's reconstruction.

"This donation is a sparkling example of Amway's interest in the community that is its home," VanderVeen declared. "Amway is proving to us all just how dedicated this company is to being a good neighbor."

Jay VanAndel, Amway's Chairman of the Board, said he and co-owner Richard DeVos wanted to help rebuild the bridge since "it has meant so much to the community where we live and do business." VanAndel noted that a sketch of the bridge appears upon the township's official seal.

DeVos said he and VanAndel sought community-wide participation in the drive to rebuild the bridge because "we believed that encouraging the entire com-

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Methodist Church celebrates 125 years on Sunday on Sun.

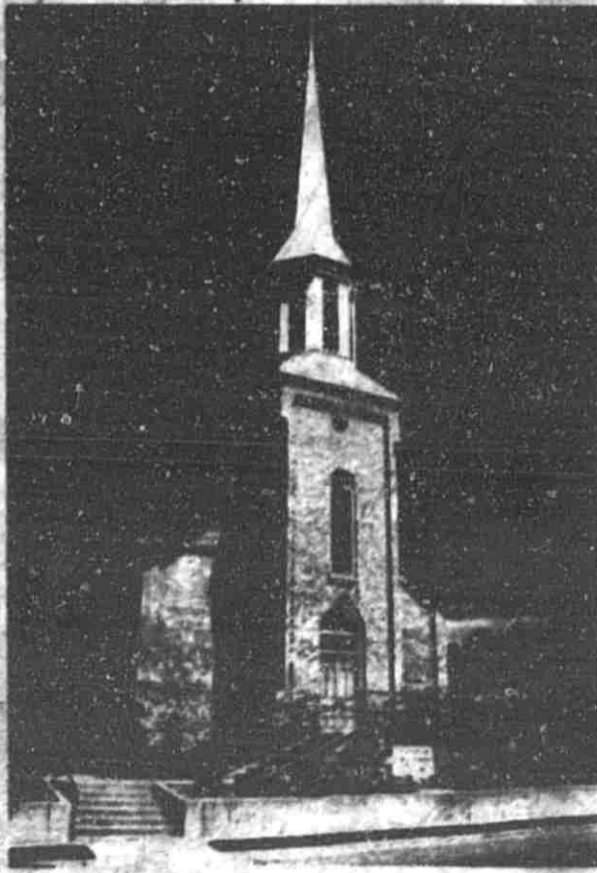
During 1980 the First United Methodist Church of Lowell is observing the 125th anniversary of its founding.

A special emphasis, as part of the anniversary celebration, is to be given to the history and heritage of First United Methodist Church on this coming Sunday, July 13.

Forty-six ministers have served over its 125 years, and those who are still living have been asked to return to take part in the morning worship service, at 8:30 and 10 (note change from the usual 9:45 summer hour).

These include Walter T. Ratcliffe, Philip R. Grotfelty, Jr., J. Marion DeVinney, Keith Sovee, G. Robert Webber, and Dean I. Bailey, as well as Gerald R. Bates and Donald L. Buege, the present pastor and associate pastor of the church. Also invited are the three persons from this church who have

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days, Lowell, 897-7596.



Lowell's First United Methodist Church will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with special ceremonies this Sunday. The church is located at 621 E. Main St.

become United Methodist ministers: Douglas Wingeier, Robert Thaler, and Kay Williams. Those present will meet with members and friends on the church lawn when punch is served between the services, and again at the potluck dinner to

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Obituaries

"Cousin Ed" Denkema passes at 69.

Radio personality and former Lowell Showboat Interlocutor Ed Denkema, aged 69, of Fremont and formerly of Ada, passed away on Friday, July 4.

Mr. Denkema had a long career as a radio personality which began in 1930 when he applied for his first radio job as an announcer. He worked as an announcer. He worked for WOOD, WASH, WGRD as Cousin Ed, WLAV, WMAX, WKZO, WKZB, WYON, WION, KNAK of Salt Lake City, KELK of Elko, Nevada, retiring from WSHNZ of Fremont in 1974.

Mr. Denkema was the Lowell Showboat Interlocutor in 1958.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children, Richard



"Cousin Ed" Denkema

Denkema and Mrs. Anthony (Carol) Stormand, both of Lowell; five grandchildren; his step children, Mrs. Carl (Sharon) Dykstra of Raven-

na, Mrs. Larry (Ann) Brown of Jenison, Ray Bender Jr. of Wayland, and Patty Bender of Wyoming; three step-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday at the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home. Rev. Jack Richards and Rev. Paul Ford officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emphysema Foundation.

BRIDGE — Mrs. Emma Bridge, aged 75, of Alto, passed away Sunday evening, June 29, 1980 in St. Johns, MI.

She is survived by two sons, Clifford of CA and Fred Bridge of AZ; two daughters, Mrs. Roy (Ivy) Horsley of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Joseph (Emma) Weller of Alto; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Assembly of God with Pastor William R. Myers officiating. Interment in Alaska Cemetery.

CLARKE — Mrs. Bessie V. Clarke, aged 85, of 1037 Park St., Grand Haven, passed away Thursday night in Grand Haven.

She was born August 19, 1894. She was the widow of Charles O. Clarke.

The funeral was Monday from the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. Interment in the Bowne Center Cemetery.

CRUMBACK — Mrs. Loyola M. (Bechtel) Crumback, aged 69, of 68th St. SE, Dutton, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning, July 1, 1980 at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Everett L. Crumback; two sons, William H. Bechtel of OH, and Leo A. Bechtel of Wayland; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Helen) Getman of South Haven and Mrs. Donald (Alice) Aldrich of Caledonia; 21 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Gertrude Becker of Hastings; two stepsons, Paul Crumback of Caledonia and Dick Crumback of Alto.

The Funeral Mass was offered Thursday morning at the Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia. Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

DELNAY — Mr. William J. Delnay, aged 86, passed away unexpectedly Sunday evening at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Carl and Ruth Schwander Sr. of Constock Park.

He was predeceased by his wife, Irene. Also surviving are Robert L. and Bernice Delnay of Lake Jackson, TX and John of Virginia, Stencel of Lowell; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel. Rev. Leland Arntz officiating. Interment Garfield Park Cemetery.

DEWESE — Mrs. Eunice M. DeWese, 65, of 1001 Dodge St., Greenville, died Friday at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

She was born Aug. 16, 1914 in Sidney, MI, the daughter of Charles and Amy Linderman. She has been a lifelong resident of Green-

ville. She is a retired employee of Ore-Ida.

She was married to Perry DeWese Aug. 31, 1941 in Grand Rapids.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Richard of Fenwick; one daughter Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) Randolph of Sheridan; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Doris Longwell of Saranac; five brothers, Glenn Linderman of Falls Church, VA, Robert Linderman of Hastings, Otis Linderman of Saranac, Maurice of Greenville and Faude Linderman of Sarasota, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Stebbins and Simpson Funeral Home in Sheridan. The Rev. Michael Anderson officiating. Burial in Rest Haven Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

KANE — Edward L. Kane, aged 70, of 1117 Quarry Ave. NW, passed away Wednesday afternoon, July 2, in Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. Kane was an employee of the Kelvinator Corp. and retired in 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude M. Kane; one brother, Joseph G. Kane of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Stanley (Florence) Rogers of Alto, Mrs. Ivan (Mary) VanMeter of Wyoming, MI; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was offered Saturday in SS Peter & Paul

Church. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

KONING — Clarence Koning, aged 72, of 2806 Timmins SW, Wyoming passed away Saturday, June 28th, 1980.

Surviving are his wife, Reba (Moreen); his children, Thomas and Doris Koning of Midland, Daniel and Dawn Koning of Ada, LaVerne and Tressa DeMann of Martin, Herman and Beatrice Klunder of Byron Center; 14 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Scheele of Grand Rapids, Mr. Henry Koning of Fremont, Mr. James Koning of Grand Rapids, Mr. Marvin Koning of Ada, Mrs. Mary Steenstra of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Joan Wingeier of Kentwood.

