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HEARTS AND FLOWERS

So many enjoyed our special Valentine section last year that the "powers that be" decided to do it again this year. Kids, teachers, sweethearts, grandmas and grandpas can give and get a Ledger Valentine in the next issue. Be sure to have your Valentine at our office, 105 N. Broadway by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9: 20 words for \$1.25 prepaid; or charge it for \$1.75. Then watch next week's issue to see if someone remembered you!

SIX MORE, MINIMUM

As usual a tiny town in Pennsylvania made the national media with their scrawny ground hog on Monday, Feb. 2. There was about nine seconds of sunshine that day sooo... Wonder if we could hurry spring along if we boarded up the front door of that critter's home?

RIBBON CUTTING

A good many patriots are still sporting yellow ribbons on their vehicles. Do you suppose they haven't heard that the "hostages" were released? Perhaps it has been too cold to cut the ribbons. Perhaps the ribbons are a sentimental reminder that Americans can stand together amid diversity.

BOX OFFICE REMINDER

Tickets for the Lowell Area Arts Council play "Strange Bedfellows", to be produced Feb. 19, 20, 21 and 27, 28, can be purchased from Box office Chairman-Dee Doyle, 897-7532. Thursday night tickets (Feb. 19) only can be purchased at Lipperts, That Special Place, the Grand Valley Ledger and Nature's Emporium in Lowell and Kountry Korners in Alto. See the article elsewhere in this issue for further details.

Properties Chairman for the production Leah Vredenburg is in dire need of a burgandy colored "divan" about 60" long. If you could loan one, call Leah at 897-7791.

FEBRUARY IS

Yes, folks, it's National Cherry Month and Michigan boasts the Cherry Capitol of the World (Traverse City). The month got the title because of George Washington's legendary youthful encounter with a cherry tree. Our state produced 158 million pounds of red tart cherries last year plus 58 million pounds of sweet cherries.

This week (Feb. 8-14) is national "Kiss Your Baby" week. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation wants parents to be aware that a unique sign of CF is salty-tasting perspiration. If the salty taste is discovered, parents should have their child checked by a physician.

OFF THE SLOTTER

The Lowell Area Fire Department was dispatched to a car fire on Alden Nash NE early Wednesday morning, Jan. 28. According to Kent Sheriff's deputies, a vehicle stolen from Kentwood was set afire at that location. Investigation is continuing.

Lowell Rescue responded to two injury accidents on Wednesday evening. One accident occurred on 64th St. between Wingeler and Pratt Lake Rd. about 5:45 p.m. Lee

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ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. Breakfast Specials: Eggs, Bacon, Toast and Coffee, \$1.75. This Week's Special: Fish & Chips, \$1.59. Phone 897-9669. c13

BE MY VALENTINE — Special Valentine section in the February 11 issue of the Ledger. 20 words for \$1.25 prepaid; charge it for \$1.75. 105 N. Broadway or call 897-9261.

Brothers of the Brush sport celebration beards

Like the White Rabbit in "Alice in Wonderland", plenty of men in the Lowell area are moaning, "Oh, my beard and whiskers!" One of the first signs of preparation for the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Lowell this summer is the sprouting of mustaches and beards.

Certificates for the Brothers of the Brush are now being sold for \$5 to men who will be entering the beard contests this summer. They can be bought at That Special Place, Speerstra Agency, City Hall and from Charlie Doyle who is chairing this event.

Judges for the event will scrutinize the Brothers of the Brush and choose the best mustache, goatee, sideburns and several special categories for beards: i.e., U.S. Grant, Fu Man Chu, Smith Brothers, etc.



The Brothers of the Brush is a not-so-secret society of men dedicated to a hairy face by the time Lowell's Sesquicentennial celebration rolls around. Chairman of the event is Postmaster Charlie Doyle (left) who already sports mutton chops. Doyle and mustached Mayor Dean Collins (right) welcomed a clean-shaven Arnold Wittenbach into the Brotherhood of the Brush with an official certificate this week. The certificates are available for \$5 which will help fund other 150th Birthday events.

\$\$ outlook grim for Tri-River schools

While reports by area media of drastic cuts in the sports programs and extra-curricular activities for Lowell and other Tri-River Conference schools may have been a bit premature, they probably will not be far off the mark in the final analysis.

Representatives of each of the eight schools which comprise the Tri-River Conference met to discuss their mutual problems with the state-wide financial crisis as it applies to education and particularly the school sports programs.

According to Superintendent Don Kelly, Lowell has yet to formulate its budget for next year so no final decisions have been made on just where cuts in the program will be made. Realistically, though, he admits that with another 2 to 4% reduction in state aid expected the schools will have to be very sure of its priorities.

This year's reduction in state aid meant that cash reserves had to be used to meet financial demands. That will not be possible next year. Other area schools were even more hardpressed this year than the local district and were forced into severe cutbacks in the education program and the near elimination of all sports and extra curricular programs.

According to Kelly, the Lowell Board plans to approach the problem from the

positive viewpoint. A community survey is planned by telephone on February 12 and 13 and that should help to set up priorities for next year. The plan is to provide as much as possible with the money available.

The Tri-River schools meeting, however, was far from optimistic. According to the league constitution, five of the eight schools must offer a sport before it can be sanctioned for league competition. Many schools were unable to fund freshman sports this year and see further drastic cuts in their

programs as inevitable. Therefore, if 5 of the 8 schools cannot offer a sport it will have a devastating impact on the conference.

Sports that will be removed from conference competition in 1981-82 are cross country, golf, tennis and all middle-school and freshman sports. Individual districts may elect to keep these sports, however, and compete on a non-league basis.

Conference sanctioned sports include boys' varsity and junior-varsity football and basketball, varsity wrestling, track and base-

ball; girls' varsity and junior-varsity basketball and volleyball, varsity track, softball and cheerleading.

Other Tri-River activities which fell under the axe are band, choir and student council. As with the sports program, individual schools may be able to retain these activities.

Members of the Tri-River Conference besides Lowell are Belding, Cedar Springs, Coopersville, Fremont, Greenville, Lakewood and Sparta.

McPherson to head federal agency

M. Peter McPherson, formerly of Lowell, was nominated as Administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID) last week by President Ronald Reagan.

McPherson is presently serving as Acting White House Counsel and was the General Counsel to the President's Transition Team. Prior to that, he was a partner and head of the Washington

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Obituaries

GREEN — Mrs. Bertha R. Green, aged 84, of 801 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI passed away Thursday morning, January 29, 1981 at Barry County Medical Care Facility, Hastings.

Surviving are two brothers, Rev. Howard Carey of Arlieth, CA, Paul Carey of Wayland; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacqueline Carey of Lowell; one brother-in-law, Carl Maichele of Middleville; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Green worked at the State Capitol Building in Lansing as a secretary for many years.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Rev. Richard McClain officiating, Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.

HOLLENBECK — Charles R. Hollenbeck, 89, of 307 W. Ellis Ave., Ionia, died Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31, at Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 9, 1891 in Lakeview, the son of Eugene and Annie Hollenbeck. He was a World War I veteran, serving in France, and was a 70-year member of the Belding United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Glenna; two daughters, Mrs. Cliff (Jane) Miller of Lyons and Mrs. Darrell (Aane) Walkington of Saranac; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral and committal services were held Tuesday from the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Strait and Rev. Luther Brokaw officiating.

A memorial has been established for the United Methodist Church.

WOODHOUSE — Gladys Woodhouse of Apollo Beach, Fla. died Jan. 26, 1981.

She was born Feb. 8, 1903. At one time, she owned and operated a store at Pottery Corner in Saranac.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31, at Ruskin, Fla.

Local artists needed

The John Ball Park Community Association will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual John Ball Arts Fair on Sat., May 30. The fair will be held at John Ball Park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Any artists or craftsmen interested in setting up a booth at this year's fair should contact the JBPCA by calling 451-3121 or in writing at 145 Garfield, SW, Grand Rapids, 49504.

Coming Events...

THURS., FEB. 5: "Monitoring Blood Sugar at Home" will be the next free educational program of the American Diabetes Association. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Blodgett Hospital. Sue MacIntyre, R.N., Diabetic Teaching Nurse of Blodgett Hospital is the speaker. Representatives of Ames and Bio-Dynamics that make home monitoring blood devices will be present to explain their use. Free literature and several cookbooks will be on display. A welcome is extended to all.

FRI., FEB. 6: The February Forum Meeting of Church Women United of the Grand Rapids Area will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 3334 Breton Road, SE (near 32nd St.). Coffee, Registration, and visit Literature Table at 9:15 a.m. Business Meeting and

Speaker: Al Velkey, Administrator of Clark Memorial Home at 9:30 a.m. Topic: "Problems of the Elderly". Mr. Velkey will talk on what groups and individuals can do to help older citizens.

