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the fine arts areas.

According to Superinten-

dent Don Kelly, the board

action essentially established



May 13, 1981

Budget cuts are deep

people in the audience at the Monday evening meeting of he Lowell School Board. The large group made it necessary to move the meeting to the Middle School Choir

The School Board didn't have much good news for the thirds of those coming from

she messed up Mother's Day,

Ledger on the statewide Special Election.

rest areas, etc. Sure would be appreciated.

Don Green, C

897-6173 for information.

offer dairy products.

There were 150 to 170 district's teachers or for the crowd as they laid off a long list of teachers and teacher aides. The administration notified all the teachers who MAY be laid off on Friday.

The teaching staff cuts were deep, about one-sixth of the entire staff with two-

BLUB, BLUB, BLUB

childhood saying would help, "Rain, rain, go away . . . " The

area broke all records for rainfall in a 24-hour period. By the

time the deluge ended, 6 and one-half inches had fallen. Just

glad it wasn't snow or we'd be digging out for a week. As it is,

Tuesday was sunshiny, as if Mother Nature was really sorry

VOTE MAY 19

May 19! Please, don't ask what for. Read this issue of the

GEAR UP FOR THE 4TH

Preparations for Lowell's Fourth of July Celebration will

take place on Thursday, May 21, at 8 p.m. at the VFW on East

Main St. All interested citizens and community groups are

Fliers promoting Lowell's Showboat Week 1981 are printed

and we hope if you will be traveling Michigan or surrounding

states, you will stop at That Special Place and pick some up.

Then distribute them a few at a time to restaurants, motels,

GET COOKING

dropped off the first supply of commemorative cookbooks at

the Ledger and That Special Place. They sell for \$3, are a

celebration fund raiser, contain great recipes from great area

cooks and will be a super keepsake of Lowell's 150th birthday.

INTERESTED IN SPORTS?

Lowell's Sesquicentennial Celebration, has announced a

meeting for Mon., May 18 at the Jaycee's Clubhouse on

Burroughs Rd. at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be to discuss

projects for the celebration. Anyone interested in helping on

this part of the celebration should attend the meeting or call

NEW BUSINESS

Bernie Jankowski of Lowell and Jack Kimble of Grand

Rapids have opened J & K Produce at 1988 E. Fulton, across

from Harold Zeigler Ford Inc. The business will be open

seven days from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and features a complete

selection of produce, all fresh and unwrapped. They will also

ART SHOW

The Lowell Senior High Art Club will be sponsoring an art show at the United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall. All art exhibits are from high school students. Prizes will be

Sesquicentennial Cookbook chairman Ellura McPherson

That's all. Just a reminder to go to the polls on Tuesday,

Kent County spent last Sunday and Monday wishing the

which positions would be vacated since those who meet seniority and other criteria may "bump" into other positions where possible. Thus, the final list of teachers who will not return in September will be quite different from the list included here. However, the following list represents those who were either laid off or may be laid off.

TEACHERS: Nancy Knechtel, Robert Rodenhouse, Cnythia Gilette, Carol Titcombe; and 3 of the following-James Bedi, Robyn De-Graaf, Gary Goff, Sarah Gunbborg, Kim Lum, Ronald MacPherson.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS; Roger Mac-Naughton, Melvin Weaver, Paul Shamblin, Mary Karen Lanbert, William Stouffer, Mary Schramm, Russell Bacon, Sandra Michael; and one from the following-Kathy Lynch, Paula Murphy.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACH-ERS: Robert Rice, Sharon Pollice, Ned Henley, Al Dood, Jack Ogle, Jane Gillespie, Laurie Kuna; and half-positions-David Steghuis, Robert VanBelois, Virginia Weber, Marsha La-Haye, Peter Siler, Karen Pizarek.

A total of 39 non-certified personnel were also notified of impending lay off.

When asked by a member of the audience how much the staff cuts would total

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in dollars, Kelly replied that they would account for almost half of the \$850,000 the board will have to cut from last year's \$5.6 million bud-

Kelly seemed unclear about the savings from administrative cuts recently made, because the schools will only realize a savings of one administrative position and the difference in administrator salary versus teacher salary since three of the four administrators will "bump" back into the system at ELEMENTARY SCHOOL another level. He estimated the dollar amount at \$75,000.

Several spokesmen from the audience asked why a millage question to maintain the curriculum and staff was not being put before the voters. Kelly answered that 'there are too many variables up in the air to consider it now, for example, Proposal A, teacher negotiations and other factors." He estimated that it could require between 3 to 6 mills to maintain the district at this year's level. Kelly noted that the budget is over 70 percent salaries and that other costs are quite fixed, such as heat, lights, and busing.

"Extra curricular activities account for one-half percent of the total budget," said Kelly, "about the cost of three teachers." He stated that the biggest drawback to making a millage vote decision is the uncertain outcome of negotiations with the trachers' association.

Coupled with the reduction of the school day to five hours, elimination of extracurricular transportation and extra-curricular activities which are not self-supporting, the actions taken at the board meeting on Monday evening are far-reaching and are sure to be controversial.

Board member Roger Kropf assured the aud that members had been wrestling with the problem for the past year and reluctantly made the decisions of recent weeks to comply with the state mandate for a balanced budget.

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Variety store reopens

variety store for long. Most residents were dismayed at the loss of Lowell's Ben Franklin Store early this year, but thanks to the efforts of Duane and Arlene Lambert, the doors of Lambert's Variety opened for business on Monday, May 11. The store is located in the same building that housed the Ben Franklin at 123 West Main and has many similar departments but is totally independent of any chain or franchise.

The Lambert's currently live in Caledonia and have five children ranging from 8 to 24 years of age, some of whom will help out in the

Lowell was not without its store on weekends. Duane is no newcomer to the variety store business having been with C.B. Meyer, a variety store supplier, for the past 27 years and a part owner of that firm during his last twelve years there. The company was sold last year, enabling Lambert to enter into this business venture.

Not all of the merchandise is in, but the Lamberts thought it best to get the doors open anyway. A grand opening is being planned for sometime after the Memorial Day holiday.

The store's hours are scheduled for 9 thru 6 p.m. daily, Fridays 9 a.m., thru 8

Proposal A to be decided Tuesday

Voters will be asked to make their feelings known at the polls on Tuesday, May 19, with "Proposal A" the sole question on the ballot here. The proposal was designed to reduce property taxes, reduce city income taxes, limit growth of property tax revenues, return additional sales tax to local governments and schools, and give state lottery profits to the school aid fund.

Sounds simple enough but understanding Proposal A is not all that easy. The actual proposal, in its entirety, is reprinted in this issue courtesy of the Grand Valley Ledger as a public service. The abbreviated form of the proposal, which will appear on the ballot, is also in this issue included in the Special Election notice by the city and townships.

Proponents of the proposal see it as a definite tax cut for homeowners. Opponents have a variety of arguments against it. The high points of both views are summarzied

1. It will cut property taxes for school and government operations by 50%, beginning with your next tax bill. The relief could go as high as \$1,400 for each owner-occupied home and farm. This \$1,400 ceiling will rise each year with inflation.

2. It will cut local income taxes, which some units of government have chosen as a partial replacement for property taxes, for both residents and non-residents by 50% on the first \$40,000 of

al relief of up to \$1,200 for homeowners whose remaining property taxes exceed 2.5% of their total income. 4. It will limit future in-

3. It will provide addition-

creases of property taxes to 6% per year by class of property.

5. It will require the state to re inburse school districts and local governments for the money they would lose because of the property tax cut. The state would get the money to do this two ways: a 1.5 cent increase in the state sales tax (from 4% to 5.5%); and a cut of \$250 million in state spending. The provision prevents the state gov-ernment from "profiting" in any way in future years from any growth in the sales tax

6. It will allow for the assessment of farm and forest lands based on their actual use, rather than on prospective development val-

7. It will require that all revenues from the Michigan

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APPOINTMENTS - Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days. Lowell, 897-7506.

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awarded for outstanding projects. It will be held Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., May 24, from noon EAT OUT?

The annual Boy scout Chicken Bar-B-Que, sponsored by Lowell Troop 102 will be Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Parking Lot on Main St. Menu includes half or quarter chicken, slaw, potato salad, beans,

roll and drink. Take Out Orders available. Cont'd., back page

Monday with Dr. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. IntermentAlton Cemetery.