Funeral services were held Tuesday with the Rev. William VanMalsen officiating. Interment Winchester Cemetery.

Contributions to the Michigan Heart Assn. would be appreciated.

SHADE — Marjorie Shade, age 76, 4431 Bancroft, Lowell, passed away Sunday evening, July 6, at the Provincial House in Hastings where he was a patient for 11 days.

He was born July 7, 1901 in Woodland Township, the son of Reuben and Elizabeth Stauffer Shade. He attended Lake Odessa School and married Opal Sawdy Feb. 25, 1922 in Hastings. He was a farmer all his life in the Lake Odessa and Lowell areas, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Kent County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife, Opal; his children Dale and Gladys Shade of Alto, Mrs. Yvonne Gould of Comstock Park, Harold and Ruth Ann Metternick Jr. of Alto; one sister Mrs. Ruth Peterman of Lake Odessa; 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. A daughter Wanda preceded him in death in 1927.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Pickens-Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa. Rev. Martin Fox officiating. Interment in Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial has been established for the Cancer Society with envelopes available at the Funeral Chapel.

SLAGHT — Allen Slight, 20, of Lowell died Tuesday from injuries resulting from an auto accident.

Slight, born Feb. 10, 1960 the son of Rodney and Marjorie McMullen Slight in Ionia, died in Butterworth Memorial Hospital.

Slight lived in Saranac and Lowell his entire life, and attended Saranac schools.

He worked at Meijer Thrift by Acres while attending Saranac High School, Denny's Machine Shop in Saranac and I.T.M. Factory in Lowell.

Surviving are his father Rodney; his stepmother Shirley; one brother, Scott and one sister, Rhonda.

His mother, Marjorie, preceded him in death Feb. 23, 1979.

Services were Thursday in the Leddick Funeral Home with the Rev. Byron Shook of the Free Methodist Church officiating. Burial in Saranac Cemetery.

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Taking bids on roadside trees July 10

That's the message from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which for the first time is selling timber stands on right-of-way acquired for highway constructions.

The new program will begin July 10 in Grand Rapids with the opening of sealed bids for the right to enter a seven-mile stretch of future US-131 Freeway in

Mecosta County and harvest all the marketable timber before the bulldozers move in.

"We're interested in utilizing a valuable natural resource, not destroying it," said Gerald J. McCarthy, the department's deputy director for highways. "We will be selling only the timber that would be cut down to make way for construction. All natural vegetation along the

right-of-way and in the median, outside the construction limits, will be preserved."

The July timber sale is an experiment and will be evaluated. But MDOT has already decided that in the future all highway construction contracts will require the contractor to salvage, and make available for use, all forest products in the right-of-way. Burning of any wood

product over four inches in diameter will be prohibited. Sealed bids on the timber sale in Mecosta County will be received until 10 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at the MDOT district office, 1420 Front Ave., NW, Grand Rapids.

The high bidder will have the right to harvest all timber located within the marked construction boundaries on

both the northbound and southbound lanes of planned US-131 freeway when Lincoln Road northerly to a point approximately 1,100 feet north of Woodward Road, in Mecosta County.

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Sign up for Lamaze

Lamaze Childbirth Education, Inc. is now accepting registration for couples expecting babies in November and December.

Lamaze is a non-profit organization set-up to help prepare the expectant couple for a rewarding childbirth experience.

For further information or class registration call: 451-2406 in Grand Rapids

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Lowell Showboat

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Church News

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Let us watch and be sober (1 Thessalonians 5:6). The sight intrigued me. I called my family to come quickly and watch the drama out on our back lawn.

While preparing the salad for dinner, I walked to the kitchen sink and glanced out the window above it. I saw a robin on the lawn only a few feet from the house. He was working feverishly, tugging and pulling with all his might, using all the strength he could seemingly muster. Finally, he succeeded in extracting an unusually large worm from the green carpet of earth.

Just then a blackbird further away on the lawn, copied him. Instantly, the enemy was there ruthlessly snatching away the evening meal of the red-breasted robin.

Poor robin! As we watched his defeat, our hearts warmed with sympathy. We expressed sorrow for him as we

turned to our meal, and he went to seek another for himself.

But we thought: How like the enemy of our souls! He is constantly on the alert, roaming about seeking whom he can devour. We must be alert lest he snatch away our faith and peace of heart. Like the robin, we must "beware of the blackbird!"

Prayer: Dear Jesus, stay Thou close beside me. Enable me to be alert and watchful. Keep me from growing careless, lest the enemy snatch away my faith and peace of heart. Help me always to "beware of the blackbird." Amen.

IN SERVICE

Walter J. White, son of Walter J. White, 135 Summit St., Saranac, recently enrolled in the Army's Delayed Entry Program. White has met the qualifications and elected to receive training as a combat engineer. He attended Saranac High School.

What's happening? Subscribe today and know! 897-9261.

Assembly changes pastors

The Rev. Melvin F. Goble has recently assumed the pastorate of the Lowell Assembly of God, located at 3050 Alden-Nash Highway. Rev. Goble is not a stranger to the community as the church was begun under his ministry several years ago.

The church is now engaged in a building program, and the congregation is worshipping in the lower level of the new structure. Plans are

under way to finish the upstairs in the near future.

The former pastor, Rev. Roger Kubilia, has taken on new responsibilities in Harbor Beach, MI.

Pastor Goble, and the congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to the community to visit the church.

Items needed

St. Mary's Altar Society of Lowell will hold a rummage sale on August 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in St. Mary's School all-purpose room. There is a need for good, clean usable items and clothing for the sale. Nothing too small or too large will be turned down as long as it is in good condition. Please box the items and bring them to the south stall of the old Rectory garage.

IN SERVICE

Pvt. Fred A. Bowden, whose wife, Judith, lives in Lowell, is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bowden, live at 404 Riverside Drive.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

The Lowell United Methodist Church is celebrating its 125th Wedding (who-ops, did it again) . . . 125th Anniversary. For 125 years there has been a Methodist congregation on the present site.

And that's some history! Something to celebrate!

I marvel at the determination, the foresight of the men and women who founded the town of Lowell. It was a small group of people, probably led by a circuit riding minister, who decided to become an organized congregation. They sought the leading of God and it became so.

Little did they know about the future. They were thinking not in terms of living but in terms of being ready to die. For death was a reality in the early days of our congregation. Babies were born at home, serious accidents resulted in death, and illness of so many different kinds was fatal. In fact, go over the names and the ages of the early circuit riding Methodist ministers and the man over 40 was the exception rather than the rule. They died young, but then neither steel, snow, rain or flood could keep these com-

mitted, dedicated men from their rounds. There were people depending on them at the next point. In fact, they would gather and wait for the minister regardless of how bad the weather. He would be here! That was the nature of the man.

And the congregation survived. It survived and grew. A church was built. The bank foreclosed and locked the doors. And then it was brought back, never again to be lost.

There is a Heritage, a heritage of determination and commitment. How does one measure the quality of so many lives? How do we talk about the leading of the Spirit of God? These things cannot be measured like money or ground. They are not visible like buildings and towers. But they are real. There is no question about the leading of God or the determination and commitment. They are real. They can be seen in the lives of people. People who are now living and yet have no real connection with the past. The connection is not one of birth or marriage. It is spiritual. For you and I are members of a spiritual household. A spiritual household measured in terms of relationships, relationship with each other and with God.

And all the time there was the looking ahead. Planning for days not yet known or seen. Consequently here we are. We are a United Methodist Church in Lowell, not because of what we have done, but because of what other people and God have done. We, too, plan for the future. A future seen at this point only by God, but a future in which God will lead us. We want to be of service to each other. We want to be of service to God. We want to be of service to the community.

Keep the Love Flowin' . . . Jerry

Volunteer directory is out

A 1980 Directory of Volunteer Opportunities is now available through the Voluntary Action Center, 66 N. Division. This is the first time a comprehensive listing of volunteer opportunities has been published in Kent County.