SAT., FEB. 7: Fish and Ham Supper, at Clarksville Masonic Hall. Serving 5-7:30 p.m. Family style, donation: \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12, FREE children under 5.

TUES., FEB. 10: Evening Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Virginia Fonger, 611 N. Washington. Co-host Jane Blough. Speaker, Ray Quada.

TUES., FEB. 10: Regular meeting of Lowell Lodge #90 F&AM 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple.

WED., FEB. 11: Lowell Women's Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge at Schneider Manor with Paoline Johnson as sponsor. Featured speaker will be Lois McIntyre, columnist for the Flair section of the Grand Rapids Press. A mini-report on Michigan History will be given by Zona Postma and tea will be served by Alice Campos, Mabel Siegel, Olive Bieri, Ruth Jones, Sadie Fox and Gladys Schrouder.

FRI., FEB. 13: Regular monthly meeting of Cyclaman Chapter #94 O.E.S. will be held on Fri., Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple. Please bring the paperback books that you wish to send to the Masonic Home in Alma.

SAT., FEB. 14: Sweet-heart Breakfast will be served from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Alaska Branch, 8147 68th St. Sponsored by the youth department. Public is welcome. For more information call 696-8567.

TUES., FEB. 17: Lowell Lions Club is sponsoring Bloodmobile to be held at Lowell Methodist Church all purpose building from 3-8 p.m.

SAT., FEB. 28: The Association for Retarded Citizens Cross-Country Ski Race will be held at Pando. More information and registration forms for the race may be obtained by writing or calling the ARC office, 1225-37 Lake Dr., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506, (616) 459-3339.

Make reservations now

More than 250 reservations for shelterhouses and picnic areas have been made for the coming warm weather season, says James Porritt, manager of the Kent County Road and Park Commission.

"Reservations started rolling in Jan. 2 and they continue to be made every day," he adds.

Lowell Area Arts Council has already made reservations for its annual arts festival in September at Palsburg Park north of Lowell.

Reservations for the facilities at the parks are made on a first-come, first-served basis. They come in from such groups as clubs, labor unions, churches, businesses and credit unions.

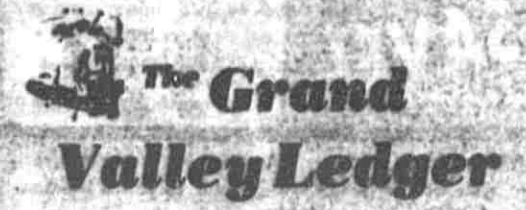
The county park department has six shelterhouses—at Fallsburg Park and Townsend Park also in the Lowell area—and at Caledonia Lakeside, Johnson, Long Lake and Douglas Walker Parks.

Fire razed the one at Caledonia Lakeside Park last year and the new one is now being built.

"It's a good idea to make reservations as soon as possible so the group can get the facilities it desires on the day and time wanted," Porritt states.

CLASS AT BLANDFORD

Spring Weather. A free two hour adults only class at Blandford Nature Center of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, 1715 Hillburn NW. Class is at 2 p.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m. if enough people sign up. Naturalist, Barbara Hoag, will present an indoor program on severe storms, clouds and other spring-time phenomena. Reservations are required by February 13, call 453-6192. Date: March 18.



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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day (Psalm 96:2).

"Before" and "after" pictures are interesting. Pictorial advertisements reveal the difference a new linoleum makes in the appearance of a room. Some magazines feature photographs of homes before and after remodeling. In one publication there was the picture of a little girl with straggly hair and a wistful expression on her face. Across the page, the same little girl smiled happily. A new home permanent made the change in her appearance by giving her curly locks and assurance. Frequently an ad will show the picture of a bald-headed man before using hair restorer. Close by is a photo of the same gentleman—with hair—after the prescribed treatment.

"Before" a Christian sought a place of prayer to find release from his cares, his cross showed plainly on his face. "After" he had cast his burdens on the Lord, he wore a smile. Now he takes all his troubles to the Lord in prayer for he has found that God's grace is sufficient for every need. Now instead of sighing, he sings.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thy love and Thy goodness are unchanging. Thou art the same day after day. Thou art always ready to lift my load and carry my burdens. I leave them at Thy feet. Amen. His goodness stands approved. Unchanged from day to day; I'll drop my burden at His feet. And bear a song away.

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. E. John Smith of Ionia have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jo, to Karl L. Jones of Saranac.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones of Saranac.

Both are graduates of Saranac High School.

Jones is a freshman at Western Michigan University. The bride-to-be is a freshman at Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music.

No wedding date has been set.

They'll rock the night away

The Senior High Youth group of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell are preparing for their annual Rock-A-Thon to be held on Saturday night, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. until Sunday morning, Feb. 8 at 8 a.m.

Youths will be collecting pledges for this event and the money will be applied towards their spring trip.

Stark honored in Busy month at Senior Center



Dale Stark, formerly of Lowell, was awarded the 1980-81 DAR Good Citizen Award for Saugatuck High School recently. He is a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stark of Fenville.

The award has been presented since 1934 in high schools throughout the country to the young man or woman in the senior class who has demonstrated the best qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Dale attended Lowell Area Schools from 1973 to 1979.

Rotary hosts area farmers, businessmen

Next Wednesday, Feb. 11, at noon, area farmers and businessmen will be hosted at Lowell Rotary's Community Day.

The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church. The cost of lunch for the area leaders is being underwritten by King Milling Company and the State Savings Bank.

In past years, this event focused on Farmer's Day but has been expanded to include Lowell's businessmen as well.

Invitations have been sent to farmers and businessmen in the area but inevitably there will be one or two who will be missed. In that event, please call Brian Doyle at King Milling, 897-9264 or Bob Elzinga at State Savings, 897-9277.

Dr. Jacob Hofer, associate director of Michigan State University's Agricultural Experiment Station, will be the featured speaker.

Dr. Hofer recently led a team to China to study their agriculture and animals, and the trip will be highlighted in his speech.

Letters

The Editor: The Lowell Township School District is suffering from a communication gap between our elected school board members and the people in the district.

A controversial issue is being talked about in the district and I was shocked when I began calling officials of the school and the board to find how uninformed they were of facts. I wish to urge all those people talking for and against to call your school officials and board members and also to come to the School Board meeting February 9 at 7:30 p.m. I'm interested. Are you?

Mrs. Marlene A. Whitman

Birth

Steven and Ana Hewitt of the Azores Islands, Portugal will feature the Kitchen Band at noon.

Every Wednesday, the Center features grocery shopping at 1 p.m. and bowling at 1:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, seniors can receive tax assistance at 9 a.m. There is legal assistance by appointment at 10 a.m. on Feb. 19. Euchre is each Thursday at 1 p.m.

Fridays at 1 p.m. the Center offers Bingo.

Please make note of the new phone number at the Center, 897-5949.



Keith White of Ada has been included on the academic honors list for the recently completed fall quarter at Ferris State College. To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.25 grade point average in at least 14 quarter hours of graded work.

Library closed Feb. 16

The Kent County Library System announces that all 17 branches of the system, along with its central headquarters will be closed on Monday, February 16, 1981 due to a legal holiday. Please make note of the change in schedules.

The library system would also like to announce the change in hours at two of its branch libraries, Lowell—Mon. & Wed. 10:30-5:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat.: 12:5-3:30 p.m.

Krause (Rockford)—Mon-Thurs. 1 p.m.-9 p.m. Fri-Sat. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Above hours become effective February 2, 1981. For the convenience of patrons of the Krause Memorial Branch Library, the library will remain open on Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. until the end of February.

System-attic

by Gary Dembs

The snow is still on the ground, the salt still hanging to our cars and winter still has its icy grasp on Kent County. Under that setting you're probably thinking that all activity at the 17 Kent County Branch libraries has ceased. That is not the case as we have planned a variety of programs and special events during February.

Verh Ehlers, Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners has declared 1981 as "The Year of the Kent County Library System," and we are celebrating with some excellent programming during this month.

First of all we would like to welcome a brand new face to the Lowell Branch Library. Ellen Eddy, a Portland, MI native has taken over the position of Branch Librarian vacated by Evelyn Briggs who retired last August. Mrs. Eddy brings a strong educational background to the Lowell Branch Library and looks forward to serving the community.

The Lowell Branch Library will get things rolling on February 23, 1981 when the program "Feathery February," is presented. This preschool story time is being hosted by the Children's Services Department and is

aimed at the youngsters ages 3-6. The program begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the Library.