BORDINE - Edith M. tie Creek passed away May National Association and the United Methodist Church of S, 1981, in Lowell.

tions and the American As-

Chicken Bar-B-Q

Saturday May 16

11am to 7pm

Scouts, Troop 102

Born in Lowell Township on May 22, 1902, Mrs. Bordine was a graduate of Lowell High School, Western Michigan University, and re- sociation of Baldwin. ceived her B.A. Degree from Northwestern University.

ed Teachers and the National

Retired Teachers Associa-

sisters, Mrs. Helena Dintaman of Alto, Mrs. Rosalie She taught four and one Shanks of St. Petersburg. half years in Kent County Fla., Mrs. Bessie Gilmore of Schools; Lowell South Ward, Holt, Mrs. Bertha Jessup of Ada Elementary and Michigan Oak in Grand Rapids. Lowell, Mrs. Cora Cepnick of Sparta, and Mrs, Maud She moved to Battle Creek in Chadwick of San DiegoCA; a tary schools in that city until brother, Floyd Foster of Low-June, 1958. She also taught ell; several nieces and nephat Battle Creek Christian ews and a special friend, School for three years. Mrs. Gladys Jones of Lan-She was a member of First

Services were held at the United Methodist Church of Battle Creek, The American Shaw Funeral Home in Battle Association of University Creek with the Rev. Dr. Howard A. Lyman of First Ada; seven grandchildren;

> BROVONT - Glen E. Brovont, aged 61, of 3036

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He is survived by his wife, Hilda; three sons, Donald of She is survived by six Grand Rapids, Douglas and Glenn of Dallas, TX; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Beverly) VanDenburg of Croton, Mrs. Tom (Pamela) Bush of Lowell; seven brothers, Ivan of Cadillac, Stanley of North Manchester, IN. Emory of Rowland Heights,

in 1920. He preceded her in CA, Ezra of Minola, TX, death in 1973. They lived in Jesse of Dallas, TX, Sharron the Lake Odessa area until of Battle Creek, Ernest of 1923, when she and her husband moved to Lansing. In 1927 they moved to Ionia Mrs. Leatha Flory of Ohio, Mrs. Lucy Wilcox of Grand where her husband operated Rapids, Mrs. Rosa Wilcox of a tire repair shop.
She is survived by several nieces, nephews and daughter, Mrs. Robert (Andria) Watkins, of Las Cruses;

Funeral services were held two brothers, Dale of Hol-Mon., at the Freport United Methodist Church. Rev. land, and Clyde of Evansville, Ind.; seven grandchil-Brad Kalajainen officiating. dren, two great-grandchil-

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dren; a brother-in-law, Robert Ainsworth, of Lake Odessa and Mrs. Kenneth (Doro-GLISER - Ruby Geiser, thy) Stahl, of Alto.

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9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

12 Noon - 6 p.m.

85, of Las Cruses, N.M., Graveside services were formerly of Lake Odessa, Monday at the Lake Side died Wednesday morning, Cemetery with the Rev. Ste-May 6, 1981, there. phen Keller officiating. She was born in Odessa

McCORMICK - Edward Township in 1895, the daughter of Winfield and McCormick, aged 82, of Ada, passed away May 4, 1981. Salinda (Davis) Augst. She

He is survived by his children, Mrs. Robert (Florence) Hurley of Parnell, Mrs. and married Andrew Geiser Tom (Helen) Harring of Jenison and James (Mary) Mc-Cormick and Mrs. Mary Flanagan of Lovell and Mrs. Jo Ann Umlor of Grand Rapids; a brother, James McCormick of Ada; sisters, Miss Jo McCormick of Royal Oak and Mrs. Ellen Nachazel of Lowell; 31 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was said Thursday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell, with Rev. Ernest J. Bernott celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

MIDDLETON - Kenneth G. Middleton, aged 58, of Middleville, passed away Wednesday morning, May 6, 1981 at Blodgett Hospital, Grand Rapids.

Surviving are his wife, Lois I. of Middleville; one son Mark Middleton of Middle ville; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Linda) Buete of Alto, Mrs. Janet Kahn of Delton, Mrs. Andrew (Bonnie) Barcroft of Delton; nine grandchildren; one brother, Forest Middleton of Middleville: one sister, Mrs. Ardith (Dorothy) Babcock of Sparta; several nieces and nephews.

were held Friday. Interment Yankee Springs Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assn. or the Welcome Home for the

Private funeral services

POTTER — Ginger Potter, aged 10, of Iron Mountain, passed away Thursday, May 7, 1981.

She is survived by her parents, David and Sharon; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Mary Mason of Lowell; also several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Funeral Mass was said Monday at St. Roberts of Newminster Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell.

Memorials may be made to Kent County Cancer Fund or Pediatrics of Blodgett Memorial Medical Cen-

PRIEST - Walter Priest, 41, of Muskegon died Wednesday, May 6, 1981 at his

He was born in Ionia February 23, 1940, the son of Alzie and Ruth Priest. He was married to Hazel McAllister of Kalamazoo on April 1, 1961.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Kathy, Darlyn, and Rosanne, all at home; one brother, Melvin Priest of Ionia; six sisters, Gladys Womboldt, Opal Travis, and Norma Dukes, all of Ionia, Faye Leiter of Lyons; Ferne Simmons and Wilma Wright, both of Saranac, and

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Edna, who

Obituaries cont.

ZENS - Lennah Curtiss, sing, aged 82, died May 8, Dressing Dinner at Snow 1981, born February 7, 1899 Christian Center, 3211 Snow in Lowell, MI. Ave., SE. Serving begins

Mrs. Zens was preceded in 5:30 p.m. Public welcome. death by her husband William Zens; a daughter, Mary Franskoviak and a son-in-law Music Boosters Talent Show Duane Franskoviak, all of at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle Silver Springs, MD. School Cafetorium. Tickets:

Mrs. Zens is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Curtiss Lustig, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Charles (Marie) Smith, Ormand Beach, FL and her brother Paul Curtiss of Portland, OR; seven grandchildren, Perri and Michael Frankoviak, Michael, ested in the trip call Barbara Gina, Ruthann, Paul and Christina Trout: several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were

held Sunday, May 10, 1981 at Organizational meeting for The Unity Church of Greater Friends wishing may make lot of High School).

a contribution to The Unity Church of Greater Lansing.

at Ionia County Fairgrounds

Youth Building. Service Recycle last spring's wardrobe

Signs of spring are every- a couple of years, it might be lighter. Days are longer, clothes are fewer. Definitely a part of the whole season rifual is changing the wardrobe from winter to spring.

Here are some hints for making last year's fashions look like this season's best

A few changes in trim can a much-worn outfit. For example, spark up an old blouse with some bright new buttons or an evelet trim

Add a couple of this year's accessories to your wardrobe. Do your homework first by reading several fashion magazines. If you buy carefully, a new belt, bag or scarf can be an inexpensive way to add life to older

Clothes run in cycles, if you have a box stored away that you haven't looked at in

OPEN

LETTER

Discussing death is

often difficult, yet a

death in the family may

vivors which may be

lessened by discussion

and preplanning. Funer-

al and burial arrange

ments are important and

should be considered

openly and frankly.

Some people choose to

pre-arrange and per-

haps pre-finance a fu-

neral, to assist their survivors after death oc-

Respectfully,

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ear friends.

where. Everything seems worth your while to take another look. The tent dress another look. The tent dress from a few seasons back that d-H Exploration Days, June seemed outdated forever is 18-20 at Michigan State Unisuddenly this year's "loose versity

FRI., MAY 15: Lowell

50c pre-schoolers; \$1.50 stu-

MAY 15, 16, 17: Women

Alone Together trip to Ca-

berfae, theatre weekend.

Anyone in community inter-

Brown, 897-9671 by Apr. 15.

SAT., MAY 16: ATTEN-

dents; \$2.50 adults.

carefully look over your existshop. Make purchases that work wonders for perking up can be worn with several things you already own; that way many outfits will acquire

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Asparagus should be cooked crisp-tender, and never, never over-cooked or the bright green begins to fade. Cookbooks say one pound will feed two or three people.

2,000 years.

A member of the illy family, asparagus is a "kiss-ing cousin" of the feathery asparagus fern, the robust garlic, and the graceful glad-ioli. Asparagus has been

2700 Burcham Dr., East Lan- will serve Roast Turkey & adults \$4, kids 6-12 \$2, under Leonard NE, Grand Rapids. starts at 5 p.m. Donation: Retirement Home, 2000 6 free. Public invited.

Coming Events

MON., MAY 18: Clark-Ellis Post #152 American Legion May meeting at-8 p.m. Election of officers. Please note date change due to Memorial Day.

WED., MAY 20: The Alto Garden Club will meet at Mrs. Lucy Smith's at 1:30 p.m. Answering roll call will be "Your Favorite Tree." 'Trees & Their Culture' by Mrs. Emerson Stauffer. We will be planting the Village Garden. Members, friends and ladies interested please meet with Lucy, 11352 Kirby

TION: LHS Class of '77. WED., MAY 20: Lowell planning of 5 year reunion at Garden Lore Club will meet 7 p.m. (Meet in front parking at 1 p.m. at the home of Grace Kutche with co-hostess Evelyn Tichelaar. Pro-

SAT., MAY 16: 11th Annual Smorgasbord, sponsored by Farm Bureau-Women WED., MAY 20: 9th Annual Spring Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pilgrim Manor

Learn about bicycle camping

Bicycle camping is one of If you are planning to more than 200 learning oppurchase a new garment, tions offered at the three-day event. Bicycle camping option participants will bike to a Lansing-area campground and explore the skills needed for safe bicycle touring. At the campsite, participants will learn about camp foods and try their hand at outdoor cooking.

