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Sesquicentennial update

Family recipes and very old favorites will be featured in the Sesquicentennial Cookbook being compiled for Ellura McPherson in time for Lowell's big birthday party. Anyone wishing to submit material for the book should send the typed recipe to Mrs. McPherson by March 1st.

"Brothers of the Brush" chairman, Charlie Doyle, will be ready within the next few weeks to officially kick off his big contest.

Parade Chairman, Dave Clark, Jr., has been meeting with his committee. Invitations are going out to surrounding communities for queen entries, bands, fraternal organizations, civic floats and commercial entries as well as all local groups. Saturday's Grand Parade promises to be a big one.

History buffs and book lovers will want a copy of the updated history being compiled and edited by Betty Coons for the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Don Green, Sports and Games Chairman, will be having a meeting of his committee soon to work out their participation in this big celebration.

Dolores Dey,
Sesquicentennial Chm.

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5606. c10



ICE RINK AT RICHARDS PARK

Okay all you would be Peggy Flemings and Gordy Howes, the city is operating a well maintained ice rink located at the northeast corner of Richard's Park. In case you're not exactly sure where Richard's Park is, it's located on Hudson Street, a couple of blocks north of Main. So get the skates out, get the lead out, and get out from in front of that TV for awhile.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

We guess that the holidays are officially over now that the Santas have been taken down from Main Street light poles. It seems that in years of late there have been considerable complaints about the condition of our Santas. Seems to us that now wouldn't be too early for some civic minded individuals to begin investigating new decorations for next year.

GET THOSE TIP-UPS READY

A good tip (pun intended) for something to do this weekend is to attend "Tip-Up Town" at Houghton Lake. The annual event attracts snowmobilers, fishermen, cross country skiers and the like from all over the midwest. Can't make it this weekend? That's okay, "Tip-Up Town" runs through the next two weekends, Jan. 16-18 and Jan. 23-25.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A 16-year-old juvenile slid on icy pavement on Foreman Road at the entrance to the high school parking lot and collided with a vehicle driven by Bobbie Adams. No injuries were reported at the Monday afternoon accident.

No injuries were reported at an accident in 500 block of Jefferson Street Friday evening when Raymond Alexander and Rosella Arehart collided on the icy pavement as Arehart was attempting to pull into her residence.

After a week and a half of investigation by Lowell Police Officers and the State Police Fire Marshal's Office, it was determined that the Country Roads' Inc. fire was caused by a leak of propane gas from a Hi-Lo inside the plant which was ignited by a pilot light, causing an explosion and fire.

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String quartet returns

The renowned New World String Quartet will return to Lowell for a chamber music concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, January 31 in the sanctuary of the Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. The quartet will appear as part of The Lowell Series, three programs brought to Lowell this year by The Lowell Area Arts Council.

The New World String Quartet last played in Lowell in January 1979. Shortly thereafter they gained nationwide recognition as the 1979 winners of the Naumberg Chamber Music Award. Since then they have played concerts in major cities all over the country.

The LAAC was thrilled to be able to book this prestigious quartet for The Lowell Series. The group, remembering the fine acoustics in the Congregational Church and their reception by the local audience, indicated that, indeed, they were pleased to be invited.

Members of the quartet include Yosef Yankelev, violin; William Patterson, violin; Yuri Vasilaki, viola; and Ross Harbaugh, cello.

Tickets to hear this concert must be reserved in advance. Since seats are limited in the sanctuary, tickets are also limited and should be purchased as soon as possible.

To purchase tickets mail checks to the Lowell Area Arts Council, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. Tickets are \$5 each. For information call 897-8545 or 897-5242.



The New World Quartet: Back row, Yosef Yankelev, Yuri Vasilaki, William Patterson; Front row, Ross Harbaugh.

Lowell Lions donate to upcoming sesquicentennial

The small, but mighty, Lowell Lions Club voted unanimously to dip into their treasury and be the first to donate money to the Sesquicentennial fund that is planned for this next summer. It was announced by Lion Club President, Dennis Anchors, that they would donate \$500 to the grand event. It is hoped this action, taken early, by the Lions Club will set the tone for the rest of the community and other service clubs would follow suit. The Lions Club also voted at an earlier meeting to actively participate in the summer

extravaganza by hosting the gala ball scheduled for sometime in July.