One purpose of the Directory is to dispel some of the misconceptions about volunteer work. "Volunteering isn't just stuffing envelopes anymore," according to Ka Oldstrom, director of Voluntary Action Center. "People with all kinds of skills are needed—to be typers, buggers, talkers, swimmers, drivers, players, singers—you name it, volunteers probably do it."

Voluntary Action Center plans to distribute the Directory as widely as possible throughout the community. Copies are available free of charge by calling Voluntary Action Center at 459-3447.

At Fort Knox



Pvt. Daniel Valentine

Pvt. Daniel M. Valentine, son of James G. Valentine, 1800 W. Main, Lowell, recently completed training as an armor crewman at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Methodists celebrate 125 years, continued . . .

be held at 1 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School.

Following the dinner there will be a program which will include singing of "old-time" favorites, recognition of longtime members, the presentation of an historical plaque, a sketch of the church's history, and comments by former pastors. After the ceremonies there will be plenty of opportunity for greeting old and new acquaintances.

Reverend Bates will act as master of ceremonies for the afternoon's activities. He is being assisted by Ruby Lee-man and Gould Rivette, co-chairpersons of the 125th anniversary observances. Sharing responsibilities for hosts and hostesses are Lila and Orion Thaler; music, Dick McNeal; membership awards, Treva and Martin Johnson; potluck, Evelyn Wittenbach; history highlights, Betty Coons; other arrangements, Howard Clark and Carl Munroe.

When its first congregation organized in 1855, The First Methodist Episcopal Church was a part of the Flat River Circuit, of which Reverend Isaac Bennett was pastor. Preaching services were held alternate Sunday afternoons in the school house which stood on the grounds of the present church, and in 1862 the building was purchased by the congregation. In 1868 the church became a station rather than part of the circuit, and soon a new edifice was built at a cost of \$8,500; this is the present sanctuary on Main Street. Too heavy mortgages caused problems and for a time, due to foreclosures, the members had to meet in a grocery store, but before long gifts made it possible for the church building to be deeded to the trustees free of debt. It was heated by a wood stove and lighted with kerosene lamps; a bell, still in use, was placed in its steeple in 1877. Many a meal was served at the Fair Grounds, across from the town cemetery, to raise money for the parsonage to be built across the street in 1887.

In 1894 the auditorium was changed, with the pulpit moved to the west side, the present windows installed, and electric lights added. In 1906 the parsonage next door was built. That same year a grant from Andrew Carnegie helped toward the acquisition of a pipe organ. The interior of the sanctuary

Humane reminder

The Humane Society of Kent County requests that you consider the safety of your pet over the coming warm summer days.

Keep pets safely and securely at home, preferably in a cool basement. Don't take them along on trips or picnics.

Pets that must accompany their families on trips should have current, securely attached identification. Licenses for cats, if desired, are obtainable at the Humane Society or the Kent County Animal Shelter.

Also, do not forget your responsibility to protect your pet from the heat. Outside dogs must be provided shade and a constant supply of cold water. Never leave a pet in your car during summer months. Brain damage or death are the quick, tragic results.

was again rearranged; the large stained glass window was placed behind the altar, now to be situated at the north end. With the rapid growth of the Sunday School, more space was needed and the church house was added, providing not only classrooms but also a kitchen, dining room, and large gymnasium. During depression days this latter was used for

roller skating, with a mechanical piano providing lively music.

In 1951, the chancel was completely remodeled to its present form. Also at that time, the pipe organ was rebuilt, and since then additions have been made to it from time to time. In 1967 new pews were a generous gift and major addition to the sanctuary.

Property additions over the years included the small house on the northeast corner, still in use, and the big frame house which was soon to be torn down to make room for the handsome and useful Education Building, dedicated in 1962. Later the purchase of the house on the southwest corner brought the whole block under Methodist ownership.

The spiritual work of the church has been of greater importance in the community than these physical changes, but it is more difficult to catalogue. From early conversions through countless baptisms, weddings, and funerals and year after year of faith-renewing classes and worship services, the church has influenced the lives of

thousands of persons. Children and youth have been well served by educational and recreational groups, including Vacation Church School, the Youth Fellowship, and the Pre-School, which has been functioning since 1972.

In 1941 the Zion (German) Methodist Church of Lowell united with its fellow church on Main Street.

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Wastewater facility earns safety award

The Michigan Water Pollution Control Association has given their Safety Award of Merit to the employees of the City of Lowell's Wastewater Treatment Facility for their safety accomplishments during 1979.

The award is presented annually to a Michigan Wastewater Treatment Facility in recognition of effective management and safe operations. The daily operations in a treatment facility involves many hazards which could result in serious personal injury or illness, even death to employees and/or the public.

It is the mark of a highly efficient team... supervisors and employees... who have worked "safe enough" to earn the Merit Award of Safety. The Award of Merit indicates there were no accidental deaths, and no lost workday cases during 1979.

Attends hockey clinic



Andrew Vredenburg of Lowell, MI, recently participated in a week long session at Michigan Tech's Summer Hockey School. Vredenburg is shown here practicing shooting with instructor, Doug Elinton. The Summer Hockey School, located on the Michigan Tech campus in Houghton, Michigan is in its 8th year of operation.

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH KEY TO HEALTHY BODY

People can teach themselves to be sick or healthy, says a Michigan State University professor of family medicine. And how they see themselves and the world helps determine the nature and frequency of their illnesses.

Looking back...

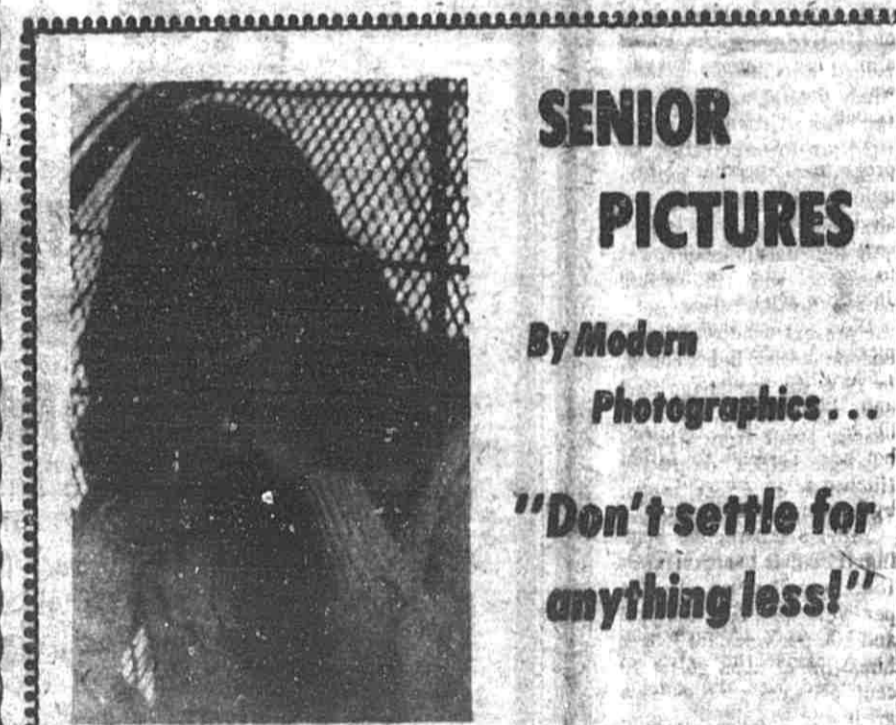


The old East Ward School is pictured about 1900, in its heyday. Can you guess what the building serves as now? (Answer, below)—Photo courtesy of Mrs. Robert Hahn.

The school is now the American Legion James and Robert Link on East Main.