The cost of the three-day event is only \$35, which includes meals, lodging and

choice of a learning option. Ionia County young people interested in attending 4-H Exploration Days should contact Betsy or Sue at Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service, or call 616-527-1400 as soon as possible.

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THURS., MAY 21: The annual Camp Fire Council Fire will be held at 7:30 p.m., at Runciman School. Adventurers and Blue Birds will receive their awards; families and friends are invited to

MAY 23 & 24: Lowell Senior High Art Club will

hold an art show at the First United Methodist Church. All exhibitors are high school students. Prizes will be Methodist Church, Eas awarded. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main St., Lowell. Christian on Sat. and from noon to 5 sharing their love through

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SAT., MAY 23: Woodland Alumni Banquet, Social time 6:30 p.m., Swiss Steak Supper, 7 p.m. No invitations will be mailed locally. For reservations call (616) 367-3525, 374-7645, or 948-2112 before May 15. Plan to

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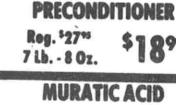
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died in 1964. Funeral services were held from Calvary Baptist Church in Muskegon Saturday.

in this community. Program was a success brance of this country's war and the rest is history.

Tom and Mary (Wittenbach) Dewey have a new daughter, Charlsie Marie, born at Butterworth Hospital on April 22 weighing 6 lbs., 7 oz. Her grandparents are Everett and June Wittenbach of Lowell and Lewis and Margaret Dewey of Ada.

n this community. The poppy has come to be The Grand Valley Blood a symbol of the rememdead through the efforts of a

John Stinson, Commander lady from New York in 1918. VFW Post #8303 Moina Michaels was a YM- a source of income. All CA War Secretary when a profits are directed to aid young soldier gave her a copy of John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields" in which the dead of World War trative costs. One speak to the living. In the last stanza, a line reads "If ye break faith with us purpose remains the same: who die/We shall not sleep,

commemorating those who

Members of Lowell's died in war began and grew The first sale of red pop-

pies to the public was by the Boy Scouts of America in 1919. The practice soon was picked up by the American Legion post in Milwaukee

The little red poppies are made by disabled veterans as disabled veterans and their dependents. No part of the profits are used for adminis-

The poppy sale does a lot of good, but the primary An individual's personal gesthough poppies grow/in ture of remembrance of the Flanders Fields." And the war dead and the supreme use of a poppy as an emblem sacrifice they made for our

Tolle now 4-H youth agent

Patricia G. Tolle of Ada. has been appointed Extension 4-H youth agent for 1, pending approval of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

As 4-H youth agent, Tolle will be responsible for planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating youth development programs relevant to the needs and interests of Kent County young

people. Tolle received her bachelor's degree in communications from Grand Valley

She has worked as a public information specialist for the the Lord's presence and rev-

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

And there shall be no light el in the reality of an "eternthere; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light . . . (Revelation

When you're dead tired, the nights aren't long in the prospect of that "eterenough. It's morning before you know it. But there are times when it seems night wili never end. Constantly watching and tending a sick baby throughout the long blackness makes the night seem an eternity. Or, if you've ever spent a night listening for tornado warnngs, you know how long and

ble the hours seem

Many Christians have passed through nights of dis-appointments when it seemmorning would never reappear. Some have passed through nights of doubt and skepticism. The inky blackness was dense and comfortless. Many have suffered through the night of illness and pain. The hours were an eternity. Others have lived in

the misery of loneliness and

heartbreak, waiting for the

night to cease and the morning to break. What a comfort it is to know there is coming a time when darkness will have passed away. The long night will have ended, and we shall bask in the illumination of

Mirthday ...

May 16: Elizabeth Brown, Florence Anderson, Herb El-May 17: Douglas Vander-

May 18: Robin Sisson, Nancy Kwant, Robert Huver, Euzefa Mason, Richard Kinyon Sr., Mirt Rogers. promised that morning will

May 19: Walter Nash Sr., come. Night will flee away. Andy Vredenburg, Marcia The darkness will vanish and Pettit, Don Kelly. daylight will dawn. I delight May 20: Chris Baird, Hea-

ther Peckham, Laurie Mc-Mahon, Helen Hobbs, Stena Horn, Ann Shierk. May 21: Vern Keim, Robin Peckham, Jeff Hoffman, Ro-

anne Harrall. May 22: Edith Brown.

Reflections

Prayer: O Lord. Thou hast

nal morning," when I shall

If life be long, I will be glad,

That I may long obey; If short, yet why should I be

To welcome endless day?

ever be with Thee. Amen.

From Outer Space By Rev. Jerry Bates

I am valuable. I recognize no good, a failure. But, I the danger of repeating myself, but I'll still say it again, "I am valuable." Have you to grow to the point. Without got the message? If not, say me, he won't have any food, t to yourself often today, "I am valuable." Do it right now! Now, do it again!

That feels pretty good, valuable person. Maybe at the moment we are a parent and having trouble with a child. We just don't know what to do with that difficult one. We can't see anything valuable about him or ourselves. As a parent, we feel

helped create this life so I am valuable! I helped this child clothes or love. I am valu-

O perhaps I am a person that is over 80. I can see nothing valuable in my life and feel I am no longer valuable. It too, have chil dren I helped to create. My grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, I helped to create them, didn't 1? I am valuable! I love my grandchildren or friends so I am valuable! Get the message? What can I do that no one else can do, as well as I?

This is particularly important for persons who are older. Many times a person in the last years of life say to me, "I am good for nothing. Why does my life continue?" I try to help this person to see that there are things that they can do that nobody else can. If they have grandchildren, I talk about loving those grandchildren. If they are a member of the Church, I talk about prayer. Some of the greatest prayer warriors I know are people over 80. They have had all kinds of experience with prayer. They know how to pray and have a

lot of time to pray. Last week, I talked about liking one's self. Each person needs to see something valuable in their life, and there are contributions that each one of us can make. Again, we might have to look for the things we can contribute to life, but it doesn't hurt us to

I recognize the danger of repetition. But do it again! Take a piece of paper, sit down with a pencil and write down the things that you can do. You don't have to be able to do them better than anybody else. That's not the purpose of this exercise. The purpose is to see that you can do some things that are valuable. Now really think!

Work on the list! Hey, you

are valuable, aren't y ou? After you get your first list, you might want to write down a thing or two, in which you would like to increase your value. Do so, and then look at the list daily. Allow yourself to grow in the things where you have value. You

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ty about \$32,000 in lost

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intentioned discount cost ov-

er \$87,000 in potential rev-

1975 the average license cost

\$3.12, while in 1981 the

average cost was only

Mr. Miller went on to say

that the "actual average dog.

license incresse has been

that a regular license rose

These bargain prices re-

from \$4.00 to \$6.00 in 1977."

sulted from the enormous

increase in neutered animals

in Kent County. In 1975, one

animal in five was "fixed".

while in 1981 over half the

County Personnel Chair-

man Margaret Byington

says, "I'm pleased by our

success in promoting neuter-

ing, but we have to charge

more just to maintain our

Even with the proposed

ncrease, 57% of the dog

awners will buy discounted

licenses at less than half the

standard \$10 fee. "The neu-

tered dog license we sell the

most will cost \$4.00", says

Byington who adds that "the

economy." Shelter Director

Miller points out that "even

with the new fees, the aver-

age increase is only 35c per

ayear during the past six

years-far less than the in-

crease in dog food prices."

average license cost will be \$6.50—a bargain in today's average license cost will be

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dogs had been altered.

only 10c a year over the last six years in spite of the fact

enues," says Mark Miller Director of the Kent County Animal Shelter. "In fact, in

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master said.

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Van Antwerp is new MACAA officer

Chris VanAntwerp, found- tion in 1980-81, was elected tors aid the member councils ford Area Arts Commission, School as well as directs the ing president of the Lowell to his new position at the in inter-communication and and the Arts Council of visual arts program at Blue Area Arts Council, was reannual meeting in Lansing serves as a liaison between Greater Grand Rapids. There Lake Fine Arts Camp. He

of Community Arts Agen- of Community Arts Agencies Council for the Arts. Area igan. cies. VanAntwerp, who servis a coalition of local arts members include the Lowell

the councils and state organi- are 57 other member agen- resides in Lowell with his The Michigan Association zations such as the Michigan cies spread throughout Mich-wife and son.