Funds for such local projects are earned by the Lions Club through their flag service provided to the downtown merchants as well as their chicken barbeques and other projects conducted by the active club.

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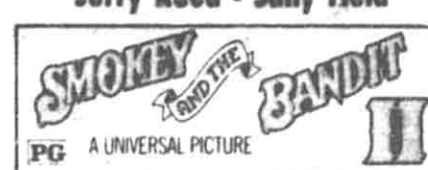
The Internal Revenue Service today reminded area taxpayers that help with federal tax questions is available by phone and at the local office.

The local office staff offers free in-person help with tax returns. The office in Grand Rapids is located at 110 Michigan Avenue, N.W. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Toll-free telephone assistance is available Monday through Friday—8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Telephone numbers are listed in the tax forms package and in local directories. IRS says you can

get quicker service if you call during slow periods. The best time to call is early in the morning or late in the day. Try to avoid Mondays and Tuesdays if you can. They are the two busiest days of the week, IRS says.

Most Michigan taxpayers, about 2.8 million of them, get tax refunds, according to IRS. The agency says you can help speed up your refund if you use the pre-addressed label on the return you file, and mail it in the envelope in your tax package. If someone else prepares your return, ask them to use the label and envelope, says IRS.

<p>STRAND</p> <p>Friday Jan. 16th thru Monday Jan. 19th</p>	<p>Burt Reynolds - Jackie Gleason Jerry Reed - Sally Field</p>  <p>PG A UNIVERSAL PICTURE</p>	<p>ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8PM</p> <p>Monday is Bargain Night</p>
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Obituaries...

BLANK — Mrs. Ethie Hooper Blank, 90, of Thompson Rd., Freeport, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1981 at the Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Services were held Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Clarksville Wesleyan Church. Rev. Arthur Ruder and Rev. Robert Moeller officiated and burial was in Clarksville Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 28, 1980 in Campbell Township, the daughter of George and Marie (Neff) Hooper. She attended Jennings School and married Harold Gray in 1907, and Bert Blank in 1937. Mr. Blank died in 1962.

She was a member of the Pleasant Valley United Brethren Church.

Surviving are three sons, Loren of Clarksville, Gordon of Lipan, TX., and Harry of Alto; one daughter, Mrs. Jay (Helen) Erb of Freeport; 11 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Stahl, died in 1972.

Arrangements were by the Pickens Koops Chapel in Clarksville.

BRUNTON — Clifford J. Brunton, aged 86, of Lowell, went to his Heavenly Home on Thursday, January 8, 1981.

Survived by his wife, Mary; one son, Daniel M. Brunton of Ft. Ord, CA; five daughters, Mrs. Robert (Debra) Foster of Battle Creek, Mrs. Donald (Carol) Hoffman of Freeport, Mrs. Robert (Faith) Miracle of Madison, WS, Mrs. Roger (Gretchen) Powell of White Pines, MI and Mrs. Susan DeLozier of Oshkosh, WS and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 11, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. from the Memorial

Funeral Home, Freeport. Interment at Freeport Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

BUTENHUIS — Pieter G. Buitenhuis, aged 65, of 5718 Kelkrest SE, Kentwood, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 6 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Arina; two sons, Willem of Kentwood, Casey of Cascade, four daughters, Mrs. Richard (Irene) Fenske of Dutton, Mrs. Clara Bartrand of Cascade, Mrs. Roy (Nellie) Johnson of Cutlerville, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Heintzleman of Lowell; 10 grandchildren; one brother, Herman; sister, Men Hensbroek both of the Netherlands.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund of Home Acres Reformed Church will be appreciated. Funeral services were Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Pastor Rev. Elton VanPernis officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery.

WEDDING INVITATIONS — & Nuptials available at the Grand Valley Ledger, 185 N. Broadway, Lowell.

Bank affiliates with IBC

The shareholders of The Peoples Bank of Leslie have overwhelmingly approved the affiliation of their bank with Independent Bank Corporation of Ionia. The approval was given at a Special Meeting of Shareholders on January 5, 1981. More than 97% of the shares voted favored the affiliation.

Loren C. Adgate, President of Independent Bank Corporation, was pleased at the decision. He said, "Independent Bank Corporation greatly appreciates the confidence of the Bank's shareholders in our corporation. We feel that your decision to merge will prove to be wise in seeing the banking needs of the people in Leslie."