You may also want to take note that the hours of operation at the Lowell Branch Library will be changing as of February 2, 1981. The new library hours are listed as follows: Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 12:00 to 5:30 Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. All libraries in the system will be closed on February 16, 1981 due to a county holiday.

Over at the Alto Branch Library preparations are being made for some programs in March. In the next column

we will talk about those programs. In the meantime we would like to invite you to read all about upcoming programs and about our wide range of services. ACCESS, our brand new, patron oriented newsletter, will hit the stands the first week in February. The newsletter will be distributed all through Kent County and through the 17 branches of the library system. The newsletter will feature information on everything from how to become a Friend of the Library to a rundown of the Library system's entrance into the computer age.

February is a great month

to get out and enjoy the library and what it has to offer. Throughout the year we will be promoting every service we provide to communities like Lowell, Alto

and the surrounding areas. Get involved with your local branch library and let us know what we can do to serve you better.

Welcome Wagon rep named

Dolores Laux has completed training as a Welcome Wagon Hostess and will begin greeting households in Lowell, Mrs. Barbara Marshall, President of Welcome Wagon International, has announced.

Mrs. Laux will call on new movers, brides, and growing families to present gifts from local sponsoring businesses.

As a community service, she will also distribute information for many government agencies and local civic and cultural groups. To request a Welcome Wagon call, contact Dolores Laux at 897-9383.

Mrs. Laux is active in many community organizations: Womens Club, Garden Club and Vergennes Club.

Here's Some Real Sweethearts for the Sweetheart

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| <p>MISSIONARY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. (Meeting in the Lowell High School Choir Room) 750 Foreman Road Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study, Wed 7:00 p.m. (Meeting in the Pastor's Home, 10288 Foreman Road) Pastor Glenn H. Marks Ph. 897-8110</p> | <p>WHITNEYVILLE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UDNOMINATIONAL 4235 Whitneyville Rd. Ada 48001 Sunday Morn. Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 8 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Chatterbox's Youth Group Wed. 7:30 p.m. PASTOR JAMES GROENDYK</p> | <p>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7182 Bradford St., S.E. - 676-1088 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. - 676-1032 Pastor: Jerry L. Johnson Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Evonima Worship 8:00 p.m. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL</p> | <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of 80th Street & Bancroft Avenue Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Peoples Afterglow 8:30 p.m. Wed.-Family Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. REV. JAMES FRANK 642-6174 - 642-9274 (Nursery & Children's Churches)</p> | <p>GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARANAC Corner of Orchard & Pleasant Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Peoples Afterglow 8:30 p.m. Wed.-Family Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. REV. JAMES FRANK 642-6174 - 642-9274 (Nursery & Children's Churches)</p> |
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Marron directs play

The Lowell Area Arts Council's annual winter play is being directed this year by Lowell resident, Jim Marron.

By day, Jim is an auditor with the State Department of Social Services, but he has a love for theatre in his blood, which has determined the focus of much of his leisure time.

Jim's experience with stage has been on-stage in the past. He has had parts in productions of Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Circle Theatre and Stage Three as well as past productions of the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Jim and his wife, Evelyn, are also active members of the LAAC and have taken major roles in such projects as the theatre production and the Fallsburg Fall Festival. The Marrons have two grown children.

Jim's other love is astronomy, which is evidenced by the fact that the Vein Observatory was built on property behind his own home, which the Marrons have leased to the group.

This year's stage offering, "Strange Bedfellows," will be presented two weekends, February 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Tickets for Thursday, February 19 are general admission tickets at \$2.50 each, with a special rate of \$1 for students and senior citizens. These tickets can be purchased at That Special Place, the Grand Valley Ledger, Nature's Emporium, the LAAC Box office or at the door on Thursday evening.

All Friday and Saturday tickets must be reserved and purchased in advance. This can be done by calling Box office Chairman Dee Doyle at 897-7532 or by sending \$3.50 per ticket and a self-addressed stamped envelope to LAAC Box office, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331.

Hairy tales about beards

The beard has been called man's last bastion in the battle of the sexes. Throughout history these male "facial hair fashions" have reflected the times.

During some periods beards have been regarded as a mark of full manhood and virility while at other times the clean shaven look has been "in".

It is said that Alexander the Great introduced shaving into Greece during his reign. The king ordered his soldiers to shave because he feared their enemies might seize the men by their beards in battle. Julius Caesar and the men of his day were entirely beardless.

In fact and fiction beards have been cursed or credited for everything from strength, war and wisdom to weakness, taxes and ignorance.

Man has been so fascinated with beards that almost every conceivable style has been created.

The Flemish painter S. Anthony Vandyke painted so many aristocrats with a



These beard styles have all been popular at various times in history: [1] Vandyke, [2] Austrian "Franz Josef", [3] French or Dutch "la moucho", [4] "neck warmer" or "chin curtain", [5] burnisides, [6] goatee, [7] Moorish, [8] Indian Sikh rolled beard.

pointed beard that it became known as the "Vandyke" beard.

Ambrose Burnside, a Union general in the Civil War, popularized "burnisides". The habit of shaving his chin and allowing whiskers to grow on the sides of his face

gave rise to the term. It later became "sideburns".

The trade of barbering goes back a long time, too. Razors have been found among the relics of the Bronze Age. In early days barbers were also surgeons.



It doesn't just happen to the family down the street. Your own household could be disturbed by head lice. Although their presence doesn't necessarily indicate uncleanliness (since it's a problem of contagion), parasites are repugnant to most of us.

They can spread through a classroom or a family quite easily from contact with an infected person's hat, scarf, coat, combs and brushes, or similar personal items.

Head lice prefer to live on the hair-covered part of the head, especially on the back of the neck and behind the ears. They start in little round eggs (nits), which are attached to the base of the hairs, and hatch as lice in about a week.

You can see them with the naked eye, although they're very small; and you can suspect something is wrong if your child's head itches and is scratched with great frequency.

Immediate treatment is important to prevent spreading. If you should discover head-lice in your children's hair, the school nurse or local health department can recommend proper treatment.

It's also important to disinfect all personal items of the infected person. Machine wash all washable clothing, and dry them at a high heat for at least 20 minutes. Dry clean all non-washable clothing. Soak combs and brushes in a 2 percent Lysol solution or, better yet, throw them away.

Head lice have not been shown to carry diseases, but they can cause a secondary problem of skin infection from excessive scratching.

Now and then head lice move through a group of people who are squeaky clean. If you suspect that your child might have brought the parasite home from school, examine his or her scalp for the cause. If you see nits or head lice nestled behind the children's ears or along the back hairline, you'll realize that it doesn't happen only to the family down the street.

Child care course for teens

The Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross, will offer a Babysitting course for young people ages 11 to 14, on Saturday, Feb. 21. The course will be held at the Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, N.E., from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the training, but a \$1 fee will be collected for books and class materials.

To reserve a place in the class, call Red Cross Nursing and Health services, a United Way service, at 456-8661.

GUIDED TOURS:
Voigt House at 115 College SE is open for guided tours on the first Sunday and third Friday of each month. This one-owner Victorian mansion is a perfect example of life in a wealthy home at the turn-of-the-century. Hours are 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

Area Sports...

Icers tie in thriller match

The LHS hockey team made some major strategy changes in last Saturday's game against the Forest Hills Central Rangers and managed to pull out a 5-5 tie with the favored Rangers. Arrow Jon Vezino, making his second start in the left wing position from his usual goal-tending duties, gave an outstanding performance as he picked up 4 of the Arrows 5 goals.

The Arrows opened scoring 4 1/2 minutes into the game with a goal by Brad Shamblyn assisted by Ray Bendick. The Rangers answered with a score by Todd Conklin assisted by Jeff Martens to even the score. With 6 minutes left in the first period Vezino scored his first goal of the night assisted by Paul Whaley and Ray Bendick. Two minutes later Vez-

ino added another goal unassisted to give the Arrows a 3-1 lead after the first period.

The Rangers picked up two power-play goals early in the second period, the first by Matt Zupan assisted by Kirk Wiggerman and Frank Abraham, and the second by Abraham assisted by Wiggerman to tie the score at 3 all.

With 2 minutes left in the second period the Rangers took the lead on a goal by Randy Smith assisted by Todd DeGreen. The Arrows came back as Vezino scored with 12 seconds left in the period to tie the score going into the final stanza with Shamblyn and Whaley assisting on the goal.

Both teams played very cautiously in the final period and it became an exciting defensive battle. The Rang-

ers finally scored with 4 1/2 minutes left in the game on a goal by Steve Roth assisted by Matt Zupan to take the lead. The Arrows didn't let it get them down and Vezino scored his fourth goal assisted by Shamblyn and Whaley to end the scoring with a 5-5 deadlock.