VanAntwerp teaches art in

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eral area queens, floats and Tom Schiller, Frank Vanbands will participate with more local businesses and Bergy, Terry Miller, Dave or nearing completion: a

Greenwood, Jud Wilterink.

here, plus the reprint of the ell's history.

The cookbook, "Favorite Hometown Recipies", is printed and available for \$3.00 according to Chairman Ellura McPherson. It features favorite recipes from contributors of Lowell and the surrounding area. They can be purchased at That Valley Ledger and by reserva-

Also on Saturday morning July 18, at 11:30 a.m. will be the Queen's Luncheon with all participating queens and their entourages, state and local dignitaries and comto Chairman Wendy

Fred Althaus of Lowell is the 100th Lowell area man to join the Brothers of the Brush. He received his membership ertificate from BOB Chairman Charite Doyle [right].

area churches will welcome home members and former members during services and with coffee receptions

At 3 p.m., the last and perhaps most hilarious (and ting) event will be the with teams competing on bikes, in cances and running. Better plan your vacation

so that you'll be here for all the fun. If you are a former

COZY corner

It seems that I'm forever getting advice on columns that would help spice up the Ledger. These suggestions, whether they are serious or not, are never taken seriously because I know who would have to write any new columns, and one's

One old timer told me the other day that the Ledger needed a gossip column. He said that he knew who was doing what

An outdoorsman column was another suggestion. Here again my qualifications are a little light, as I haven't bought a hunting license in ten or twelve years. After writing an article. about keeping your guns from rusting in the closet, I'd be stumped for ideas.

me a computer chess game about three years ago which I have managed to beat only once and then of course that was at the lowest level. On the box it said the game was for ages seven through seventy and if seven-year-olds can beat it and I can't, then I don't think I should be writing a column on

know where I'd go from there.

Fishing tips is a possibility. The fish would love that because they certainly wouldn't have to worry about anybody. who followed my advice.

you review "The Empire Strikes Back"? That's the only movie i've seen in the last three or four years.

vertical words, and I can't do that.

Lowell man wins top sales honor Permit needed for waste compost device

John J. Haggai of Lowell has earned special recognition as one of the top sales people who led Ryder Truck Rental to a record level in truck lease revenue and pro-

fit contribution during 1980. Revenue of the company. which is the largest operat-ing division of Ryder System, Inc., totaled \$1.12 billion in 1980. The company maintains operations in the Ada area at 7575 E. Fulton Street.

Haggai, along with 19 others from throughout the United States, was inducted into the Ryder roundtable, the company's prestigious group of outstanding professional sales persons during a inductee produced revenue



special ceremony held here in excess of \$1.5 million and this week. To earn member-ship into the group, each a minimum of ten new ac-counts within three years.

Info out on Wabasis Park

A folder showing the many observes Buckley who drew is being distributed by the boat-launching site, swim-planning division of the Kent ming beach, bathhouse, pic-

About 6,000 such folders ing is excellent. with a detailed map of the Other features include park are being distributed to modern campgrounds, primi-Trapp Sporting Goods, 8154 tive campgrounds, scenic ov-E. Fulton St. (M-21) just east erlook, toilets, showers, of the bridge over the Grand laundry facilities, play-River, Ada, and Hull's Tack- grounds and electricity. le and Bait Shop, 11680 Further information may Belding Rd. NE (M-44), be obtained by telephoning Grattan Township as well as the park commission office at to sports shops in the Grand 774-3697 or the park office at

obtained at township offices, the West Michigan Tourist Local news Association and the Chamber of Commerce, both in Grand Dennis Ryder, son of Jim.

facilities of Wabasis Park on the informative map of the Wabasis Lake north of Lowell park. Park features include a County Park Commission, nic areas, grills, ball field, reports Craig Buckley, plan open picnic shelters, woods, nature trails and docks. Fish-

Rapids area, he states. 691-8056.—Dave Barnes.
The folder may also be

and Louise Ryder, will un-Wabasis Park, with 102 dergo surgery Priday at But-acres, has more facilities than any other county park, return home within a week.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS **WEEK OF MAY 18, 1981**

Mon., May 18: Spaghetti with Meat & Cheese, Garden Salad. French Bread and P-Nut Butter, Fruit or Jello, Milk. Tues., May 19tHot Dogs or Hot Cheese Sandwiches, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Steamed Corn, Chilled Fruit, Bars or Cookies, Milk.

Wed., May 20: Oven Fried Chicken, Potatoes or Rice with Gravy or Butter, Buttered Green Beans, Biscuits or Bread,

Cranberry Sauce, Jello with Fruit or Whip, Milk.

Thurs., May 21: Apple Juice, Pizza with Meat and Cheese,
Salad or Vegetable, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.

Fri., May 22: Fishwiches or Cheeseburgers, Tater Tots or
Potato Chips, Soup or Salad, Assorted Fruits, Cookies or

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Friday Nites 6 - 8

MAY 30

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Kent County residents are tain restrictions on where cautioned to check with the and under what conditions Kent County Health Depart- composting toilets may be ment before buying and in- utilized. ment before buying and in-stalling composting toilets, During recent years, there biological decomposition pro-cess which results in the tending to install composting according to George Pio, has developed a growing

Department does place cer- on water connections or sew-

Health Division.

Director of Environmental public interest in composting toilets. These devices are Although the law does not designed to dispose of sewprohibit their use, the Health age wastes without relying tion.

Permits are required for

er pipes needed for conven- the installation of composttional toilets. Composting ing toilets, as with other toilets treat sewage by a private sewage facilities such formation of a relatively toilets are encouraged to odorless, safe "humus" ma- contact the Health Departterial, or transporting it to ment at 774-3089 to discuss some proper disposal loca- their plans and to arrange for

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Plans for Lowell's 150th organizations entering units Gerst, Gil Wise, Howard birthday party, July 17, 18 & each day. It promises to be Rittenger, Dr. Richard 19, are "really beginning to shape up," according to Celebration Chairman Dode Dey.

The tentative schedule of The parade will be precedThe parade ever stagMike Tummino, John Brown,
Tony Siciliano, Gordon
Gould, Bob DeBoer, Roger

events begins on Friday, July ed by demonstrations and (#100), Dave Clark, Ray Grif-17, with the Sesquicentenniai food booths on the grounds Ball sponsored by the Lowell of Riverside School begin-ton, Norm Borgerson, Dave Lions Club. The crowning of ning at 10 a.m. Also at 10 Clark Jr., Michael Pelz, Eu-the Lowell Sesquicentennial a.m. on Saturday, the judg- gene King, Joe Stahl. Queen and her court will ing for the beard contest of take place at that time.

The queen competition will take place. Prizes will be also serves as registration for the beard contest. The profit

district residents. Details will be announced in a future issue of the Ledger, according to committee chairman Bob Pfaller.

Most events will occur on Saturday, highlighted by a parade featuring the 1931

Members by Tuesday as Soon. Membership will also soon. Membership will also soon. Members of the Bob states of the beard contest. The profit will help underwrite the cost of the celebration. Plans are in the works to get the ladies in on a similar fund-raising venture, the Bonnet Belles. Details will be announced soon. Membership will also soon. Membership will also soon. Membership will also soon.

Centennial Queen and the 1981 Sesquicentennial Jim Maatman, Stan JohnQueen. Parade Chairman son, Bob Larkin, Jerry brigade which will be out in Dave Clark reports that sev- Smoes, Craig Schneider, Fr. froce during the celebration

ing for the beard contest of the Brothers of the Brush will ers of the Brush is \$5 and

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, an played at Recreation Park. Sunday morning, July 19,

now to make July 17-19 your homecoming. The events im-mediately precede a fantastic week of the Lowell Showboat, July 20 to 25 and the Grand Parade will also serve to kick off another super week of family entertainment

a gossip cotumn. He said that he knew who was doing what around town but he'd like to read about those who got caught. I know a few people who are certainly qualified to write such a column, and as far as spicing up the Ledger, what these people would likely write, would certainly accomplish that The trouble with such a column is that the Ledger doesn't have the resources of the National Enquirer to fund legal

Another suggestion was an advice to the lovelorn column.

Another Ann Landers if you will. The biggest problem with that is that nobody would write in. In a town the size of Lowell, everybody could tell who the author of each letter is, no matter how they signed it. Besides, I don't know how qualified I am to be giving advice to the types of problems that are sent into Ann Landers. Of course, I'm not so sure

about Ann Landers either.

Another person told me that I should write a handyman tips column. I told him that he should see my house before he made such a suggestion. I could probably get out about one good column along this vein, that would be a list of the names and numbers of all the carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, etc., in the area. A would-be handyman could clip this out and post it by the phone for his wife to use while he's

The big papers carry columns on chess and bridge, so they are possibilities for columns in the Ledger. My wife bought chess. As far as bridge is concerned, I just started to learn the game this past winter and my partner would die laughing if he

knew I was writing a bridge column. Household tips were another suggestion. There is one than comes to mind right away; use a potato masher to mix frozen orange juice or lemonade, it works great. Trouble is, I don't

A movie review would be okay, except how many times can

I could do a crossword puzzle but the people who work those things expect the horizontal words to intersect with the

So, when it comes to columns, I'm going to stick to this one? After reviewing some of the things I've written, I wonder if I shouldn't change to writing about beauty tips or something.