Happy Birthday Lowell YMCA ball bits

Standings as of July 6	W	L	JUNIOR GIRLS
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Lowell Arrows	6	2	Hot Legs
Lowell Indians	5	2	Bat Busters
Caledonia Cubs	0	6	Blue Baseburners
Caledonia Colts	0	7	Alto Hawks
SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE			Bat Breakers
Lowell Blue Jays	8	0	CADET BOYS
Lowell Dodgers	4	3	Blue Jays
Clarksville Mets	3	3	Eagles
Lowell Moose	1	5	Cardinals
Lowell Arrows	1	6	Orioles
JUNIOR LITTLE LEAGUE			Robins
Lowell Yankees	6	1	Falcons
Clarksville Colts	6	2	Alto Bluebirds
Lowell Green Machine	3	3	Redbirds
Lowell Orioles	3	3	Thunderbirds I
Clarksville Hillbillies	1	4	Thunderbirds II
Lowell Cardinals	1	5	JUNIOR BOYS
Lowell Giants	1	6	Blue Racers
CADET GIRLS			Lowell Champs
Peanuts Gang	0	3	Super Stars
Alto Super Sluggers	3	0	Chiefs
Bad News Bears	1	2	Indians
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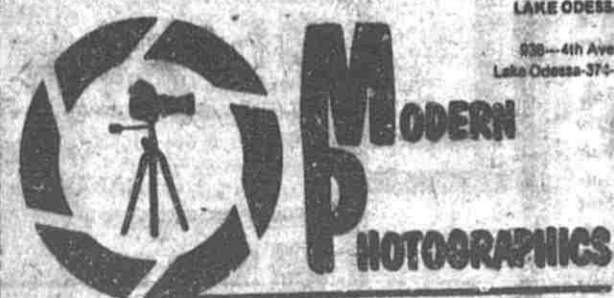


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System - Attic

Have you checked out your library this summer? There is quite a bit you have been missing if you haven't wandered into the Alto or Lowell branch libraries during the month of June.

The children's summer programs are in full swing and both Vivian Mulder at Alto and Evelyn Briggs at Lowell tell me that they are impressed with the size of the crowds that have been attending their programs.

Both libraries have a great month of July planned so let's take a look at what they have in store.

For the month of July the Alto library began with participation stories and dramatized folktales in the program "Folklore Freestyle" on July 3. One week later its a gymnastics demonstration presented by Jon T studios. This program is July 10th at 11 a.m.

For two consecutive weeks the Artmobile winds its way to Alto on the 17th and 24th of July. The Artmobile provides children with a chance to display their artistic talents with crafts and supervised instruction. A large crowd is expected and pre-registration is required for this program.

The Artmobile isn't the only exciting thing happening on the 24th of July. Later that evening at 7 p.m. Janet Buhl from J-Bear Stables presents a lesson in horsemanship. This is a special treat and the whole family can enjoy this program. (Remember, you can lead a horse to the library but you can't make him pay overdue fines.)

Then on July 31st, five Aesop's fables will be presented under the title Pentathlon Puppets. Showtime is 11 a.m. at the Alto Library located at 6059 Linfield.

At the Lowell Library, 325 W. Main St. the month kicks off with Pentathlon Puppets on Monday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. This program has always been a favorite at Lowell.

Two weeks later it's the program "Paperchase Storytelling" with cut and fold stories, drawing tales and an easy paper craft for the kids to take home. The date is July 28th at 11 a.m.

Did you know that you can pick and choose from over 1,000 titles of 8mm sound and silent films at your library? Everything from Abbot and Costello to Alfred Hitchcock can be yours just by inquiring at the library.

Super 8 and regular 8mm films circulate to anyone over 18. Sound films are 25 cents per week per 200 foot reel and 50c per week for longer films. Silent films go for 10 cents per week per reel. It's a great way to enjoy the sun.

PAY DAY FOR AG WORKERS

A new pamphlet outlining how agricultural workers should be paid is available now from the Michigan Department of Labor's Wage Hour Division.

The pamphlet, Pay Day for Agricultural Workers, tells agricultural workers how they should be paid, explains piece rates for hand harvesting crops and specifies the records that employers must provide.

The pamphlet is available by writing the Michigan Department of Labor, Wage Hour Division, 7150 Harris Drive, Box 30015, Lansing, MI 48909.



BY Gary Dumba

mer with some cheap entertainment. You can rent a projector, invite some friends over for an evening of enjoyment.

Remember, the system means service and a whole lot more. The Kent County Library System. Check it out.

Coming Events

SAT., JULY 12: Lowell Showboat Talent Night at 8 p.m. at Riverside Amphitheatre. Organized by Lowell Lions. 30 Top-Notch talent acts. Adults \$1.50, children under 12, 75c.

MON., JULY 14: Clark Ellis Post 152 American Legion will hold its annual picnic for members and Auxiliary and their families. At Bob Ellis' home 2719 Bewell, Lowell. Bring table service and dish to pass. At 6 p.m. in case of rain, at Legion Hall. Call 897-5870. Installation of 1981 officers will take place.

MON., JULY 14: Golden Swingers will meet for potluck supper at 6 p.m. at Fallsburg Park Pavilion porch. Bring own service, beverage and a dish to pass. A good program will follow the supper. All come and bring a friend.

WED., JULY 16: Lowell Senior Neighbors bus trip to Shipshewana flea market and Amish Acres in Indiana. \$22 covers bus fare, dinner and tour. Call the Center for reservation by July 10, 897-5250.

THURS., JULY 17: Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, at 10 a.m., legal assistance.

SAT., JULY 19: Lowell High School Class of '70 reunion. If a class member was not contacted call Norlene at 897-8421 days or 897-5525 evenings. Reservations will be accepted until 9 p.m. Friday, July 18.

MON., JULY 21: Ice Cream Social, First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. Showboat Parade Night. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m. until dark. Delicious ice cream sundaes and cones, homemade cake and pie a la mode.

WED., JULY 23: Lowell Garden Lot Club will meet at the home of Grace Kutchery at 1 p.m. Co-hostess Louise Schneider will have the program. Gladys Schroder will talk on illness.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOT DOG LOVERS

Hot dogs, corned beef, ham and most other nitrated meat products do not form nitrosamines when cooked, according to a study released recently by the USDA. Nitrite is used in curing to prevent botulism, which causes a deadly food poisoning. Nitrosamines had been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals—but we would have to eat 15,415 pounds of bacon each day for the rest of our lives to equal the level of nitrosamines that produced tumors in rats!

Training program starts

Switchboard is a 24-hour crisis help line. Trained volunteers are available day and night, seven days a week for people to call with their concerns. Switchboard also acts as a community information and referral source, and as an answering service for other crisis agencies in Kent County.

Switchboard is having a training program for persons interested in volunteering their help. The training is 50 hours and focuses on such topics as empathic listening, the helping relationship, suicide, adolescence, and many others. There is no charge for the training.

To learn more about Switchboard's training program, or to sign up, simply call Switchboard at 774-3535.

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Sally Oesch wed in Alto



Mrs. Donald Scott Meyer

Sally Jo Oesch of Alto and Donald Scott Meyer were married at the home of the bride's parents on June 21. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oesch of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer of Byron Center.

Mrs. Bonnie Stouffer, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor. Mrs. Randi Oesch, sister-in-law of the bride, was Bridesmaid. Jim Stokette served as Best Man and Mike Slagter was Groomsman. Ushers were: Dennis Meyer, brother of the groom; Dave Stouffer, brother-in-law of the bride; Sam Oesch, brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meyer of Byron Center, aunt and uncle of the groom, were Master and Mistress of Ceremonies at the wedding recep-

They're engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Allen of Hawley Highway, Belding, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, to Alan Heaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heaton of Potters Road, Saranac.

The future bride is a 1979 Belding High School graduate and is employed by Royal Down Products. Heaton is a 1978 Saranac High School graduate and employed by A.B. Heaton and Sons Well Drilling.

An Aug. 16 wedding is planned.

Area student attends arts camp

Attending Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for the 1st summer session is Andrea Pobst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pobst, Ada.

Located 15 miles north of Muskegon in the Manistee National Forest, the summer school of the arts has grown to be one of the largest facilities of its type in the U.S. The school is in its 15th season in 1980.

Students attending Blue Lake's 1st two-week session have the option of majoring in art, band, dance, jazz, orchestra, piano or theatre (4 weeks). The first session is primarily for intermediate school students.

To wed next June

Mrs. Charlene Merillat announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen Lynn, to Lee Allen Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jones of Saranac.