Jerry Christensen, Chief Executive Officer of The Peoples Bank of Leslie, responded, "I am confident that this decision will prove to be an excellent and very successful opportunity for The Peoples Bank of Leslie, its depositors, employees and shareholders."

Subject to regulatory approval, The Peoples Bank of Leslie will become the sixth bank to affiliate with Independent Bank Corporation. The other members include First Security Bank, First State Bank of Newaygo, Bank of Rockford, Western State Bank and The Olivet State Bank.

"Prevention is the daughter of intelligence." Walter Raleigh

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Snowblowers helpful but dangerous

Those shiny, new snowblowers that saw little action in 1979-80 will get a workout this winter.

"These units can be extremely helpful in clearing a lot of snow in a short time," says Richard G. Pfister, MSU Cooperative Extension agricultural safety engineer.

All machine adjustments should be made before starting the engine. Most reports show that accidents occur when attempts are made to change auger height, make engine adjustments or clear the snow discharge openings while the machine is running.

Top the fuel tank before starting the job. If all the fuel is finished, make sure the engine has cooled for three or four minutes before filling the gasoline tank. To prevent accidental fires or explosions, always refuel outside, rather than in a garage or

within a similarly enclosed area. Never run the engine within a confined area because of the hazard of poisoning by carbon monoxide, a lethal by-product of fuel combustion.

Snow can hide items that might become hazards to the operator or a bystander. Pfister warns. Toys, rocks, a dog bone, or other such objects can be thrown a considerable distance by a snowblower. To help avoid injury or property damage, always direct the blower discharge away from houses, cars, traffic and people.

Dressing for the job is another important safety consideration. Pfister recommends wearing comfortable, well fitting clothing. Do not wear long, dangling scarves and other loosely fitting garments that could get caught in the snowblower. It's also a good idea to wear tinted goggles or safety glasses to protect against glare or objects and snow thrown by the blower.

Pfister notes that electric snowblowers should have a nameplate bearing the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL)

seal to ensure that the unit has been tested and poses minimal shock hazards. Unless the owner's manual states otherwise, use only a three-wire extension cord plugged into a grounded receptacle. Keep the cord clear of the machine's path at all times and replace the cord if it becomes frayed or damaged.

BLESS YOU, MR. OTT

The first motion picture to be copyrighted features the sneeze of Fred Ott, an assistant of Thomas Edison. The film, consisting of 47 frames of the momentous event, was entered into copyright as "Edison Kinetoscopic Record of a Sneeze" on January 7, 1874.

A special exhibit of model and toy trains showing the history of American railroad building and the history of model making will begin from now through May, 1981 at the Henry Ford Museum. No additional charge beyond Museum admission.

Alcoholism in elderly

As the cruise ship pulled away from the harbor, Helen stared misty-eyed at her glass of champagne, wishing her husband was at her side. His fatal heart attack six months ago had devastated her. The cruise was an effort to "bring her back to life."

Although she only drank wine occasionally in the past, since his death she found drinking gave her solace and dulled her painful memories. Her daughter had noticed that Helen seemed confused and had memory lapses. She hoped the trip would help.

What Helen's daughter didn't realize was that her mother had become one of the more than 3 million people over age 65 suffering from the disease of alcoholism. Many crises accompany the aging process and almost all of them entail loss of some sort. For some people the onset of alcoholism may follow a major crisis or a devastating loss. Suddenly a drink fills up the emotional gap left by the loss of a job or the death of a loved one. Elderly widowers appear to be the most vulnerable to alcoholism and studies indicate that excessive use of alcohol is an important factor in suicide

among the elderly.

"A family may actually encourage or tolerate the older person's excessive drinking, believing that it makes them easier to deal with," stated Thomas Vurgason, Program Coordinator at the Kent County Hospital CareUnit Program, an inpatient alcoholism treatment program. As a result many elderly persons are able to drink themselves into difficulty with little interference and few offers of help. Older problem drinkers are among the least visible of the nation's 12 million problem drinkers because many of them are retired and have left the mainstream of society. Unless they are public inebriates—and few are—their drinking goes largely unnoticed.