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Arrows dump Fremont 6-2, 7-1

Shirley Wilcox, in her most shot up the gap in left center impressive pitching outing of for a double, clearing the the year, helped keep the bases. Strouse then scored Lowell Red Arrows in conten- on Jackie Malone's second tion for the Tri River Cham- hit of the day. Lowell added pionship. She limited the an insurance run in the fifth Fremont Packers to just six on a single by Chris Vroma, a hits for two games to post a 6-2 and 7-1 doubleheader victory.

wild pitch and an error by the left fielder who dropped Beth Beachum's fly ball. Wilcox In the opener she faced

just four hitters over the nimum of 21 batters. Some slick fielding and two double plays set the tone for the whole day.

Mary Hills led off the game with a walk, but a third on a single by Evans quick double play from Kim and walks to Beachum, quick double play from Kim Strouse to Kerry Cosgrove, to Kim Larabee got the Red Arrows moving. In the sixth, a shoe-string catch robbed Marian Hopkins of a h it and the throw easily beat Hills of two errors and the second back to the bag. The Red Arrows jumped

off to a 1-0 lead in the third when an intentional walk by Strouse, a hit and a

In the Arrows' half of the 4th, Strouse atoned for her the sixth. Lowell's final run error. Nancie Dowling and Edie Evans walked, followed by a single from Beachum, to Nancie Dowling's ground

retired 9 of the last 10 batters, and received sound

fielding help from the team. Poor Fremont fielding and three sacrifice flys helped Lowell in the nightcap. Low-

Strouse and Malone. Ruth Bobko knocked in the second run of the inning with a fly ball to center. In the fifth, Lowell scored again by way sacrifice fly of the game, th is Lowell scored three more times in the sixth on two errors, a single and the third back in the fourth on an error sacrifice fly of the game by Shirley Wilcox.

Fremont came back with their only run of the game in came in the seventh on Larabee's lead-off triple and load up the bases. With a two ball. Shirley Wilcox pitched a Malone and Nancie Dowling strike count, Strouse lined a fine game bringing her receach rapped a double.

The two victories puts Lowell back in the picture for the conference lead. The two losses by Fremont coupled Greenville's loss to Lakewood makes it a threeway tie for first place between Lowell, Fremont, and

Lowell ices Christian

On a cold and rainy day the Lowell Red Arrows upped their record to 9-3 by crushing the Grand Rapids Christion Eagles 20-9.

the plate in the first two igs, scoring 14 runs, to walk away with the win.
Lowell banged out 11 hits
while Red Arrow pitchers Shirley Wilcox and Ruth Bobko limited the Eagle's attack to five hits. Wilcox, who looked impressive on the mound, picked up her sixth

The Red Arrows hitting attack was led by Chris Vrome who smashed a home run, double and single. Beth Beachum picked up two hits and stole four bases. Jackie

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Girls take doubleheader

Saranac girls softball team managed to win two games The seven-error inning came in the second game where Saranac scored its 23 from Portland Thursday, May 7, despite a seven-erruns on 10 hits and totaled 15 errors by the time play was done. Portland scored 19 In the first game Saranac won 20-9. The winning pitcher was Kim Sweet. Saranac on seven hits with four

scored its 20 on eight hits with six errors. Portland Monty Hayden took the second win for the Redekins. scored nine runs on two hits

SHS golfers top lonia

dropped a match on Tuesday, May 5, to Greenville, 185-208.

Redskins with a 46; Laurie Sible, 49; Cherie Gage, 54; and Andrea Newell, 59. The girls topped lonia in a match last Thursday, May 7,

212-186 to set a Saranac Medalist for the match was Laurie Sible with a 40. Bignali had a 44; Newell, 49; and

Barb Dixon, 53. Saranac is now 4-3.

Seif-Service

The Grand Valley Ledger

Mow established inwest that no one newing ramoves more than one-third of the length of the loaf blades.

Greenfield Village will hold a Country Fair May 14-17. It will be a recreation of a typical rural fair of the concerts, early American music, parades, animal ex-hibits, hobby and craft displays, steam engines and more. Dearborn, Michigan.

Girls top Cedar Springs

Lowell's girls track team split in their dual meets last week and placed fourth in the

On Tuesday, the Red Arrows lost a close contest to Sparta 52-71. Lowell had seven first places to Sparta's eight. Kelly Dickerson, Diane Clark, Sue Schoenborn, and Kathe Dey were double winners for Lowell.

Other winners were: Shot put - Dickerson; Discus Dickerson; High Jump — 3rd Clark; 110 low hurdles -3rd Sheri Eley; 880 Relay -Clark, Schoenborn, Lippert, Lehigh; Mile — 1st Dey, 2nd Bonnie Peters;

440 - 3rd Chris DeWitt: Long Jump — 1st Clark, 2nd Kathy Sitzer, 3rd Sally Lam-bert; 220 Low hurdles — 3rd

born; 220 - 2nd Lehigh; Mile - 1st Dev. 2nd Peters. On Thursday, Lowell finished their dual meets for the season with an easy 90-33

victory over Cedar Springs.

Those placing for Lowell were: Shot - 1st Dickerson, 3rd Chrisman; Discus - 1st Dickerson, 2nd Chrisman: Long Jump — 2nd Paula Doyle, 3rd Lambert; High Jump — 1st Doyle, 2nd Sitzer, 3rd Liz Desser; 110 LH - 1st Sitzer, 2nd Kathy Wiseman; 110 Yrd. dash -1st Lambert, 2nd Doyle; 880 Relay — Lehigh, Schoen-born, Lippert, Clark; Mile— 2nd Dey, 3rd Pet-

ers; 440 Relay - Lippert, Lehigh, Schoenborn, Clarke 440 - 1st Schoenborn; 220 LH - 1st Sitzer, 2nd Wiseman; 880 - 2nd Patti Rea gan, 3rd Schoenborn; 220 — 1st Lippert, 2nd Clark; 2 Mile — 1st Dey, 2nd Peters.

On Saturday, Lowell placed fourth in the Northview Relays. They were five points behind third place West Catholic, and 11 points behind second place North-view. Wyoming Park easily won the meet with 103

Hagen golf classic here

June 11

Deer Run Golf Club in Lowell will be the setting for the 1981 Walter Hagen Cele-brity Golf Classic. In cooperation with the American Cancer Society and D&W Food Centers, Inc., June 11 marks the sixth annual golf tourna ment. Entry fees of \$150 per golfer will be donated toward the fight against cancer.

Pat Quinn, chairman of this year's event, announced that the colorful professional golfer, Chi Chi Rodriguez, will be honorary chairman joining in the day's activities, and speaking at the dinner toward the conclusion of the

981 Walter Hagen Golf Classic, a raffle will be held that day with a limited number of tickets being sold to award a 1955 Ford Thunderbird reproduction as Grand Prize with second and third places totaling over

\$2,000 in cash prizes. Sponsored by D&W Food Centers, Inc. for the American Cancer Society.

Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn N.W., offers a free indoor/outdoor class on Spring Birds on Wednesday, May 20. The two-hour class will be held at 2 p.m. and repeated at 6:30 p.m. as interest warrants. Reservations needed by May 15. Call

Saranac Doin's

Employees plan hospital benefit

Saranac have worked very Saranac Library. Pat is the hard in their Scouting and son of Mr. and Mrs. John have earned the Eagle Scout Sicklesteel of 1647 S. John-

Two earn Eagle rank

Ken R. Sweet, age 18, is a . The boys will be honored senior at Saranac High at a Boy Scout Court of School. He plans to join the Honor on May 18th at 6:30 Air Force in the fall and p.m. at the Saranac High becoming a meteorologist. School Cafetorium. He attended Philmont National Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and completed Pratt heads SHC a service project for his community by leading his troop in the planting of White Pine

School. He plans a career as an electrician. He attended Philmont Ranch in Cimarron. New Mexico, His service project was guiding Troop 71

seedlings in the Ionia State Park. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweet Sr. of 1751 W. Riverside Dr., Ionia. J. Patrick Sicklesteel, age 17 is a junior at Saranac High

in the breaking up of the cement floor of the Butcher Block. The building will

son Rd., Saranac.

Herb Pratt was re-elected as president of the Saranac Housing Commission Tuesday evening, May 5, at its annual meeting.

Phil Denny was elected vice president, replacing Max Tullis who resigned his position on the board because of other village com-

Darryl Simpson was newly elected to the board, joining members Ed Compagnor and Helen Huhn.