The future bride is a 1979 graduate of Saranac High School and soon will graduate from Chic University of Cosmetology.

Jones is also a 1979 graduate of Saranac High and is employed by Jones Butchering and Meat Processing. A June 27, 1981 wedding is planned.

DeVries-Anderson vows said

Doreen Anderson of Lowell and Doug DeVries of Muskegon were united in marriage on June 14 in a late afternoon ceremony on the lawn of the bride's parent's home. Rev. Martin Fox of the Alto Methodist Church officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, 5779 Pratt Lake Ave., Lowell and Mrs. Deloris DeVries of Muskegon.

The bride wore a lace and chiffon sleeveless gown with a white garden hat and carried a bouquet of lilies, daisies, yellow roses and baby's breath.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Debbie Anderson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Laurie Stormzang, Denise Anderson (sister of the bride) and Sue Runnels.

Best Man was Mike Benya with Groomsman Dale Anderson (brother of the bride), Dan and Greg DeVries (brothers of the groom). Ushers were Doug and Conrad DeVries, sons of the groom.

Cheryl and Brian Doyle, cousins of the bride, were Master and Mistress of Ceremonies at the wedding reception at Shady Acres.

After their honeymoon trip, the newlyweds will reside at 69-Donna Dr., Lowell.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug DeVries

Earns scholarship

Ronald L. DeKraaker of Lowell, who will be a sophomore at Calvin College in September, has been awarded a Steelcase Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarship, of \$250, is one of eight scholarships the Foundation awards annually to applicants who are children of Steelcase employees. If the scholarships are not filled by children of Steelcase employees, for whatever reason, the awards are available to other Michigan residents.

The recipients are selected by the Scholarship Committee of the college. Applicants

are judged on the basis of scholastic ability, character and need.

Ronald is a graduate of South Christian High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. DeKraaker of 1805 Huntwood Dr., SE in Lowell.

Earn college honor

Two area students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Albion College. They are Karen E. Gell, a freshman, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard S. Gell, 7587 Conservation, Ada; Claudia J. Sweringen, a senior, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Sweringen, 823 52nd St., Alto. To receive this honor, students must earn a minimum 3.4 grade point average.

CMU lists honor students

Central Michigan University has named its spring semester honor and straight A students including the following from our area. Earning A's is Jennifer Patrick, senior, of 5982 David Hwy, Saranac. Also on the Dean's List are: Diane Aylworth, junior, of 4565 Whitteyrd Rd., also; Kevin Mulder, senior, 9494 Bailey Dr., Ad; Lou Stegman, a senior, 31 McCave Rd., Ada.

All present for '28 reunion

Of the 38 graduates of the Lowell High School Class 1928, 25 were present for the class reunion held at Fingert Restaurant on June 28.

Class members came from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Thirteen class members have passed away in 52 years since graduation.

COME'N GET EM—Scraps are back at the Ledger for a CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP 50 cents per page. 105 N. Broadway.

LAAC promotes children's theatre events

The Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring two theatre parties for young people at the Circle Theater in the Park at John Ball Park in Grand Rapids.

Forty tickets are available for each of the two performances and the price of \$1.75 per person includes the play ticket and a picnic lunch.

After each performance, there will be time to visit the John Ball Park Zoo before lunch. Children are admitted to the zoo free and adults are charged 35¢.

Transportation is not provided, so car pooling is suggested.

The two performances are: "Sleeping Beauty" on Wednesday 16; "Nathaniel the Grubbit" on Saturday, Aug. 2. Both performances begin at 9:30 a.m. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Anyone in the community is invited to take advantage of these children's theatre opportunities. It is not necessary to be a member of the LAAC.

Call Kathy Kemp at 597-8802 by Monday, July 14 for reservations and any further information.

FFA officers attend camp

The Lowell FFA officers were among 106 FFA members who attended the Region 5 Leadership Camp, at Calvin College on July 1 and 2, 1980.

Lowell was represented by Marilyn Flanagan, President; Brian Peterson, Vice President; Nancy Metternick, Secretary; Mark Adams, Treasurer; Sheila Nugent, Reporter; Jeff Kauffman, Sentinel; and Peter Siler, Advisor.

The purpose of the Leadership Camp is to train new FFA officers for their responsibilities for the coming year.

In addition to the officers training, Kirk Sterzik and Jamie Foll of the Lowell Chapter received the regional FFA award for developing outstanding supervised experience and leadership programs.

Other schools attending the camp, which was presided over by Lynn Wilcox of

the Lowell FFA were: Caledonia, Lakewood, Maple Valley, Bellevue, Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Coopersville, Cedar Springs, Rockford, Hastings, Belding, Ionia, Portland and Olivet.

DAIRY FARMS ON TOUR

Few farm businesses are more complex than dairy operations. Four of the better in the state are probed during the State Farm Management Tour in Montcalm County, July 10.

Sponsored by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, the tour includes six farms—one fruit, three potato, one cash crop, one beef—in addition to the dairy farms.

The tour is open to the public at no cost. In the interest of energy conservation, visitors are requested to board buses (there is no cost) at the Norman Crooks farm, two miles west and six miles north of Stanton.



Orientation began this week and continues through July 23 for approximately 2,800 freshmen and 1,800 transfer students who will attend Western Michigan University this fall.

The freshmen, in groups of 190 to 200, will spend three days on campus registering for classes, taking placement tests and meeting their academic advisors. Helping them get a preview of university life and find their way around campus are 40 student leaders and two student assistant directors of orientation. Sue Ann Thompson, a junior of 4455 Causeway Dr., Lowell is a student leader for orientation.

Dr. Clark Vredenburg won his flight of the Michigan State Dental Golf Outing. Clark shot a third round 83 to take top honors in his flight. There were over 200 dentists competing in the three-day event June 27, 28, and 29.

Jim and Louise Ryder and son Dennis of Lowell spent two days at Goodland, Indiana the end of June for a family reunion. It was the first reunion for Louise's family in six years.

GARDEN TIPS

There is no advantage to buying large tomato plants for transplanting into the vegetable garden.

In fact, you are better off buying smaller plants. The larger a plant is, the more transplant shock it is likely to suffer. Smaller plants establish their root systems and resume growing more quickly than large plants. Plants that have flowers and/or fruits when they're transplanted may never develop large, healthy root systems.

Pony Express letters give Steve his dream

Thanks to 1,365 persons who bought the Michigan Sheriff Posse Association's "Pony Express" letters, 11-year-old Steve Loop, his mother Charlotte and his 16-year-old sister Michelle were in Florida last week.

Steve, who has muscular dystrophy, is fulfilling a lifelong fantasy—to see Walt Disney World in Orlando. His vacation was made possible by the posse riders, whose "Pony Express" in Lowell June 14 raised more than \$4,400 for Steve's benefit.

This trip marks the first time out of Michigan for the

three Loops. They will drive back to Michigan in a camper because Charlotte would like her children to "see all these states."

The posse estimated that \$2,000 would be enough to send the Loops on their way. "I'm happy to say there was more than we anticipated," said Lt. Jon Stout, of the Kent County Sheriff's Mounted Division. The Loops are free to use the money as they choose, he explained.

"I'm overwhelmed. I never expected this much," Charlotte said. She plans to take her children to places

she thinks will be "educational," she said, like the "Wax Museum" and "Sea World" on their 13-day trip.

STARS, STRIPES AND SNAKES

It hasn't always been "stars and stripes forever". It wasn't until June 14, 1777 that the Continental Congress authorized the United States flag in the familiar red, white and blue. Before that many banners had flown over the colonies including the British Union Jack, a green pine tree flag and a coiled snake on a yellow background.

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Financial executives choose leaders

Nearly all officers and directors of the Michigan Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute will double as Chairmen of committees for the professional group this year.

Marvin G. Malmberg of Keeler Brass Co. in Grand Rapids, the group's president, made the additional assignments during a recent organizational meeting held in Grand Rapids.

Malmberg said James E. Stievater of Steelcase Inc.,

Grand Rapids, will head the Arrangements and Membership Committee in addition to serving as 1st vice president of the chapter. Second Vice President Edward R. Tuit of Union Pump Co. in Battle Creek will be chairman for Professional Development.