The shots on goal were almost even for the game with the Rangers having a 20-19 edge over the Arrows.

Lowell tops Belding 66-52

Lowell handed Belding its ninth straight Tri-River Conference defeat last Friday night, 66-52.

Lowell, now 2-10, took an early lead and dominated the whole game. The Arrows led 15-6 after the first quarter and 37-20 at the half.

Belding fought back in the second half outscoring Lowell 32-29 but could not overcome Lowell's advantage.

Steve Doyle sparked Lowell with 20 points. Phil Beachler added nine, and Craig Eley and Greg Malone each had 16 points.

Spikers unbeaten

Saranac spikers met Central Montcalm on Monday, Jan. 26 and put them away 15-2 and 15-5. It was the fifth TCAA win for the Redskins.

Debbie Schneider posted 12 straight points in game one and five in a row from Schneider and four in a row from Jamie Clover in game two. Barb Snay had five kills in the opening game and Kim Sweet added several good spikes.

Saranac's junior varsity spikers won in straight games.

SHS still in the cellar

The Montabella Mustangs rolled over the Saranac Redskins 68-43 in Tri-Central Athletic Association action last Tuesday night.

The Redskins, 0-10 on the season and 0-8 in league play, managed just 11 first half points as they could not handle the Mustang's man-to-man press, while the Mustangs were tossing in 39. In the final 16 minutes of play Saranac outscored Montabella 32-29.

The Redskins scored points in each of the final two periods while the Mustangs added 10 and 19.

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LHS pins Huskies 39-28

This week's wrestling resulted in a loss and a victory. Tuesday, the Red Arrows defeated the Forest Hills Northern Huskies 39-28.

Kevin Hurt, 98-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in :26. Troy Hall (105) also pinned, this time in the second period. Randy Roth (119) won his match on a 5-3 decision. In the 132-pound weight class, Eric Swift pinned in the third period. Steve Martinez (167) and Dave Christman (185) pinned their opponents in the first period. In the Hwt. division, Mark VanWeelden won on a forfeit.

Lowell traveled to Sparta on Thursday where they were defeated 21-44.

Jerry Adams (112) won on a forfeit, while Roth tied his match 3-3. Chrisman and VanWeelden both pinned in the second period.—T.N.

Saranac hit just 15 of 51 for 29 percent.

Mark Haskins hit a season-high 14 points to lead Saranac while Tom Hardy added nine and Ed Overbeck eight.

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On WMU dean's list

Lorraine Ruth Willison, 9340 Grand River Ave., has qualified for the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the fall semester. To be eligible for the honor, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average while completing 14 hours of graded work.

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New Eagle Scout honored

Robert Ainsworth, 18, advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout in a candlelit Court of Honor ceremony at the American Legion Post last week.

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

A member of Saranac Boy Scout Troop 71, Ainsworth rose to scouting's highest rank by earning at least 21 merit badges, serving in a leadership position, and performing a community service project.

For his service project, Ainsworth sandblasted and sealed the memorial cannon at the Saranac cemetery.

Ainsworth's "Trail to Eagle" was captured in a scrapbook presented to him by Scoutmaster John Sicklesteel, who read several congratulatory letters. In addition to his Eagle badge and medal, Ainsworth also received mementoes to give to his parents and a Boy Scout backpack.

Saranac in Quiz Bowl Thurs.

Saranac High School meets Allendale High in the academic arena Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m. as Class D action continues on WGVC-TV/Channel 35's High School Quiz Bowl.

Each week on High School Quiz Bowl, area scholars compete by answering questions ranging from current events and historical happenings to such basic fields as science, literature and math as they vie for school honors and a chance to advance to the championship round.

Students competing for Saranac are Ryan Simmons (Captain), Geoff Doty, Mike Dalton, Melody Stahl, and alternate Karen Blagg.

Andy Best is the new host for this season's High School Quiz Bowl. Jim Cloutier, Director of Audio/Visual Services at Grand Valley is the judge and QVC student Teri Agosta is the scorekeeper. Producer/Director for the series is David Strick.

High School Quiz Bowl repeats Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Walters celebrate 30th

The children of A.L. and Dolores Walters are giving their parents a 30th anniversary party on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the American Legion Hall in Saranac.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and all friends and relatives are welcome.

James Polka, resident that Kevin Miller, 7506 W. Big Creek, was cited for illegal U-turn and fined \$19.

According to the Ionia County Sheriff Department, Hylah, 4485 David Hwy, was cited for speeding as was James McCarty, 6641 Centerline and Mary Triggweller, 5020 Page Rd. Each was fined \$20.



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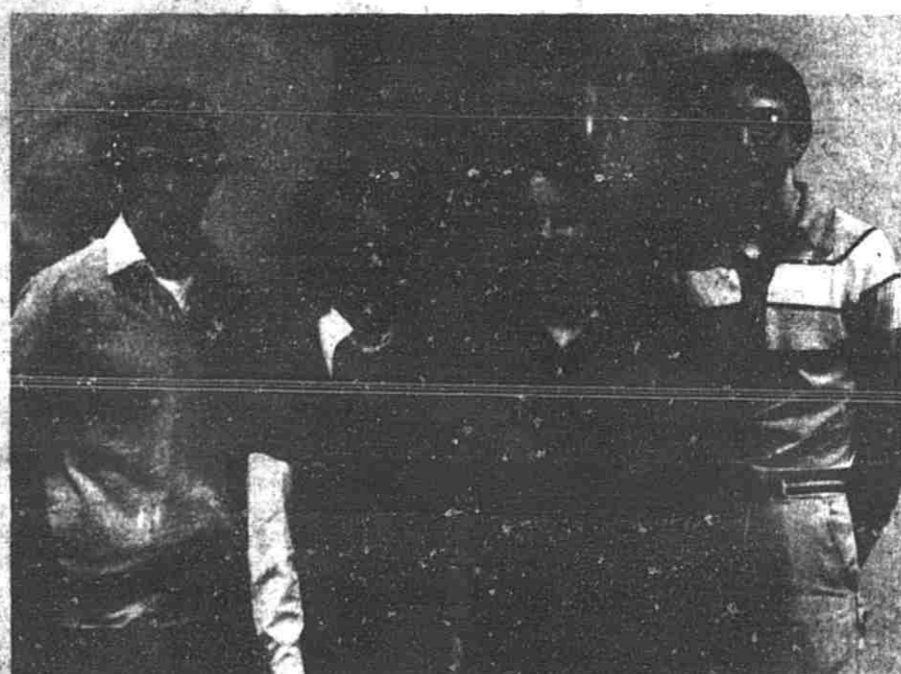
LHS debaters in state top 20

Lowell's high school debate team has been piling up awards and trophies recently. The team has argued the topic of consumer safety this year.

The team won three trophies in the two leagues that they compete in. Outstanding speaker medals were awarded to two team members, Rhonda DeLong and Curtis DeVries.

The most outstanding achievement for the team occurred on January 17th. They won their district tournament and qualified for the Class B State Debate Tournament. They are now considered one of the top twenty teams in the state.

The team will compete at the tournament on February 5, 6, and 7 at the Southfield Sheraton. The four top debaters who will be arguing for Lowell are Rhonda DeLong, Curtis DeVries, Meredith Althaus, and Paul Bnerwald.



Representing LHS at the Class B state debate tournament are (L to R): Paul Bnerwald, Meredith Althaus, Rhonda DeLong, and Curtis DeVries.

Help for employed moms and their families

When a family talks about mom going to work outside the home, conversation often focuses on the income her employment will bring. As important as this economic change may be, it's only one of the changes that occurs when mom joins the labor force.

Soon to be available from Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service offices throughout Michigan is a special newsletter series aimed at supporting the working woman and her family and helping them deal with these changes. Called "Employed Mother - Families and Change," the newsletters will provide a wealth of information to help you deal with the realities of family life when mom becomes an employee as well as a parent, spouse, and home manager.

Topics like dealing with guilt, challenges faced by single working mothers, balancing demands of home, job and childrearing; how mom's working affects children; and how your family can help will be covered in the newsletters.

They will be mailed for six months, beginning in March. The cost of the series is only \$1.

To subscribe to "Employed Mothers - Families and Change," call the Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service at (616) 527-1400 by Feb. 23. Or write to 110 E. Washington Street, Ionia, MI

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The Fluoride program is a joint venture of the Alto Parents Club, the Kent County Health Department, and the Michigan Department of Public Health. It is made available to three and four year old preschoolers, second, fifth and eighth graders, and to special cases referred by dentists who are registered by February 20 with their local program chairman.