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Ionia County Memorial opthalmoscopes. Program Hospital employees are de- Coordinator, Bernie Falsetta voting their off-hours to rehas set the goal for over hearsing and preparing for \$1,000 this year.

the Second Annual Hospital Benefit Variety Show sched-Program line-up includes singers, dancers, bands, uled for May 15 at Watt comedy acts and a guest Auditorium in Ionia at 8 p.m. appearance by the 4-H Doctors, nurses, lab techs, Award Winning "Short Peo-X-Ray Techs, Dietary, Adple Act". Also expected to ministrative and Housekeepbring down the house again ing personnel are shedding this year are the "Third Floor Nurses", a male chortheir work-a-day roles to step

raise funds for the Respira-The benefit is sponsored by tory Therapy Department. the Ionia Hospital Employees Last year the First Benefit Newspaper Staff and tickets Variety Show raised over can be purchased by contact-\$800 for the Emergency Room that enabled them to

us line with an all new act.

The 7th Annual Ionia His- A new feature of this toric Homes Tour sponsored year's tour will be transpor by the Ionia County Historical Society will be Saturday

and Sunday, May 16 and 17. biles. Tours will be in prog-Included on the tour will ress, Saturday, May 16, from be more than a dozen of Ionia's most interesting Sunday, May 17 from Noon homes, stores and public buildings. In addition there Advance tickets are \$4 or \$5 will be an arts and crafts with transportation in an-

show, flea market, antique tique cars. Tickets on tour sales, puppet show, street days will be available at most musicians, clowns, quilt of the tour stops at \$5 or \$6 making, good concessions with transportation.



Saranac seeks federal \$5

Members of the Saranac fication fans at both schools. School Board directed Super- The time frame for the intendent Al Butler to apply for an Energy Conservation Grant for \$23,860 at its regular meeting last Thurs-

into the spotlight again to

purchase two wall mounted

Hopefully, Saranac will school, new window walls at and grounds. the middle school and strati-

Arthritis meeting in Ionia

Osteoarthritis and Rheumatold Arthritis-Do you know what they are? David Hamm, M.D., Rheumatologist, will be speaking about the basic facts of these diseases at the Ionia Arthritis Program, May 19th.

The Arthritis Program will be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House, 120 N. Kidd, Ionia at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. It is free to all of those attending and there will be booklets about Arthritis available. The program is sponsored by the Ionia Unit of the Arthritis Foundation, a United Way Agency.

Off The Blotter According to Ionia Sheriff's deputies, Roger Clark, 7386 Centerline, was cited

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pletion of the projects by the summer of '82. In other action, election workers were named for the qualify for a 75 federal-25 June 8 school board election. local funding grant for im- Annual committee reports

project, should it be granted,

would probably mean com-

provements which include were heard on study skills, insulation at the elementary the budget and on buildings



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NOTICE

SPECIAL ELECTION, MAY 19, 1981 STATE PROPOSAL PROPOSAL A

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 41, AND ARTICLE 9, SECTIONS 3, 8, 30 AND 31 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES, REDUCE CITY INCOME TAXES, LIMIT GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RETURN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS AND GIVE STATE LOTTERY PROFITS TO SCHOOL AID FUND.

Article 4, Section 41, will read as follows if the proposed constitutional amendment is adopted:

ARTICLE 4

Sec. 41. The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law. Net revenues received by the state from the operation of lotteries shall be deposited in the state school aid fund.

Article 9, Sections 3, 8, 30 and 31, will read as follows if the proposed constitutional amendment is adopted:

ARTICLE 9

Sec. 3. (1) The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments. For purposes of assessing agricultural and forestry property, true cash value may be based, as provided by law, on its use as agricultural and forestry property.

Effective for taxes levied after December 31, 1980, 50% of the ad valorem property tax levy for operating purposes but not to exceed a maximum of not less than \$1,400.00, as this maximum shall be adjusted in accordance with this section, shall be exempt from collection on the homestead of an individual who is a resident of this state. This exemption shall be applied after the exemption provided in section 31 of this article is applied. Effective for the 1981 tax year and each tax year thereafter, 50% of the resident and nonresident local individual income taxes shall be exempt from collection. However, the legislature shall establish a maximum amount of local individual income taxes which shall be exempt from collection which

exemple rom collection under the section shall be adjusted annually for ad valorem property tax levies in the 1982 calendar year and for ad valorem property tax levies in each calendar year thereafter pursuant to law by the same percentage as the percentage increase or decrease in the state equalized value of residential and agricultural real property in this state, excluding new construction and improvements. The legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates.

(2) The state shall reimburse units of local government in the manner provided by law for not less than 100% of the revenues not collectible for ad valorem property tax levies in 1981 and each year thereafter because of the exemption from collection of ad valorem taxes for operating purposes on the homestead of a resident of this state as provided by this section. The legislature shall reimburse a unit of local government for 100% of the amount of revenues not collectible by a unit of local government because of the exemption for local income taxes provided in this section. Reimbursements for the exemptions provided in this section which are returned to units of local government shall be excluded from computations to determine the proportion of total state spending paid to all units of local government as annually required by section 30 of this article. Reimbursements to units of local government for the exemptions provided in this section shall not be considered a transfer of responsibility for funding a program as defined in section 26 of this article. An amount annual determination of total state revenues for purposes of section 26 of this article, and shall not be considered an expense of state government for purposes of section 28 of this article.

Sec. 8. Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not impose a sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than 4% of their gross taxable

sales of tangible personal property.

Beginning July 1, 1981, the Legislature shall im-pose additional sales and use taxes at a rate of 1.5% on the sale or use of tangible personal property, the revenue from which shall be used exclusively for purposes of reimbursing units of local government for the revenues not collectible because of the exemptions provided in section 3 of this article. The revenue from this additional sales tax shall not be included within the allocation made pursuant to sections 10 and 11 of this article.

No sales tax or use tax shall be charged or collected from and after January 1, 1975 on the sale or use of prescription drugs for human use, or on the sale or use of food for human consumption except in the case of prepared food intended for immediate consumption as defined by law.

This provision shall not apply to alcoholic beverages.

To compensate units of government other than the state for loss of revenue resulting from repeal of the sales tax on food and prescription drugs, each present allocation of sales tax revenue to such units shall be increased by one-fifth.

Sec. 30. The proportion of total state spending paid to all units of Local Government, taken as a group, shall not be reduced below that proportion in effect in fiscal year 1978-79. As used in this section, total state spending shall not include transfers to ar from a counter-cyclical budget and Sec. 319 Units of Local Government are hereby

prohibited from levying any tax not authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified or from increasing the rate of an existing tax above that rate authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified, without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of that unit of Local Government

voting thereon. If the definition of the base of an existing tax is broadened, the maximum authorized rate of taxation on the new base in each unit of Local Government shall be reduced to yield the same estimated gross revenue as on the prior base.

Effective for taxes levied after December 31, 1980, a percentage of the ad valorem property tax levy for operating purposes shall be exempt from collection on each class of property. The percentage exemption shall be separately calculated and applied for the levy of each unit of Local Government on each class of property, but shall not apply to revenue generated by the class of property from the levy of an increased number of mills over the millage rate levied by the unit of Local Government in the previous year. This exemption shall limit the annual increase in revenues generated from ad valorem property tax levies by the unit of Local Government on the class of property of the unit of Local Government, excluding new construction and improvement, to 6%, as if the current year's millage rate, excluding the increased number of mills over the millage rate levied in the previous year, had been levied in the previous year. A millage rate shall not be increased above the rate levied in the previous year without approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the unit of Local Government voting thereon. The 6% limit may be increased or waived by approval of majority of the qualified electors of the unit of laxes imposed for the payment of principal and

interest on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued which were authorized prior to December 23, 1978.

Article 4, Section 41, and Article 9, Sections 3, 8, 30 and 31 now read as follows:

ARTICLE 4

Sec. 41. The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE 9

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments. The legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates.

Sec. 8. The Legislature shall not impose a sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than 4% of their gross taxable sales of tangible personal property.

No sales tax or use tax shall be charged or collected from and after January 1, 1975 on the sale or use of prescription drugs for human use, or on the sale or use of food for human consumption except in the case of prepared food intended for immediate consumption as defined by law.

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ing paid to all units of Local Government, taken as a group, shall not be reduced below that proportion in effect in fiscal year 1978-79.

Sec. 31. Units of Local Government are hereby prohibited from levying any tax not authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified or from increasing the rate of an existing tax above that rate authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified, without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of that unit of Local Government voting thereon. If the definition of the base of an existing tax is broadened, the maximum authorized rate of taxation on the new base in each unit of Local Government shall be reduced to yield the same estimated gross revenue as on the prior base. If the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the General Price

Level from the previous year, the maximum authorized rate applied thereto in each unit of Local Government shall be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from existing property, adjusted for changes in the General Price Level, as could have been collected at the existing authorized rate on the prior assessed value.