Other committee appointments included:

Secretary Douglas F. Bitson of Zura Industries in Kalamazoo, Program; Treasurer Bill Leonard of Amway

Corp., Ada, Publicity; Director D.M. Johnson of Seidman & Seidman, Grand Rapids, Member Counseling; Director Douglas M. Jeannero, Gerber Products Co., Fremont, Attendance, and Director Robert J. Faber, Grand Transformers Inc., Grand Haven, Nominating.

Chapter members named committee chairmen in addition to the officers were Bob Anthony and Mary Susman of Central Michigan University; Academic Relations, plus Bill Godrie of Gedris & Co., Comstock Park, Audit.

JULY IS HOT DOG MONTH

This year The National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, Chicago, predicts hot dog lovers will eat over 2 1/2 billion hot dogs during National Hot Dog Month, setting a new consumption record.

Rotary Notes...

Lowell Rotarians and guests held their annual picnic and installation of officers at Fallasburg Park on June 25. The traditional banquet of chicken and strawberry shortcake was provided by the women of the First Methodist Church of Lowell.

Leonard Jackson, outgoing president, was presented with a scroll of recognition by Albert Hermans. He also received a past president's pin from last year's president, Donald Rocheleau, and a memorial gavel and plaque from incoming president Wendell Christoff.

Also honored for his many years of service to the people of Lowell and Kent County was William S. Doyle, who was presented with a resolution of appreciation by Stanley Gardner.

Don Id McPherson, program chairman, presided over the induction of new officers, assisted by Dr. Robert Kyser. Officers for the next year are Wendell

Area resident receives award



Betty A. Shelby, MSU Extension home economist in Kent County, was one of four MSU Extension personnel to receive the Equal Opportunity Award during a special luncheon at the MSU Union, June 9. The presentation was made by Dr. Robert F. Bamba, assistant provost, MSU Academic Personnel Administration.

Shelby was cited for her outstanding accomplishments in housing and home environmental programs, expanded nutrition programs and the creation of a 4-H African Cultural Development Committee.

PREPARE HOUSE FOR VACATION TOO!

If you are going to be away from home for more than a few days, your house or apartment needs to be ready for the trip, too.

Before you leave, make sure the heat (or air conditioning) is turned down. There is no sense in heating and cooling an empty house.

Arrange to have your mail held and cancel the newspaper. It is a good idea to give both places a date one day earlier than you actually will leave. This way, you can be sure service has actually stopped.

Timers on one or more lights will be a good insurance. A radio on a timer will make it sound as if there are people at home, too.

In the summer, you may want to ask a neighborhood child to mow the grass while you are gone.

An apartment dweller should give a key to the landlord (if he doesn't already have one) to use in case of emergency. A neighbor can keep the key for homeowners. (Put the key in a sealed envelope and sign across the flap to insure emergency use only.)

Finally, try to keep things neat before you leave. Two weeks later, you will enjoy coming home to a clean house much more than to one with the remains of your packing scattered about.

Christoff, president; Richard Greenwood, first vice-president; Robert Elzinga, second vice-president; Ival Paulsen, treasurer; Orion Thaler, sergeant at arms; and Gilbert Wise, secretary. Directors are Robert DeBoer, Gordon Gould, Leonard Jackson, William McPherson and Jack Siebers.

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Entry forms are now available for distribution to anyone who wants to submit an exhibit or display their talents at the 1980 Michigan State Fair.

The deadline is August 1 for all entry forms except those for the horse show—which has a July 20 deadline. The 1980 Michigan State Fair will run from August 22

through September 1 (Labor Day).

Entry forms and premium books—outlining fees and requirements for all competition categories—can be obtained by writing the Entry Department, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit 48203, or by calling (313) 368-1000.

WEED KILLERS IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN?

Sure—as long as they walk on two legs and carry a hoe. Seriously now, except in certain crops—like strawberries, raspberries, and asparagus—the use of herbicides (chemical weed killers) in home gardens is generally not recommended. The reason is that there is no one chemical that can safely be used around all the crops a garden usually includes. A material that doesn't harm one group of plants may injure or kill those in the next row. Try mulching as a method of weed control.

MABC honors local youth



The Lowell FFA was recently recognized by MABC-Solex Sires for their outstanding efforts in dairy judging. (L to R) Peter Siler, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilcox, Marilyn Flanagan, Lynn Wilcox, Brian Peterson, Sheila Nugent.

Legal Notices

PUBLICATION OF CLAIMS NOTICE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT KENT COUNTY File No. 135,272

ESTATE OF GEORGIA LEE FREDERICK DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of Georgia Lee Frederick, Deceased of 2481 Emery Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, who died on June 14, 1980, Social Security Number 380-26-4412, are notified that all claims against the decedent's estate are barred against the estate, the Personal Representative and the heirs and devisees of the decedent, unless the claims are presented either personally or by mail to the following Personal Representative on or before November 12, 1980: Helen M. Peckham, c/o Atty. Robert J. DeBoer, 1125 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

Dated: July 2, 1980
Freihof, Oosterhouse, DeBoer & Barnhart, P.C.
Attorneys for Estate
By Robert J. DeBoer
Bar No. P-12598
1125 W. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
Ph. (616) 897-9218

ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. 80-41374-DM STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT JOY LYN RAYMOND, Plaintiff,

-vs- WAYNE FRANK RAYMOND Defendant

At a session of said Court held at the Hall of Justice Building in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, on this 24th day of June, 1980.

Present: Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Judge.

In this cause an action was filed on the 24th day of June, 1980, by Joy Lyn Raymond, Plaintiff, against Wayne Frank Raymond, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Wayne Frank Raymond, answer to take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 24th day of Sept. 1980.

Failure to comply with this Order will result in a default judgment against the defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

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Board organizes for '80-81

Saranac School Board members have decided to keep the same officers for the 1980-81 school year.

Jack Bauman, Darold Simpson, Lynn Sicklesteel and John Smith were re-

elected as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, respectively.

The unanimous action came at the board's organizational meeting. Board members also opted

to stay with the board meeting schedule of the previous school year.

The board will be meeting every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office in the high school.

Also at the meeting, board members unanimously awarded a contract to Smith and Evans Electric of Lake Odessa.

The company's bid of \$6,595 for electrical work in Saranac's middle school was the lowest received by the school board.

The work will upgrade the school's electrical system, as well as bring it up to code.

Superintendent Albert Butler, attending his first board meeting as superintendent, said the company expects to have the work completed prior to the beginning of the next school year.

Board members also discussed the possibility of installing a gate to the parking area near the high school softball field or installing speeding bumpers in the area.

Accident injures one

A 19-year-old Saranac man was injured in a one-car accident Friday morning.

Ionis County sheriff deputies report David Dellasky, 19, of 7684 Bluewater Hwy., Saranac, was taken to Ionis County Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released after a 9:40 a.m. accident on Bluewater Highway.

According to reports, Dellasky had turned eastbound off of Pinkney Road when he apparently lost control of his vehicle after swatting an insect inside his vehicle.

Police said Dellasky's vehicle then spun across the road, down an embankment and into a tree.

Dellasky reportedly was ticketed for careless driving.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS
July, 1980 Schedule
Mondays—except July 14, potter, cribbage, hobby club at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays—movie at 1 p.m.
Wednesdays—grocery shopping at 1 p.m.
Thursdays—church at 1 p.m.
Fridays—bingo at 1 p.m.

Arson cause of fire

Police officials are investigating an arson which destroyed the barn of a Saranac farmer Wednesday morning.

Ionis County Sheriff Department officials, as well as an official from the state arson squad, spent several hours Wednesday afternoon investigating a fire which destroyed a barn owned by James Hardy.

Sgt. Terry Jungel of the sheriff department said the fire is believed to be connected to three other suspected arsons which have occurred in the area in the past few months.

The Keene Township Hall, a vacant house near Belding and another barn in the Saranac area all have been destroyed in recent months by suspected arsonists, he said.