The City of Lowell adds fluoride to city water during the treatment process. One part fluoride per million is added and is perhaps the best source of fluoride. The city has had fluoridated water for almost 25 years. Those who do not have city water, in Alto, for example, can take advantage of the topical application of fluoride through this county program.

The procedure consists of four visits to the fluoride clinic, held in the various communities. The child's teeth are cleaned on the first visit and a fluoride solution is applied directly to the surface of the teeth. The fluoride application only, is then repeated during the three succeeding visits. This technique has been shown to reduce tooth decay by about forty percent.

In addition to providing protection against cavities, the program offers a valuable dental experience for children, with no discomfort. Dental health education by the clinic personnel includes instruction in the proper method of brushing teeth. Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program should contact Nan Price at 868-6820 or April Curtiss at 897-5427.

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Conflict continues in Alto

A number of Alto parents are evidently still not satisfied with the results of investigations by school officials and the Kent County Sheriff's juvenile division which cleared an Alto Elementary School teacher of child abuse allegations.

Fifth grade teacher Dan L'Herault was suspended

with pay during a six week investigation into parents' claims that he grabbed one boy by the neck and twisted another boy's ear the same day, Dec. 3. Described as a strict disciplinarian, L'Herault has been a controversial figure with parents for at least three years.

L'Herault returned to the classroom last week after Kent Assistant Prosecutor David Butler recommended that school administrators handle the situation internally. Butler reviewed the findings of Kent Juvenile Detective Ken Kleinhekel and notified school officials that L'Herault's actions were not in violation of a state law regarding corporal punishment by teachers. The school investigation came to the same conclusion.

School officials notified the parents in question that L'Herault would return to the classroom in Alto and that he had agreed to several conditions which were not made public.

L'Herault has received support from another group of parents who organized a petition drive to let Board members know that they approved of him as a teacher.

Those parents opposing his reinstatement have a petition drive of their own under way and plan to present the petitions to the Board at the regular meeting on February 9.

Three Alto students were transferred to Runciman Elementary last week at their parents' request. A transfer to another Alto teacher was not possible because that class is enrolled to its maximum pupil level. Classroom maximums are agreed to by contract.

Superintendent Don Kelly expressed dismay that the matter was still causing tur-

moll for students. He assured parents involved that there would be no reprisals against their children and that appropriate measures have been taken. Kelly stated that school officials' investigation pursued all legal and moral ramifications before reinstating L'Herault.

Clear ice and snow for mailmen

Ice-covered sidewalks and steps were the cause of injury to literally thousands of Postal Service employees last year, according to Postmaster Charlie Doyle.

"More than 16,000 postal workers across the nation were hurt when they fell or lost their balance," Doyle said, "and ice and snow was the primary cause of those accidents."

"We do everything possible to deliver the mail regardless of how bad the weather becomes," he added, "But we want to remind customers again that snow and ice on steps and sidewalks has to be removed where carriers must walk."

Postmaster Doyle said he realizes it's not always easy to remove ice and snow, but carriers are not required to risk personal injury from unusual hazards to deliver the mail.

To allow a carrier to drive up to a curbside mailbox to deposit or collect mail without leaving his or her vehicle, rural or curbside boxes should be kept clear of snow, vehicles or other obstructions.

Schools plan community survey

The Lowell Area Schools will conduct a telephone survey Thursday and Friday, Feb. 12 and 13, to find out what people think about their schools.

Almost 400 randomly selected residents will be called by volunteers to get a general picture of people's opinion.

Residents will be asked to grade their schools just as teachers grade students. They will also have the opportunity to express their opinion about school district services.

Superintendent Don Kelly said the survey is being conducted to involve citizens and

identify district priorities as we plan for the next school year in light of the current financial crisis in Michigan. Mr. Kelly said, "We feel this is an important project that will help us better serve the people of our community."

Kelly hopes all residents selected to participate in the survey will help with the project. According to Kelly, the survey will take just a few minutes to complete, and all individual answers will remain confidential. Responses will be averaged to provide a general picture of the community's opinion. Results of the survey will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

Reelected MMPA adviser

James Cook Jr. of Lowell and Neil Harte of St. Johns were re-elected as dairy farmer representatives to the Michigan Milk Producers Association Southern Michigan market committee at the District 6 meeting held in January.

The committee is made up of dairy farmers who advise the board of directors on marketing matters. Their terms begin March 21.

MMPA is a milk marketing cooperative owned and controlled by some 6,000 dairy farmers.

cozy corner

By Roger Brown

I'm going to pass along a little story about one of my wife's friends at work who's wedding anniversary got off to a rough start. It seems the lady asked her husband first thing in the morning, "What day is it?" He replied correctly, "It's Ground Hog Day". That not being the answer she wanted to hear, she then asked, "and what else is celebrated today?" Stumped, the poor husband replied that he didn't know.

Anyone with any imagination at all can picture the clouds that must have gathered over the breakfast table that morning. Ah, but that's not all. Later in the day the husband ambled into the card department at Lippert's in search of an anniversary card that might smooth things over. His intentions were good, but his timing was bad and succeeded only in interrupting his wife as she was trying to find a card for him. I guess they considered selecting cards, exchanging them there, and then putting them back in the rack thus saving a couple of bucks. But they eventually decided to go ahead and buy them.

I'm sure that this particular anniversary finally got going on the right track and was a happy one for both parties, but this problem of husbands forgetting wedding anniversaries seems to be as common as beer bellies, baldness and bursitis among us older boys. I've heard more stories than I care to remember about friends of mine forgetting their wedding anniversary and the consequences they had to suffer.

One little story that stands out in my mind has the husband stopping by the bar after work for a couple of beers that somehow multiplied into a missed supper and the whole works. He came home to find an anniversary card taped to a locked door and all his clothes in a cardboard box on the porch.

Another friend made a desperate dash to the store for a card after his wife had burst into tears and locked herself in the bedroom when it became evident that he had forgotten the big day. Hurrying home, he signed the card, slipped it under the door while mumbling all sorts of apologies. After a short silence the wife screamed, jerked open the door, threw the torn up "get well soon" card in the husband's face and relocked the door. It was several days later when she finally told him what he had done.

With this problem being of the proportions that it seems to be, I've got a great idea for a new business. Husbands would subscribe for say ten bucks a year and my reminder service would call them on the day before their wedding anniversary as well as their wife's birthday, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, etc. I could get rich and save a bunch of marriages while doing it. There's one problem, "who's going to call me?"

Feb. lawn & garden

If browsing the seed catalogs gets you in a gardening mood, the following lawn and garden activities, suggested by Michigan State University Extension specialists, are timely now:

Plan your 1981 vegetable and flower gardens and landscape plantings. Order seeds and plants early so you'll be sure to have them when you want and need them.

Check winter mulches on perennials and spring bulbs and add to them if necessary. Inspect landscape plant protectors. Repair any that are no longer keeping plants safe from flying salt spray, drying sun and wind, heavy loads of snow and ice, and gnawing rodents.

Bring bulbs potted in October out of cold storage for forcing into bloom.

For a breath of spring of another sort, force branches out from early flowering shrubs and trees into bloom indoors. Make cuttings with a sharp knife or pruning tool. Place cut branches in a bucket of water in a cool (60 degrees F), brightly lighted spot. As flower buds start to open, mist them several times a day. Keep the cut ends of the branches in water at all times.

Prune ornamental trees and shrubs. Because spring flowering trees and shrubs bear this year's flowers on last year's wood, pruning now would remove the buds and prevent flowering.

When pruning is called for, make all cuts flush with a major branch or stem of the tree trunk. Do not leave branch stubs.

Check trees and shrubs for tent caterpillar egg masses and bagworm cases. The gray, foamy-looking tent caterpillar egg clusters can be found encircling small branches.

Unless your houseplants are receiving 12 to 16 hours of artificial light per day, they're probably not growing vigorously. As a general rule of thumb, allow soil to dry between waterings.

Continue to check stored bulbs, corms, tubers, fruits and vegetables regularly. Moldy or damaged plant materials should be discarded.

If lawn and garden equipment needs an overhaul, get it into the shop now, before the spring rush.

If you've been feeding wild birds, continue, at least through March. Birds come to depend on your feeder and may starve if you quit feeding before other food sources are available.

REVOLUTIONARY REVOLVER

Samuel Colt, who had run away to sea at age 16 and whittled his first pistol on board ship, patented his now-famous Colt revolver on Feb. 25, 1836. Although he first found few buyers, the Mexican War of 1846 brought thousands of orders from the American government and Colt soon became a millionaire. Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI, offers examples of a number of historic firearms, including a c.1874 Colt Walker and a c.1849 Colt "First Model" Dragon revolver, both .44 caliber.