The limitations of this section shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments on contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued which were authorized prior to the effective

date of this amendment.

This proposal will appear on the ballet as follows:

PROPOSAL A

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES, REDUCE CITY INCOME TAXES, LIMIT GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RETURN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS AND GIVE STATE LOTTERY PROFITS TO SCHOOL AID FUND. CA SC

The proposed amendment would:

- 1. Reduce by 50% homestead property taxes used for operating schools and local governments. Reduction limited to \$1400.00 in 1981 and changed yearly as home values change.
- 2. Reduce by 50% local individual income taxes on first \$40,000 of taxable income.
- 3. Make state return to local governments all funds lost by above reductions.
- 4. Limit yearly property tax revenue growth to 6% by property type unless raised by local voters.
- 5. Raise sales tax from 4% to 5.5%. Raise must be returned to local governments and schools.
- Let farms and forests be assessed at use value.
- 7. Give state lottery profits to school aid fund.

Should this amendment be adopted?

YES	Г
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NO

PROCEEDINGS

Kent County Board Of Commissioners Special May 1981 Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met in Special Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Rules. Called to order by Chairman Ehlers.

Called to order by Chairman Enlors.

Roll called.

Present: Blakesled, Boerema, Buth, Byington, CaKreker, DeRuiter, Fromen, Gainsy, Johnson, Kompker, Kuhn, Lamaraaux, Hazurhitericz, Pupel. Sevenems, Sietsems, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfield, Chairman - 20.

Absent: Lemings - 1 (explained).

Quorum prissant.

Commissioner Sevenems gave the invocation.

Quorum pilesent.
Commissioner Sevensma gave the invocation.
Those present united in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
The notice of the call of the meeting was as follows:

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING NOT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE COUNTSSIONERS ELECT OF THE KENT COUNTY BOARD OF CONNISSIONERS, HEREBY PETITION FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF SAID BOARD OF CONNISSIONERS TO BE HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 1981, AT THE KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 310, 300 MONNOE N.W., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN AT 9:00 A.M., FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1981 EQUALIZATION REPORT. SAID MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.1 OF THE STANDING MULES OF THE KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Michael R. Smolenski Kathy Kuhn Daniel S. Pupel

Margaret E. Byington Berton Sevensma John K. Boerema Richard Buth Roger G. Laninga Friley Johnson Aggie Kempter"

Commissioner DeKraker welcomed the South Christian High School Government Class, with their instructors, Mr. Lou DeJong and Mr

Chairman Ehlers introduced Dave Jefferson, now with NOTY; dob Hammond from the Bureau of Equalization; Cannon Township Assistant Assessor Dick Arndt; Jay Murphy, Director of Court Services, Dime Lobbestael, Resource Recovery Coordinator; Dave Despres, Director of the Department of Public Morks; Dick Cleveland from the City of Grandville; Al Yan Opstal, Myoming City Assessor; Dave Rice, Plainfield Township Assessor; Jim Lowary, Malker City Assistant Assessor; John Benford from Ade; and Bill Kotsifas, Malker City Assessor. Chairman Ehlers read a card received from Drain Commissioner Jo Haveman, thanking the Board for a plant received during her recent illness.

Chairman Ehlers called the Board's attention to an invitation from the Department of Social Services to attend a presentation at the West Middle School on Friday, May 8.

The 1981 Kent County Equalization Report was presented: (All

County Clerk.)
Commissioner Lampreaux moved the adoption of the report. Seconded

by Commissioner DeKraker.

Equalization Director Heller explained there will be more problems
this year as it is the first year of Equalization by Class.

Commissioner Lampreaux' motion to adopt carried by the following

vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamorasux, Mazurkiewicz, Pupel, Sevensma, 'Smolenski, Somerville', Cheirman - 18.
Hays: Sietsema, Wahlfield - 2.
Walker City Assessor Kotsifas expressed concern about the aspect of a possible equalization factor being added by the State in the County of Kent. He feels his unit is at 50%. If an equalization factor is affixed by the State, he asked if the Beard of Commissioners will appeal the factor or will it be mecessary for him to appeal?
Controller Platte stated no formal action was taken by the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee since the Committee is not positive it will come about.

Commissioner DeKraker stated he thinks an appeal would be

County's responsibility.

Chairman Ehlers announced he has recieved materials from Senator Riegle's Office regarding an analysis of the Regional impact of the Federal Budget changes and he has also received a Regional Analysis from Mr. Stockman. Anyone interested is welcome to review the

documents.

Chairman Ehlers reported some time ago when there was a per diem controversy and the Board went to a Compensation method, he announced he would not accept per diems for service on the Plat Board or Drain Board, although these per diems are provided for by Statute. He brought this to the attention of the Compensation Commission and although they did not rule on the matter, several expressed the opinion that he should be collecting the per diem as is done by the Treasurer and County Clark. Therefore, he has now begun to accept the per diem for Plat Board attendance.

Commissioner Buth stated he has been accepting per diems for

Commissioner Buth Stated he has been accepting per diems for
Tax Allocation Board attendance the same as the other members of the
Board and as provided by Statute.

Several Commissioners indicated they thought the matter had been

settled previously.

Chairman Ehlers stated he will leave it as it was and the County.

Clerk and Treasurer can continue to collect the per diems if they wish.

Commissioner DeKraker pointed out attendance at M.A.C. Committee meeting was better when per diems were paid. It seems to have cut our representation and input on M.A.C. and M.A.C.O. Committees.

Vice Chairman Buth pointed out he is on the M.A.C. Social Services Board and they are meeting this morning so he could not attend. He believes this is happening in a number of cases and may be the cause believes this is happening in a number of cases and may be the cause of some of the inattendance at the M.A.C. Committee Meetings.

Vice-Chairman Buth stated he and Commissioner Kampker were at a meeting in Lansing in February when the M.A.C. Lawyer made a strong purit that there was a misconception among Commissioners on the \$400, mileage maximum per year for travel. Hileage is not compensation, it is an expense, and can be changed at any time, not just at the beginning of the term. He suggested some action at this point, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn to a Committee of the Whole Meeting and to Wednesday, May 5, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. for an Official May 1881 at 9:00 a.m. for an

Kent County Board Of Commissioners Regular May 1981 Meeting

May 6, 1981

The Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by Chairman Ehlers. Roll called.

Present: Blakesler, Boerems, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainay, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chaftman -20. Absent: Mazurkiericz - 1.

Quorum present. Commissioner DeKraker introduced Reverend Walter Swets, Pastor

of the First Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church, who gave the

Those present united in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Enlers introduced and welcomed Daniel T. Hibma, Byroshin Sumpervisor. Township Supervisor.
Civil Counsel DeWitt introduced Dick Butler from his firm who does the bulk of the research on County projects, stating he is here

to observe.

Chairman Ehlers presented a watch to Gertrude Blair from Kent
Chairman Ehlers presented a watch to Gertrude Blair from Kent Community Mospital in recognition of 30 years of service to Kent
County. Director of the Mospital, Moward Claus, joined them at
the podium for the presentation.

Counissioner Kampker moved the approval of the minutes of the
mostings of April 1, 1981 and April 17, 1981 as written. Seconded by
Counissioner Sainer.

meetings of April 1, 1981 and April 17, 1981 as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gainey.

Notion zerried unanimously.

A report of the Finance Committee of their meetings of March 31, 1981 through April 28, 1981 was presented: (All have received copies and copies are on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Commissioner Buth moved the report be received, concurred in, and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Somerville.

"Notion carried by the following vote:

Yess: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20. Reys: Hone.

tys: Mone. t this time Chairman Ehlers read a card of thanks received

from Jin Porritt from the Road Commission for the Planter and Cards received while he was in the Hospital.

Resolution No. 5-81-90 regarding the appointment of a "Citizens Committee" to review governmental services was presented: (A)1 have received copies.

RESCLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SIETSEMA AND DEKRAKER

WHEREAS, in Kent County there can be found thirtyfive governmental agencies providing their residents with
a variety of services demanded by the residents or mandated by state law, and
WHEREAS, these governmental units are in addition
to county government whose powers and duties are derived chiefly through state legislation, and
WHEREAS, there is a growing concern and awareness
by the taxpayers of Kent County of the duplication and
double taxation for services provided by both the county
and the local governmental units, and
MHEREAS, the citizens of Kent County are demanding
greater efficiency in government and in services provided
by the government, and
MHEREAS, in recognizing the changing attitudes of
its citizens, it is the intent of the Kent County Board

its citizens, it is the intent of the Kent County Board of Commissioners to assume a leadership role as a prime mover in the research, study, and recommendation for implementation of a combination of governmental services where

WHEREAS, the first step in this process would be the appointment of a special Citizens Committee whose purpose would be to provide the citizens with responsible and efficient governmental neguices through a program of gueerch, study, and recommendations for implementing a combination of governmental services, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct

Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board to appoint such a Citizens Committee to consist of eleven members, and BR IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Citizens Committee is to review specific quovernmental services with special attention in the areas of emergency services, water and sower, library, district courts, streets, highways, and parks, and that the Committee is to complete its assign-ment within 24 months of appointment and is to adopt a work schools with definite time Issits and work schedule with definite time limits, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Kent County Board of Commissioners that this Committee to reappointed in January of 1982 and January of 1983,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board \ of Commissioners directs the Finance Committee to recom-mend a budget for the Committee, which budget shall be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners for

Commissioner Sietsema moved the adoption of the resolution. econded by Commissioner DeKraker.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Year: Blakeslee, Boerend, Buth, Bythnton, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Fainey, Johnson, Kempher, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel,
Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahtfield, Chairman 20.