Saranac firemen were called to the barn, located at 355 S. Higgins, Wednesday at 4:16 a.m.

Firemen fought the fire for about an hour and a half.

Off The Beaten
According to Michigan State Police, Michael Richardson, 6150 Pottery Rd., was cited and fined \$65 for speeding. Phyllis Harr, 5990 Morrison Lake Rd., was cited and fined \$30 for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive.

Ionis Sheriff's deputies report that Ricky Bailey, 7255 Bliss Rd., was cited and fined \$15 for disobeying a stop sign.

Ionis Police cited Jeffrey Bowen, 6867 Centerline Rd. for improper passing and he was fined \$35.

Stanley Reinhardt, Rt. 2, Hawley Hwy, paid \$30 for speeding. Linda Antcliff, 388 Hawley Hwy, paid \$15 for speeding. James Egner, Rt. 2 Morrison Lake Rd., paid \$19 for operating an unlicensed vehicle and \$10 for no proof of insurance.

In 1979, more than half of all wage-earning families in the U.S. had two or more earners, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Wichita Falls, Texas weather observers have been recording highs and lows since 1891. In all that time it had never been 117 degrees... until last week. El Paso is usually hot, but this year has been worse than average. It's been over a hundred for three weeks straight. In Dallas air conditioners broke under the strain of an all time record high of 113.

The 1980 Texas heat wave may be the worst in the U.S. since 1966, but it doesn't come even close to the dust bowl era heat waves of the 30's. The summers were unbearably hot and dry through much of the central U.S. in 1930 and 1934. Then came the infamous summer of 1936.

July 1936 brought temperatures as high as 121 to North Dakota and Kansas. In South Dakota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas it hit 120. The record books show readings up to 110 in nine states from Indiana to New Jersey. The all time record high for the state of Michigan was set at Mio with 110 degrees. From 1930 to 1936, 15,000 people died from the heat.

Modern heat waves haven't been on the same scale, yet nearly every summer produces at least one heat wave in some part of the U.S. Some last only a few days, while others like this year's Texas heat wave linger for weeks. There is a meteorological "fly wheel" effect at work.

A large high pressure cell forms in the upper levels of the atmosphere. This mass of sinking warm air makes for cloudless skies and no rain. The earth gets hotter and drier, and the strong heating of the air near the ground helps maintain the high pressure cell aloft. A vicious atmospheric cycle is established. Only a major realignment of the jet stream pattern will end the heat wave. Texans hope that will happen soon.

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Dear Editor:
This is an open letter to all active and dynamic young women between the ages of 18-36. I would like to personally invite you to attend a meeting of the Lowell Area Jaycees.

The Jaycees are the Auxiliary of the Lowell Area Jaycees. We are a group of young women interested in community development and self improvement. We accomplish these goals by assisting the Jaycees on their projects and taking advantage of their personal growth programs.

If you are interested in finding out more about this great young women's organization, you can attend our next meeting. Please feel free to call me at 897-6173 for more information about the meeting or club.

Lynn Green

Dear Editor:
A big thank you to all the people of Lowell for the big response and support for Lowell's annual July 4th activities. We felt they were a great success.

To the parade chairmen, Mary Kay Wright, the band, floats, Northern Lights 4-H Group, Terry Smith, VFW color guard, Showboat, Macker, and all others, thank you for a good parade.

To Lowell's Volunteer Firemen, Jaycee's, Lion's, WOTM, VFW, Lowell Area Arts Council, Dave Clark and the Boy Scouts, girl Athletes, Nature's Pantry, Congregational Church ladies, and all others for having the food and game booths. Thank you for the hard work. To Bill Gardner for the Canoe Race, thank you.

To Bob Ferrin for organizing the music for everyone's enjoyment all afternoon; thank you. It was wonderful.

Dolores Dey, Norene Martin, Co-Chairmen

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cozy corner

By Roger Brown



Well, vacation is over for another summer. As usual, it went much too fast and we had to come back to the reality of the work world, just as we were settling into the routine of relaxation. I'm not complaining though. We had great weather, no injuries, no breakdowns, and best of all, no leaky tent. The only problem with such a nice vacation is that there's no material in it for a column. On our arrival back in Lowell, there were several things that drove home the reality that our vacation was really "over".

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: You come home and your female Labrador Retriever that you suspected was pregnant, is so wide she can't get through her dog house door.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: You pull in the driveway and the grass is so high that you can't decide whether to call a custom hay baler or buy a herd of goats.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: You're looking through the refrigerator for a nighttime snack, open the vegetable drawer and it looks like somebody's science project.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: Your pile of dirty vacation clothes looks like either the beginnings of a Salvation Army Service Center or the Taj Mahal of Dirty Clothes.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: You open the door to your house after being gone for ten days, and you'd swear United States Steel had opened a branch blast furnace there while you were gone.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: The pile of daily newspapers that you forgot to cancel, is higher than your head.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: You open the broom closet door to throw away some junk from the car, and your offspring tell you that ten days has really ripened something in there. That's just before you faint.

YOUR VACATION IS OVER WHEN: The inside of your car looks like you'd been low bidder for the contract to haul the city's garbage, but couldn't afford a garbage truck.

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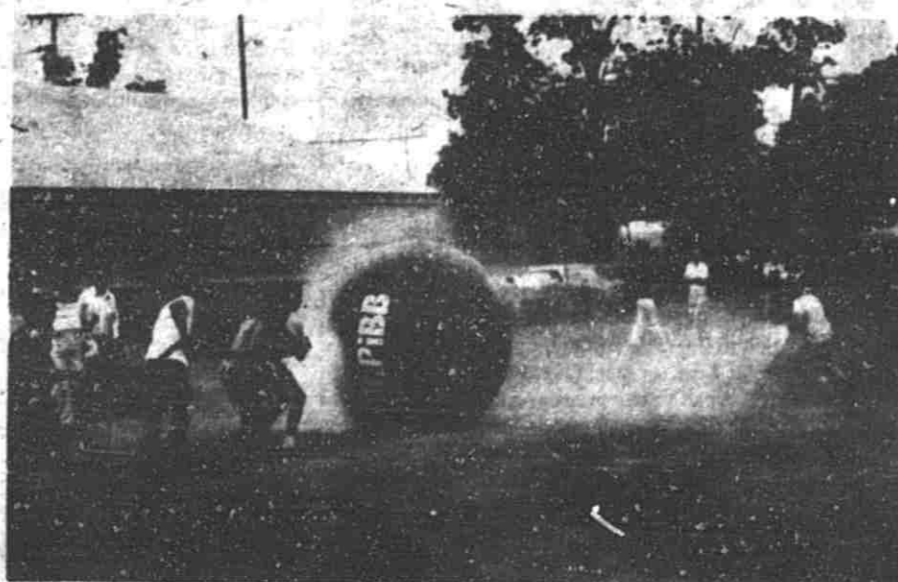
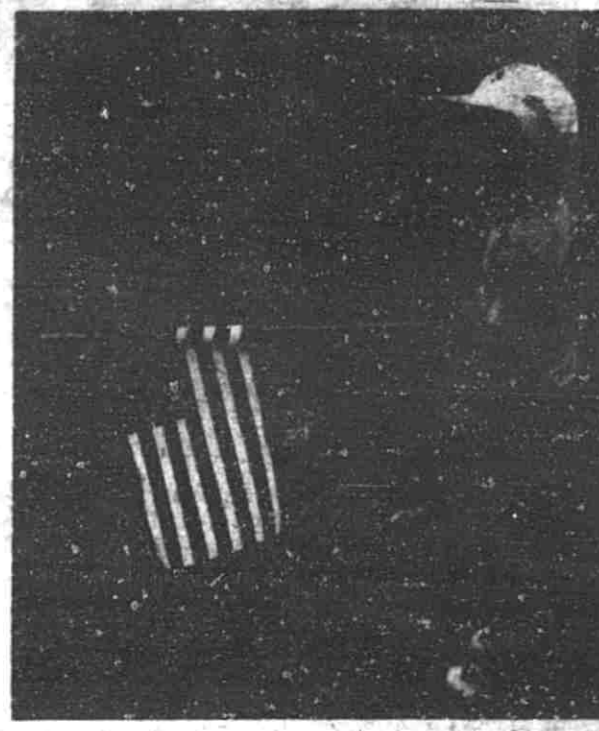
Several of the amendments to the Farm Credit Act, which it appears that Congress is ready to approve, would be important to young farmers, says Michigan Farm Bureau's director of public affairs, Al Almy.