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Legal Notices

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Case No: 80-42134-DO
State of Michigan, in the
Circuit Court for the County
of Kent.
DAVID RAMSEY, Plaintiff,
VS.
DAISY RAMSEY, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Circuit Court rooms in the Hall of Justice, City of Kent, State of Michigan, on this 27th day of January, 1981.

Present: Honorable Stuart Hoffus.

In this cause an action was filed on the 23rd day of September, 1980, by David Ramsey, Plaintiff, against Daisy Ramsey, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Daisy Ramsey, answer to or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 26th of March, 1981.

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.

Stuart Hoffus,
Circuit Court Judge
Dated: January 27, 1981.
Wade S. Seys (P-20254)
Attorney for Plaintiff
1126 McKay Tower
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. M. Holloway, Deputy County Clerk.

Examined, entered and countersigned by me: Marilyn Holloway, Deputy Clerk. 2/4-2/26

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Kent
JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner show below alleging that said children are neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center, 1501 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said children being made temporary wards of the court.

Child: Nicole and Leonard Warren
Hearing: Feb. 11, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Child: Tamara Vandenoors
Hearing: Feb. 25, 1981 at 4:00 p.m.
Petitioner: John Scheid

Child: Elizabeth Armstrong
Hearing: Feb. 27, 1981 at 2:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Maxine Meek

Child: Lori & Barbara Holt & Heidi Ballarson
Hearing: March 20, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Harva Lewis

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.
Dated: January 28, 1981

JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
State of Michigan in the
Circuit Court for the County
of Kent.
BONNIE BINFORD
SS # 368-48-0300
Plaintiff,

VS.
JOHNNY BINFORD
SS # 297-52-1357
Defendant.

No. 80-41694-DO

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice Building in the City of Grand Rapids, on the 14th day of January, 1981.

On the first (1st) day of August, 1980, an action was filed by Bonnie Binford, Plaintiff, against Johnny Bin-

ford, Defendant, in this Court for an absolute Divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Johnny Binford, whose last known address is unknown, shall answer or take other such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 25th day of Feb., 1981.

Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment of default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Robert A. Benson,
Circuit Judge.
Examined, countersigned & Entered. Eairy M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. Eairy M. Lyons, Deputy County Clerk. 1/21-2/11

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT NANCY COLLEEN RAPIER, Plaintiff,

VS.
WAYNE ARNOLD RAPIER, Defendant.

File No. 80-42739-DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 30th day of December, 1980.

PRESENT: The Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge.

On this 5th day of December, 1980, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 404 W. Erie, Kankakee, Illinois 60915 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 30th day of March, 1981.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Roman J. Snow,
Circuit Court Judge
Examined, Countersigned & Entered: Donna Sanford, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. Donna Sanford, Deputy Clerk. 1/21-2/11

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
State of Michigan in the
Circuit Court for the County
of Kent.
TOMIE L. JACKSON
SS # 427-02-5316
Plaintiff,

VS.
EVETTE JACKSON
SS # 427-02-5318
Defendant.

Case No. 80-40928-DO

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice in the City of Grand Rapids on the 2nd day of January, 1981.

On the 2nd day of January, 1981, an action was filed by Tomie L. Jackson, Plaintiff, against Evette Jackson, said Defendant, in this Court for absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Evette Jackson, whose last known address was unknown, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 3rd day of April, 1980.

Failure to comply with this Order will result in a judg-

ment of default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Robert A. Benson,
Circuit Judge.
Examined, countersigned & Entered. Eairy M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk.

By Eairy M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk. 1/14-2/4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Kent
JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner show below alleging that said children are delinquent children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center at 1501 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said children being made a Temporary Ward of the Court.

Child: Reginald Cumming, Jr.
Hearing: Feb. 13, 1981 at 3:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Officer Bruce Fogarty

Child: Phillip Allan Johnson
Hearing: Feb. 24, 1981 at 2:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Officer Fred Lalonde

Child: Derrick Johnson
Hearing: Feb. 24, 1981 at 2:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Officer Fred Lalonde

Child: Victor Foster
Hearing: Feb. 26, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Officer Ronald Prescher

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.
Dated: January 28, 1981

JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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A demonstration of pottery making techniques, from clay to finished product. Visitors invited to try their skills at a potter's wheel and at various forms of pottery decoration. At Henry Ford Museum. No addition charge beyond Museum admission.

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS
The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the items listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office, Room 227, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. The bids will be publicly opened in the Purchasing Office at the time designated below. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interests.

Bid For: Painting of the interior of 16 Kent Home Services Center. Bids to be received by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 1981.

Jack Stanley, CPO
Director of Purchasing

"This Week in Outdoor Michigan"
NR

The January thaw appears to be over. Temperatures are dropping and we have snow in the forecast. At the moment, the snowmobiling and cross country skiing is poor. Ice conditions are still safe. Bluegill fishermen have been busy. We recommend almost any lake in the area; especially Muskegon Lake, Muskegon County; Reeds Lake, Kent County; and the Grand River bayous in Ottawa County.

Perch - Reeds Lake and Muskegon Lake. Pike - Muskegon Lake; also the Grand River bayous for pike appearing. Trout - very little success reported yet.

Rabbit hunters have found walking noisy and have joined the ski enthusiasts in hopes for some new tracking snow.

Although the deadline to apply for the spring turkey season is Monday, February 16, potential applicants should pick up their applications early. All DNR offices will be closed on the 14th, 15th, and 16th, due to the weekend and the presidential

holiday. There is also a chance we will be closed on Friday, January 13 as one of our "payless holidays". APPLY EARLY!

Michigan farms unchanged
The number of Michigan farms in 1980 remained at 66,000, unchanged from a year earlier. However, farm numbers in 1981 are expected to decline by 1,000, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

Total land in farms is estimated at 11,400,000 acres and has held steady since 1976.

The definition of a farm includes all places that sell or normally would sell \$1,000 of agricultural produce.

Michigan farm numbers for 1974 through 1980 have been revised upward, based primarily on data from the 1978 Census of Agriculture.

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In the service

William P. Starkweather, U.S. Air Force to the rank of son of Amy J. Starkweather of 216 Elizabeth Dean Drive, Lowell, and Thomas A. Smith Sr. of Grand Rapids, has been promoted in the airman first class.

Starkweather is avionics systems specialist at Hahn Air Base, West Germany.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell has been advised that the Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4 (f) Review will be discussed at the Michigan State Intercom meeting at the place and time designated below:

Time: 9:00
Date: February 5, 1981
Place: Room 1-C Baker - Olin West Building
Michigan Department of Public Health
3500 N. Logan
Lansing, Michigan
Interested citizens may contact City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan - for further information. c-13

PUBLIC NOTICE

GRATTAN SANITARY DRAIN GRATTAN-VERGENNES SANITARY DRAIN

Public notice is hereby given that the Grattan Sanitary Drain and Grattan-Vergennes Sanitary Drain sanitary sewer is available for connections beginning February 4, 1981 and all connections are to be completed by February 4, 1982, as required by the Grattan and Vergennes Township Ordinances.

Permits, instructions and specifications for connection to the sewer are available at the offices of the Grattan Township Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Slowinski, and the Vergennes Township Treasurer, Mrs. Carol Nauta.

Additional information is being mailed to property owners served by the said sanitary drains.

Vergennes Township Board
Linda Biggs, Clerk
Grattan Township Board
Patrick Melone, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:
We have been advised by our developer that our new building, Mill Creek Meadows, will be ready for occupancy in approximately 90 days. At this time all applications must be updated. If you are interested in occupying one of these units you must call (616) 642-9832 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., so that an appointment can be established to review your application at our office.

The income limit for residency is as follows:
One person \$11,070 per year
Two person \$12,890 per year
Maximum allowable \$40,000

Herbert L. Pratt, President
Saranac Housing Commission

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Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



Not long ago we inaugurated our 40th President. That is not unusual, but the weather that day was. Those celebrating in the nation's capitol enjoyed a balmy 50° temperature, a contrast from some cold inaugurations in past years. Perhaps the weather was an omen; the next four years will be sunny, warm and springlike for the country. We can only hope.

The mild winter for the western states finally resulted in a record of note. On January 21, Lewiston, Montana reached 73°. That's the warmest temperature ever recorded in the state of Montana in January. But weather has a habit of changing suddenly in those parts. On January 23-24, 1916, Browning, Montana dropped 100° in 24 hours, from 44° to -56°. That's a record which may stand a long time.