Alcoholism causes medical complications among the elderly. They include amnesia, delirium, gastritis, anemia, ulcers, liver disease, pneumonia, and fractures from falls and accidents. Alcoholism exaggerates psychological problems such as anxiety, depression and suicidal contemplation. Contrary to the popular stereotype of helplessness as a condition of the aged, only 8 percent suffer from it. In fact, alcoholism mimics senility. Information or confidential consultation can be obtained at the CareUnit Program by calling 774-3349.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Did you just get cross-country skis for Christmas? Do you want to learn the basics with other beginners like yourself? If so, you're invited to a free ski clinic, on Saturday, January 24, 1981, at the Lowell Area Schools Central Office Conference Room. Everyone interested is welcome!

Demonstration of equipment, clothing, etc., 9 a.m. Movie or skiing, technique, etc., 10 a.m. Practice on skis. 11 a.m. Lunch 12 noon. Skiing 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Cost FREE! Sponsored by the Lowell Community Education Office. Call 897-8434 for registration and more information.

Benefit skating party

Join the Skating Disc Jockeys from WJAV and help to "Beat Diabetes" by skating at the benefit party at Woodland Sport Center on Monday afternoon, Feb. 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be games, prizes for pledges collected and a door prize. Free T-shirts to anyone bringing in \$25 in collected pledges the day of the event.

There will be no charge for admission or skate rental, but participants must have a minimum of \$10 in pledges.

For more information or sponsor sheets, call 243-8477. Sponsor sheets are also available at the Woodland Skate Center.

Food Stamps to raise

Food stamp benefits are scheduled to rise about 11.5 percent for many recipients with the lowest incomes beginning January 1, Michigan Department of Social Services announced.

Virtually all households that receive the food coupons will see some increase in their monthly allotments, except for one- and two-person households at the upper income limits. A family of four with the least income will see an increase from \$209 per month to \$233 per month in food stamps they receive.

Two expense deductions—used to compute "net income" for eligibility and for figuring the amount of food stamps a recipient can get—will also be raised in January.

A standard allowance to cover basic household expenses will be increased from \$75 to \$85 per month. Also, an allowance to cover dependent care costs or "excess shelter expenses" will go up from \$90 to \$115 per month.

The amount of food stamps a household can receive from the federally funded program is based upon the number of persons in the household and its net monthly income.

The federal Food Stamp Act requires an annual adjustment in basic stamp allotments, as well as changes in certain expense deductions used to figure net monthly income. The January jump in benefits reflects cost-of-living increases as surveyed and reported periodically by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Last year, an average of about 320,000 households (or about 813,000 persons) qualified and received food stamps each month in Michigan. The value of the stamps averaged about \$27 per person each month.

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Free x country ski

The Lowell Community Education Office will be sponsoring a free cross-country ski clinic at the Lowell Middle School, on January 24. The session will begin at 9 a.m. with a film and short discussion on equipment care and technique. The rest of the day will be devoted to practice of new skills and skiing on trails at a nearby nature study area.

For more information and registration, call the Community Education Office at 897-8434.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Lucile "Bogardus", Knowles, January 18, 1977.

On the 18th of January in 77, Lucile left our home, for a home in Heaven.

Days have been lonely, the nights filled with tears, Yet filled with memories of many happy days, months and years.

Remembered and loved by all who knew her. Both Friends & Family

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Raymond A. Phillips who passed away January 1, 1979.

Your loving smile Is gone today But God provides a way I cherish the memories I hold dear

As I start another year. So good, so faithful and so kind. You left beautiful memories behind.

Ila M. Phillips

"THANK YOU"

The Lowell Lions Club Would Like to Thank The Community for its Support Over the Years



"SMALL BUT MIGHTY" - The Lowell Lions Club is small, but accomplishes a lot. Through our many projects to raise money including Merchant Flag Service, Chicken B.B.Q.'s, Light Bulb Sales, White Cane, Etc., we have accomplished a lot in the community. Thanks to those of you who have helped us.



We have plenty of room in this group picture for you. If you have interest in joining the Lowell Lions Club, please call any of the names below for more information.

ROSTER: Orison Abel, Dennis Anchors, Carlen Anderson, Curtis Anderson, Norman Borgersen, Bob Christensen, Roy Darling, George Dey, Mike Doyle, Mac Fonger, Rick Fonger, Ron Holst, Phillip Johnson, Chuck Lippert, Ray Quada, Donald Phillips, Robert Reagan, Dick Schroder, Clark Vredenburg, Art Warning, Bob Wernet.