"The bill would authorize increasing the amount of appraised value that can be financed by the land banks," Almy explained. "Now at 85 percent, it would increase to 100 percent of the appraised value."

Another amendment, he said, would make it easier for farmers to finance farm equipment. The bill would authorize Production Credit Associations to extend repayment terms up to ten years. The current limitation is seven years.

Also included in the amendments, Almy reported, is one which would make it easier for the farm credit system to finance cooperatives which are in the grain export business.

Thousands attend Lowell's 4th festivities



A twist on the traditional firemen's water polo match was enjoyed by teenagers attending the Lowell July 4th celebration at Recreation Park. A huge "Earth Ball" was donated to the City for use in the games. Here, teens use the fire departments' flogger hoses as goal for water polo. There were games for young and old, from a three-legged race to bingo during the day-long event.

The essence of a Fourth of July celebration stands about 3 feet tall, is proud to carry the American flag and is more than happy to celebrate... anything. Lowell's celebration began at noon with a grand parade with a variety of units from Lowell and Alto. Crowd guessimators figure that between 10,000 and 12,000 people were at the Recreation Park gala throughout the day and evening.

U.S. petroleum imports rundown

The U.S. imported 43 percent of its total refined petroleum products for the first six months of 1979 as compared to only 35 percent at the beginning of the Arab oil embargo in 1973. The highwater mark of 47.8 percent was reached in 1977.

OPEC members supplied 67 percent of U.S. oil imports during the first six months of 1979. Saudi Arabia is the No. 1 source and accounted for

16.2 percent of the total. Other top countries were Nigeria, 13 percent; Algeria and Libya, 8 percent; Indonesia, 5 percent; and Iran, 1.7 percent. Before the Iranian Revolution, direct imports from Iran accounted for 6.6 percent of the U.S. total.

Prepare for wood-heating

During the summer, most of us do not think much about buying or using wood-fired furnaces and stoves. But preparation should begin now, especially for those who are buying a wood-burning unit for the first time.

"This is an excellent time to inspect chimneys, prepare next year's fuel supply and think about any necessary home structural changes before cold weather arrives," says Henry A. Huber, MSU Cooperative Extension Service forestry specialist.

More than 700 home fires in Michigan during the past heating season were due to faulty installation and/or improper use of wood-burning stoves. Preparing now for next season by taking safety measures like cleaning the chimney and drying firewood could help reduce the number of home fires.

Cresote deposits in the chimney will decrease the efficiency of the heating system and create a fire hazard. If not removed, cresote built up over the previous heating season can dry during the summer. This highly volatile residue can ignite with the first fall fire. Professional chimney cleaning services are available. Homeowners can also do the job themselves.

Persons who want to cut their own firewood should read the MSU Extension bulletin "What You Should Know About Chain Saw Operation" (E-1310). It details chain saw safety procedures, as well as maintenance and tree felling. This publication is available from the MSU Cooperative Extension Service office in each county seat.

A number of other bulletins provide guidelines on the use of wood for home heating, proper stove installation, stove and chimney maintenance, etc. They are:

- "The Case for Wood as a Home Heating Fuel" (E-1214).
- "Chimneys" (E-1387).
- "The Cresote Problem" (E-1388).
- "Smoke Problems and Their Cures" (E-1389).
- "Wood Stove Installation and Safety" (E-1390).
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The Captain's Quarters

by Forrest Buck



Looking for a bargain? You won't believe your eyes and ears at the Bargain Special being offered at the Showboat Amphitheatre Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m. It's the Lions Club annual Showboat Amateur Night. Well over a hundred entertainers were auditioned for the privilege

of appearing on this show. Some of these were very near professional. About thirty acts have been selected to battle it out for a spot on the 1980 Showboat. Two of the winning acts will appear on the program each night of this year's show. The price?? You'll never see a better

show at a better price; Admissions \$1.50 for adults, 75c for children under 12. Don't miss it.

The first Showboat years featured all amateur talent. Some of the amateur stars of the past went on to make a name for themselves on the professional stage. Eddie Peabody, billed as the Banjo King, was the first professional to appear on the Showboat Stage. Anyone who has ever performed on the Showboat stage likes to brag that they were contestants, members of the chorus, or served at various other capacities.

Hardly a day goes by but what somebody calls me, "What year did I sing in the chorus?" Who were the stars of the 1963 show? (Dink Free-

man, The Ivy Five, Sandy Kliner, banjo player, and Max & Cherie) Who was interlocator in 1959? (Bill Jones). Who directed the Showboat Chorus the longest? Orval Jessup, 16 years). What mayor in the G.R. area directed the chorus? (Marvin Hoeflinger, now mayor of Kentwood). Say this might be fun. Maybe sometime I'll write a book "Fifty Years of Showboating".

Every year the endmen rack their brains to come up with an opening number. "Here Comes The Showboat," "Are You From Dixie" and "Waiting For The Robert E. Lee" are traditional chorus numbers. Now the endmen have come up with a (we stole it)

number, which henceforth will be the traditional opening number. Want to know what it is? Come to this year's show and hear for yourself. History In The Making. (If we learn the words).

We have a new member of the Showboat Board of Directors in Bob Pfaller, boss of the Riverfront Clothing Inc. Bob is supplying the men of the chorus slacks at a special price. (By the way just wait till you see this year's chorus. You will be mighty proud). Bob is also furnishing the endmen their outfits this year. (Mighty sharp). Thanks, Bob.

Time is getting short. If you haven't got your tickets,

better make your reservations Now!!! It's a great show, don't miss it.—Bucky

DNR report

In the past week, fishing conditions have changed to respond to the ever changing Michigan weather. Conditions are getting better as summer weather continues.

Trout and salmon - On Lake Michigan, fishermen report most boats are returning with 2-5 fish and it is getting better as the weather becomes more constantly summer like. At Holland lake trout and chinook remain the best with a few steelhead mixed in the catch. Fishermen are fishing in waters 110' deep at 75' to the bottom. Steelhead are found at a depth somewhat shallower in 110' of water. Reports indicate better fishing the last few days with fishing averaging 10-18 pounds. Steelhead up to 17 pounds have been taken. At Muskegon, fishermen report fishing in 100' of water at 80' to the bottom. Better baits include silver and blue, white and black, pink and white, chartreuse and silver. Fishermen report 2-4 fish per boat average catch. Northwest wind have slowed fishing; warm weather will only make fishing better.

Perch fishing has slowed with the southwest wind. With the wind shift to the southwest, perch fishing expected to pick up. Better baits include soft shell crab wigglers, and small shine minnows. White lake charr is the hot spot with all Lake Michigan piers reporting fishing slow.

On Muskegon Lake, speck are biting using minnow smallmouth bass are being taken using leeches, at crawlers; bluegills are picking up using red and worms. On the Muskegon River, walleyes continue to be a good catch although they are running small—average 15-18". On Cranberry Lake, Kent County, speck are a good catch. Camp Lake bluegills and bass; Lit Lake—officers report bluegills and trout remain a good catch.

On Lake Macatawa, the Holland Fish & Game Club sponsoring a walleye contest starting 7/1-8/15/80. Open entry with no fees.

Park reservations must be made a minimum of 15 days prior to camping. Forms available at District Office and the State Parks.

Ford drops PP

Ford Motor Co. is dropping the popular Pant, P and Kick youth program sponsored jointly with dealer association and National Football League 19 years.

Ford intended to drop PP&K at the end of coming season, but increasing costs coupled with current downturn in the automobile industry forced carmaker to cancel it immediately, said Pat Snel vehicle sales promotion manager for Ford Division was in charge of PP&K.

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