Michigan's lowest temperature occurred February 9, 1934. At Vanderbilt, in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, the mercury plunged to -51°. Oddly, the area around Vanderbilt and Gaylord is a noted cold spot in winter, receives the heaviest snow in Lower Michigan, and has the shortest growing season.

Children's show at planetarium

The Chaffee Planetarium's popular sky show, for young children, "The Sky Tonight" returns for an extended run beginning February 7.

Every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. through March 28, children ages three thru eight are invited to attend a planetarium experience that is designed just for them. Adults are encouraged to accompany small children. All ages will be admitted. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children (less Museum admission charge). Doors open at 1 p.m. Come early as seating is limited for this very popular show.

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Scouts observe 71st

Members of the West Michigan Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America, will wear their uniforms to religious services on Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday as part of the activities commemorating Scout Anniversary Week in February.

Scout Sabbath will be observed on Saturday, February 7, and Scout Sunday will be observed on February 8. Scouting Anniversary Week, February 8-14, will celebrate Scouting's 71st anniversary in the United States with a number of special activities throughout the West Michigan Shores Council.

"Wearing the Cub Scout and Boy Scout uniforms to local synagogues and churches calls attention to an important part of both Cub Scout Promise and the Scout Oath," according to Paul Bongiovanni, Public Relations Director. "This reflects Scouting's strong commitment to a boy's religious duties. It also is significant that the twelfth point of the Scout Law is that a Scout is reverent."

Ski-a-thon for M.D. Assoc.

A Ski-a-thon will be held for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association at Pando Ski Area on February 14th.

Contestants can go to neighbors, relatives, friends and get contributions for patients with MD. A donation sheet with all the rules and prizes can be obtained from the ski area or from the MDA office (531-8310).

There will be great prizes for the skiers who bring in the most money. These will be awarded at the end of the day.

Admission will be a minimum of \$20 in donations for Muscular Dystrophy and a \$4 rope lift charge for the whole day.

Goiter was called the "Michigan Disease" due to its prevalence. The lack of iodine in the water was identified as the cause. Michigan salt manufacturers were persuaded to add iodine salt in 1920, which corrected the problem.

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Council Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.
Regular Meeting of Monday, January 19, 1981.
The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmembers Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.
Absent: School Representative Burdette.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Minutes of the January 5, 1981 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.
No: None.
Absent: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$20,512.46 |
| Major Street Fund | \$ 573.43 |
| Local Street Fund | \$ 848.53 |
| Lee Fund | \$ 1,380.04 |
| Storm Sewer Fund | \$ 525.00 |
| Water Fund | \$18,541.23 |
| Equipment Fund | \$ 1,711.30 |
| Sewer Fund | \$ 192.08 |
| Trust and Agency Fund | \$ 1,908.00 |
| Federal Revenue Sharing | \$ 9,349.89 |
| Current Tax Collections | \$ 3,991.83 |
| Rehab Act. | \$ 1,099.30 |
| Building and Site Fund | \$ 400.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 1,317.89 |

Public Hearing/ Environmental Assessment, Section 4F Review

Mayor Collins opened the Public Hearing on the Environmental Assessment and Section 4F, Statement on the Division Street Bridge.

Manager Quada gave a brief explanation of the City's efforts to obtain funding for the replacement of the Division Street Bridge and the steps that have been taken up to the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(F) Review.

He then introduced Bruce Ellenbaas of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to explain the purpose of the E.I.S. and Section 4(F) Review and the alternatives which had been explored.

Mr. Ellenbaas introduced Mr. Bob Scott of R.S. Scott and Assoc. who assisted in the bridge design. Mr. Tom Byle of the Kent County Road Commission and Mr. Gerald Ritchie of the Local Government Division of the Michigan State Department of Highways and Transportation.

Mr. Ellenbaas then stated that four different approaches had been offered as a solution to the bridge closing problem; 1) a "do nothing" attitude, and wait for an emergency situation, which was immediately tagged impractical and unsatisfactory. 2) repair of the existing bridge to bring it up to code capacity, which was also deemed impractical, because, even with complete renovation to a 6-ton weight capacity it would still not accommodate today's trucks of fire emergency vehicles, weighing more. 3) complete renovation of the existing bridge for use as a foot path and bicycle crossing, (to satisfy the Historical Register status) and construction of a new bridge in another location, which was considered totally out of the question because of the cost and 4) demolition of the existing bridge, and construction of a new bridge at the same location with minor changes in road-bed grades and approaches. This was considered the most practical and satisfactory alternative, satisfying the needs of the community and the least costly.

He then asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

Mrs. Verna Rogers was present and stated that she was very much in favor of the new construction as soon as possible, citing the fact that earlier in the week three box cars had disconnected from a train and had stopped on, and completely blocked Grand River Drive crossing for about three hours, cutting off access to the City, except, taking a long way around, through the countryside to Aiden Nash Ave. to South Hudson Street, and hated to think of the consequences had there been an emergency in that area.

Mr. Edward Zigmont asked for a clarification, would the old bridge be torn down completely or kept. Mr. Ellenbaas reiterated the old bridge's total destruction with the new construction in it's place.

Mr. Stuart Ervintraut asked if any of the grant funding would come from the Historical Society for construction of a new bridge. Mr. Ellenbaas stated "No" those funds are reserved for areas electing to renovate old, existing structures.

Mr. Ellenbaas then called on Mr. Bob Scott of R.S. Scott and Assoc. to explain the preliminary bridge design.

Mr. Scott stated that the preliminary design stages have been sent to various local, state and federal

government agencies for approval as required. He explained the design in detail, stating that the south approach would be straightened out, the intersection of Grand River Drive and South Division Street will be changed as a safety factor, the north entrance will be moved slightly east and straightened out. The bridge and both approaches will be five (5) feet higher than the existing bridge, to accommodate high water during flooding. There will be two, (2) twelve-foot driving lanes, two (2) six-foot sidewalk and bike lanes, and two (2) one-foot shoulder areas totaling thirty-eight (38) feet in width. It would sit on concrete piers. Cost, \$823,000 for the bridge, \$160,000 for road work and approaches, and intersection change, totaling \$974,000.

Mrs. Shirley Kloosterman asked about a timetable for construction.

Mr. Scott stated that a tentative timetable would be as follows: with final approval of the project, construction bids could be let by mid-April, 1981; actual construction could begin by early summer, and possible opening for traffic by December 1, 1981, barring any hold-ups for any reasons, which is a near impossibility. Finishing touches, i.e., grading and sodding of approaches, etc., could be done the following Spring, if necessary.

Manager Quada stated for the record that he had received a letter from a local resident, Mr. David Miller, in favor of alternative #4, complete replacement.

There being no other questions or comments, Mayor Collins closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

He then opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Cross Connection Ordinance.

Public Hearing/ Cross Connection Ordinance

Manager Quada stated that there were several changes that would have to be made before the finalization of the proposed ordinance to meet all of the regulations. There were no questions from either the audience or Councilmembers, and the hearing was closed.

There were no citizen suggestions or input. There was no Manager's Report. There were no Council comments.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.
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Two out of every three women 26 to 54 years of age are in today's labor force, according to a U.S. Department of Labor publication, "Perspectives on Working Women: A Databook." The publication was released by the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics in October 1980.

if it fitz'
By Jim Fitzgerald

Everybody agrees this nation is starved for heroes. That's why freed hostages must be protected against suffocation under the pile of yellow ribbons and Barbara Walters. But hero worshippers should be cautioned to remember that Truman Capote whipped Humphrey Bogart in a wrestling match.

This unlikely victory, long rumored wherever macho is mocked, was confirmed by actor-director John Houston in his recently published autobiography, "An Open Book." Houston writes: "One night there was arm-wrestling. Bogie and Truman were engaged, and it almost became a fight. It did, in fact, turn into a wrestling match. And Truman took Bogie! He pinned Bogie's shoulders to the floor and held him there."

Many years after Humphrey Bogart's death, he is still a hero to thousands of people turned on by his tender toughness. But Bogie was supposed to be tender on women and tough on men. Truman Capote's tiny feet don't touch the floor when he sits on the Johnny Carson show. If a wimp like Capote could beat up on Humphrey Bogart, this is truly a phony world offering no security whatsoever for hero worshippers, and the Maltese Falcon belongs to Sidney Greenstreet.

No actors are included among my heroes. I lean more toward writers, such as Capote or Roger Kahn who wrote the best baseball book of all time, "The Boys of Summer." But there are clay toes in authors' books, too. Kahn has now written a novel, "But Not to Keep," and he freely admits it is based on the real-life battle between him and his ex-wife. After a messy divorce, they engaged in a dismal succession of fights over money and visitation rights, eventually driving their young son to the edge of suicide.