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2. Eyeglasses
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4. Social Activity Meetings
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Received Eagle Scout Rank



Robert Ainsworth

Robert Ainsworth, 18, has received the rank of Eagle Scout. This is an honor that few scouts receive.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ainsworth Sr., 6691 Bluewater Highway, Saranac. He is a member of

Saranac Boy Scout Troop 71. The memorial cannon at the Saranac Cemetery was sand blasted and sealed for his Eagle service project. His Eagle Scout recognition ceremony will be January 26, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Bob has been accepted by the Air Force and will join them after graduation.

AUDIBLE ADVANCE

Dr. Lee DeForest received patent no. 841,387 on January 15, 1907, for his three-element vacuum tube, which he called an audion. The audion was quickly recognized as perhaps the most significant development in the field of electronics up to its time, allowing for the rapid development of the detection and amplification of radio signals. This led to the development of radio, and eventually television.

Off The Blotter

Jill Kimble, 5522 Bluewater Hwy., Saranac, \$22 for speeding.

Vivian Lott, 88 David Hwy., Saranac, \$20 for speeding.

Frank Smith, 6900 Gould Road, Saranac, \$20 for speeding.

Bruce Brown, 4520 W. Peck Lake Road, Saranac, \$24 for violation of the basic speed law.

Todd Chipman, 6135 Riverside Drive, Saranac, \$10 prohibited parking.

Lori McKinch, 5547 Pottery, Saranac, \$20, speeding; Darrel Hesche, Box 112, Grand River Drive, \$20, speeding; Frances Young, 300 Summit, Saranac, \$24 unable to stop in assured clear distance.

Patrick Cook, 5993 Nash Hwy., Saranac, \$14 defective equipment; Edward Belcher, Jr., 6316 Center Line Road, Saranac, \$20 speeding; Michael Conner, 7925 Peck Lake Road, Saranac, \$19 drove on wrong side of roadway.

Duane Whittemore, 5667 Darby Road, Saranac, \$20 speeding; Wade Chipman, 6135 Riverside, Saranac, \$20 speeding; Ronald Walling, Jr., 187 Washington St., Saranac, \$24 violation of the basic speed law; Francis McMahon, 4725 David Hwy., Saranac \$19 drove left of center.

Local artists' at Museum

For 25 years the Grand Valley Artists, Inc. have, in accordance with their preamble, been furthering "self-expression in the visual arts through appreciation, education, application and promotion of the works of the membership." In celebration of this quarter century anniversary, there will be a retrospective show at the Public Museum Jan. 11 thru March 1, 1981. This history of the Grand Valley Artists will include paintings and sculpture from past, present and charter members. Included will be Armond Merizon, Rey Weidenaar, Keith Avery and Bonnie Marris to name just a few of the more than 100 members who will have their work displayed.

The Grand Valley Artists is a group of amateur and professional artists who have participated in activities which emphasize self-ex-

pression, originality and self-improvement through the visual arts. Activities consist of critiques, programs, exhibits and sketch sessions. Through the years, the artists have met in a variety of locations throughout the community. Their current home is the lower level of the St. Cecilia Auditorium building in Grand Rapids.

Membership in the organization is made up of artists throughout Western Michigan. Members live in Holland, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, as well as the greater Grand Rapids area. Some of the artists whose work will be displayed now live as far away as Madison, Wisconsin; Athens, Georgia and Springer, N.M. Associate memberships are also available for non-artists who desire to cultivate visual arts.

The exhibit, "Grand Valley Artists: 25 Years of Dedi-

cation to the Visual Arts," will continue at the Public Museum through March 1st. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Museum is closed on holidays.

Artists included in the surrounding areas are Judy Tummino, 10421 Cascade Rd., SE, Lowell; Janet Y. Johnson, 810 Riverside, Lowell; Suzanne Grieves, 6215 Grand River Ave., Saranac and Rose M. Hale, 3201 Jefferson, Ionia.

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Time has already elapsed for three and one-half million of the over nine million veterans who served during the Vietnam Era.

In Michigan over 74% have already used GI Bill benefits for training, and during the past year over 15,000 were still enrolled in training, Clowney said.

Discharges from the armed forces for Vietnam Era service began in 1965. In that year 496,000 men and women were discharged. This increased until 1970 when 1,043,000 were discharged. Since then the total has decreased each year until in 1980 the number of those who had served during that period was 129,000.

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