That's no way for a hero to behave. For another example, on a lesser scale, there is syndicated columnist Sydney Harris, the urbane philosopher who knows all the answers, or where to find them. He is so smart he makes me feel like all three stooges. Among columnists, he is my hero. But Harris admits he is a confirmed smoker—"much against my doctor's advice and my own better judgment."

How can a man that smart ignore his better judgment and his doctor? I gave up cigarettes 30 years ago, long before the surgeon general was stamped on every pack, simply to prove I could do it. That means I can do something my hero can't do, which explains how Capote pinned Bogart.

By definition, a hero doesn't have to be physically brave. Unusual talent can qualify a person to become someone's hero. Kahn and Harris are two examples. Another is Walter Cronkite. Because of the gruffly smooth way he anchors the news, he is a hero to his huge audience.

But now Conkrite's daughter, Kathy, has written a book which reveals that an anchor can be rough on a sailor. According to Kathy, when her sister Nancy was very young, Cronkite took her sailing and called her "such a coward" for getting scared when the boat heeled. "It really hurt my feelings," Nancy is quoted as saying.

Walter Cronkite is generally perceived as everyone's favorite uncle. Could he be a hero to millions of nieces and nephews while at the same time being nasty to his own daughter? Sure.

That's what hero worshippers should never forget. A hero has many parts. The 52 ex-hostages were victims forced to react to a situation beyond their control. Many of them reacted heroically. Maybe some of them didn't. And maybe the hostage who performed most heroically in Iran kicks his cat in the United States.

We shouldn't expect too much of our heroes, and we should be ready to understand and forgive whenever a hero trips over Truman Capote's tiny feet and loses the Maltese Falcon.

Today's lesson is that in a nation hungry for heroes, it is wise to realize that a hero can be many things, including a small loaf of Italian bread.

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McPherson, cont'd.

office of the Ohio-based law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, specializing in international and corporate tax matters.

From February of 1979 to November of 1980, he was regional political director for the Reagan Campaign and did other work for the Reagan organization.

McPherson served as Special Assistant to President Ford and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel in the Ford White House. He was a tax law specialist for several years at the Internal Revenue Service, primarily working on international tax problems.

In the middle 60's, McPherson was a Peace Corps volunteer working extensively with Food for Peace.

Previously he served on the Presidentially-appointed Board for International Food and Agriculture Development, an advisory committee on AID agriculture activities. He was also the Chairman of the Latin American Work Group of the Joint Committee on Agricultural Development, an advisory group to

AID on Latin American agricultural matters.

McPherson and his wife Natalie have two sons and live in Maryland. He is the son of Donald and Ellura McPherson of Lowell.

He is a Lowell High School graduate with a BA in political science from Michigan State University, an MBA from Western Michigan University and JD from American University Law School.

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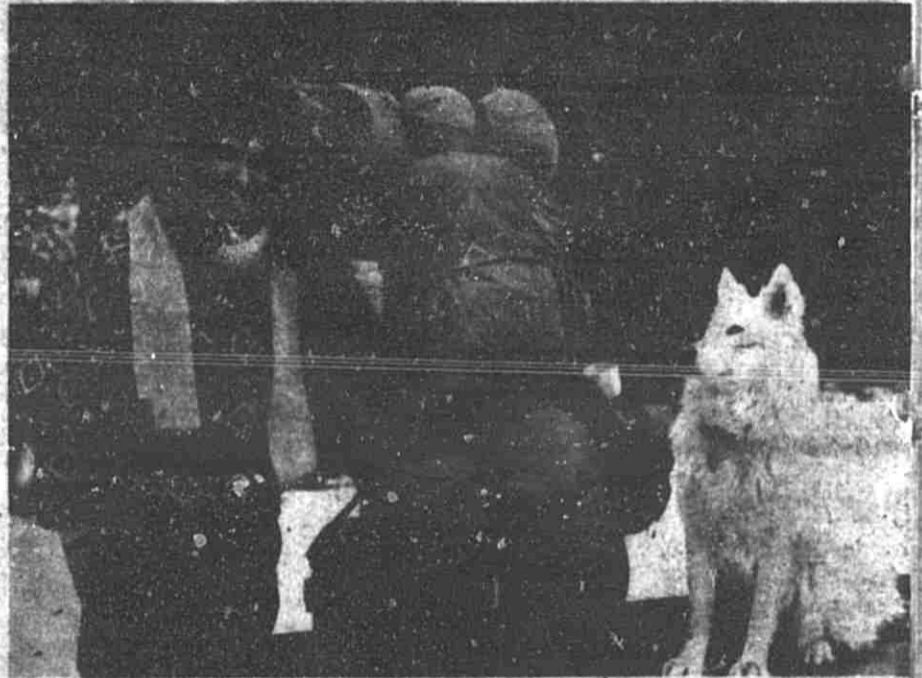
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Maine to California on foot

In a few years, you may be able to purchase a book and read about 27-year-old Larry Amkraut's one day stop in Lowell during his trek from Main to California. An aspiring writer, Amkraut hopes to publish a book about his most interesting trip, and his overnight stay at the Ona Ross residence might earn a mention.

Ross and Amkraut struck up a conversation on January 30 in downtown Lowell when the Lowellite inquired about the traveler's unusual bear skin hat. One thing led to another and the hiker, his white Samoyed "Loftus", and his seventy pound backpack were invited to spend the night in a warm house rather than camping out in the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Amkraut left Maine on May 28, 1979 and in the time since, he and Loftus have covered about 2,000 miles that included a 900 mile stretch of hiking trails in the Alleghenies. His final destination is his parent's home in Palo Alto, California, but he admits that he is in no hurry to get there and anticipates at least another year and a half of hiking. From Lowell,



Vagabond Larry Amkraut and his white Samoyed "Loftus" made a stopover in Lowell last week. Amkraut left Maine in May of '79 headed in a roundabout scenic route for California.

the happy hiker is heading for the upper peninsula of Michigan and then a rather direct route to the northern Rockies but once there he hopes to do considerable wandering.

Amkraut's next immediate objective is St. Louis, Michigan, which is a mail stop where he will be adding to his already bulging backpack with a tent and snowshoes. Because of the lack of snowshoes, he has been forced to stick to the roads, but would rather travel cross country.

Prior to coming to Lowell, Amkraut attended a Mountain Man's Rendezvous at Garfield Lake near Olivet, Michigan. About a dozen outdoorsmen spent a week of camping and doing the sort of things that Mountain men do: hunting, trapping, and swapping yarns.

This is actually Amkraut's second attempt at hiking across the states. He started another journey about five years ago and travelled from Maine, through Vermont, New Hampshire and upstate New York before being hobbled with severe foot problems which forced him to hitchhike back to Maine. So far during this trip, Amkraut's most serious problem has been money, and he is forced to stop and work occasionally.

Amkraut's venture was prompted when travelling in

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The first significant development in clock making in America was the creation of the Banjo Wall Clock by Simon Willard of Boston, Mass. He received a patent for this "improvement in a timepiece" on February 7, 1802. The extensive Decorative Arts Gallery of Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI, includes a c.1815 Banjo clock made by Simon Willard, as well as c.1815 and c.1820 Banjo clocks made by his brother Aaron.

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North Africa and being asked repeatedly what Americans were like. He discovered to his dismay that he really didn't know all that much

about his fellow Americans and decided that a leisurely walk across the country would be a good way to meet them.

Main Street, cont'd.

Vroman of Woodland sustained a head laceration when his vehicle slid out of control into an embankment. There were no injuries at a three car accident involving vehicles driven by June Roth of Lowell, Carl Rasch of Lowell and Ken Foster of Ada. The Roth vehicle entered the path of the Rasch vehicle as she attempted a left turn from Lincoln Lake onto Fairburg Park Rd. The Foster vehicle was struck after the initial impact.

A juvenile shoplifter was apprehended at Lippert's Pharmacy on Wednesday afternoon.

Arrested by Lowell officers on Thursday was Lovie Holme of Lowell on three warrants issued by Middleville police and Barry County Sheriff's Department. She was lodged in the Kent County Jail.

A freak property damage accident occurred on Thursday, January 29, about 10:30 a.m. when a parked vehicle left running in the Wesco gas station, slipped into reverse and struck two parked vehicles in the Lippert Pharmacy parking lot.

Arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail by Lowell officers last Saturday, Jan. 31, was Michael Toleson of Orleans for driving under the influence of alcohol. Toleson was arraigned last Monday, Feb. 2, in 63rd District Court on the charge.

Lowell officers investigated 12 accidents in the month of January including one injury accident. Lowell Rescue responded to three emergency calls.

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