Nays: Mone. Chairman Ehlers asked that the Commissioners submit recommenda Chairman Ehlers asked that the Commissioners submit recommenda-tions for membership for the "Citzens Committee" to meview govern-mental services by Friday, May 22, so that the Committee can be appointed at the next Official Meeting, June 3, 1981. Resolution No. 5-81-91 in support of House 8111 No. 4182, providing for self-insurance for Group Benefits by Counties was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SIETSEMA

WHEREAS, House Bill 4182 was introduced in the Michigan State Legislature and referred to the House Committee on Towns and Counties, and WHEREAS, House Bill 4182 would amend Public Act 156 of 1851 to allow counties to provide self-insurance for group benefits thus providing counties with the same options now afforded private industry,

cities, townships and villages, and

WHEREAS, since Kent County will be considering
the self-insuring of various group benefits in the very
near future, the Legislative, Judicial and Takstion
Committee would request to the Kent County Board of
Commissioners that it support House Sill 4182.

NOW, THEREFORE, SE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners urges the adoption, by Legislature, of House Sill 4102 as introduced. BE IT PURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kent County's Area Emgislators nd to the Michigan Association of Counties.

Commissioner Sietsama moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Mahlfield.
Motion carried unanimously.
Resolution No. 5-81-96 declaring the period April 18 through
May 16, 1981 as Wichigan Clean Up Month was presented: (All haze

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SIETSEMA

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kent County are fortunate to live in a state so bountifully endowed with natural ansate, and
NHEREAS, there is a natural, continuing

responsibility for preserving our environment by keeping it clean, healthy and beautiful, and WHEREAS, Kent County can demonstrate its recognition of a state-wide Clean Up Month Campaign as proposed by Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. NOW, THEREFORE, BE 1T RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby declares April 18 through May 16, 1981 as Michigan Clean Up Month.

Commissioner Sietsema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pupel Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5-81-97 declaring May 3-9 as Recycle Week for Kent County was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER PUPEL

WHEREAS, recycling of materials with value in the marketplace saves landfill space, energy, and resources, and

WHEREAS, Holland, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Coopersville are starting recycling programs, and
MHERAS, success'ul recycling requires extensive
public education to modity our attitudes about solid waste
disposal, and WNEREAS, Governor William Milliken has declared

Hay 1 - 9 Recycle Meek in Michigan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners declares May 1 - 9 Recycle Week for Kent County to encourage public participation in existing recycling programs and support for long-range Commissioner Pupel moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Sietsema.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5-81-98 urging defeat of House Bill No. 4493

and Senate Bill No. 225, which would eliminate the Hotel-Motel

Tax in Kent County was presented: (All have received copies.) ERSOLUTION BY CONSISSIONER PRONAM

MHEREAS, House Bill 4493 and Senate Bill 225 are an attempt to amend Public Act 263 of 1974 which permits certain counties to impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests, and

MHEREAG, House Bill 4493 and Senate Bill 225 would establish procedures for conducting a referendum on discontinuing the excise tax, with said referendum to be conducted by the County Board of Commissioners, and

to reinstitute the excise tax within 90 days after the vote to discontinue the axcise tax, and MHINERAS, the amendments as proposed by House Bill 4493 and Senate Bill 225 vould have a significant affect on Eant County in that the tax as collected is for the specific purpose of retiremant of principle and interest bonds for the convention center.

BOW, THERMFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners urges the defeat of House Bill 4693 and Senate Bill 225.

Commissioner Froman moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Sevensma. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5-81-106 regarding the retention of Dr. Martin
Gold to develop research designs for avaluation of the Kent County
Youth Camp was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY CONMISSIONERS DEKRAKER AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, in November, 1980, the Controller's Office prepared a "Request for Proposal" to evaluate the Kent County Juvenile Honor Camp, and WHEREAS, this request was sent out to some

WHEREAS, this request was sent out to some
20 potential evaluators but because of poor response,
the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee decided
to rewrite the "Request for Proposal", and
WHAREAS, this "Request for Proposal" was for
the development of a research design for the evaluation
of the Kent County Youth Camp, and
WHAREAS, this concept was to have a research
design developed that, when implemented, would result
in a systematic, comparative and comprehensive evaluation of the present Youth Camp, and
WHEREAS, the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation
Committee has recently received four responses to the
request to develop research designs for the evaluation
of the Kent County Youth Camp, and
WHEREAS, each of the four individuals and/or
firms that submitted proposals were given an opportunity

firms that submitted proposals were given an opportunity to interview with the committee and one firm chose not to,

WHEREAS, the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee interviewed the three firms on April 6 and

WHEREAS, the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee, after a comprehensive interview and careful review of the proposals, recommend to the Board of Commissioners the retention of Dr. Martin Gold, Program Director, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, for the development of a series of research designs for the evaluation of the Kent County Touth Camp at a total cost of \$6,864 including expenses, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommend a transfer of \$6,864 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Special Project Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eart County Board of Commissioners approve the retention of Dr. Martin Gold for the development of a series of research designs for the evaluation of the Kent County Youth Camp at a total cost of \$6,864 including expenses, and WHEREAS, the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation

a total cost of \$6,864 including expenses, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent Courty Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund transfer of \$6,864 to an account in the Special Projects Fund for the above study. Commissioner DeKraker moved the adoption of the resolution.

Commissioner DeKraker moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Discussion was held regarding a possible conflict of interest, after which the motion carried by the following vote:

Yess: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, DeKraker, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Laninga, Pupel, Savensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Hahlfield, Chairman - 16.

Nays: Byington, DeRuiter, Lamoreaux, Somerville - 4.

Resolution No, 5-81-103 regarding contracts with Acme Heating and Cooling and Horne Builders for Kent Community Hospital was presented: [All have received copies.]

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS LANINGA AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 20, 1981 for the remodeling of Kent Community Hospital first and second floors with total project cost estimated at \$743,000, and

WHEREAS, two separate bids were opened, one being the general construction bid package and the other for replacement windows, and WHEREAS, the successful low bidder, Acad Heating whiteras, the successful low bidder, Ache Heating and Cooling, is being recommended by Progressive Engineering, the consulting engineer, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee and the Finance Committee for the award of the general construction contract in the amount of \$573,772, and WHEREAS, the successful low bidder, Horne Build-

MMERRAS, the successful low bidder, Horne Building Specialties, is being recommended by Progressive
Engineering, Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee
and Finance Committee for the award of the contract for
replacement of windows in the amount of 366,940, and
MMERRAS, funding for timese projects are available
through the Hospital's Building Depreciation Accounts.
HOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent
County Board of Commissioners approve entering into a
contract with Acms Heating and Cooling for general

construction contract for Nant Community Hospital in the amount of 5573,772, and with Horne Huilding Specialties for the contract for the replacement of windows in the amount of \$66,940, and BE IT PURTHER RESOLVED that said contracts are subject to Kent Community Hospital receiving Cartificate of deed approval for this remodeling project.

Commissioner Laminga moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Weblfield.
Hoston carried unanthously.
Resolution No. 5-81-701 dearmarking \$42,000 within the Public Improvement Fund for the construction of the Mealth Services Date Processing Division was presented: (All have received copies.) RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS GAINEY AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, in February of 1981, the Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of a Health Services Data Processing Division of the Kent County's Services that Processing Division of the Ment County Cata Processing Department, and WHEREAS, this newly formed division serves two County departments, Community Hental Health and the Health Department, which are located in the same building, and WHEREAS, when this division of Data Processing
was approved, the expansion and location of the
department was proposed for the Garden Level of the
Health Facility, and WHEREAS, this location, being satisfactory for

MHERBAS, this location, being satisfactory not both users, requires a vertical move of the smisting physical computer operation to the lowest level of the building, and MHERBAS, space was allocated to Data Processing and has been designed and bid by the Controller's Office staff, and MHEREAS, listed below are the construction costs

> General Construction Heating and Ventilation

Air Conditioning (computer room only) Fire Protection (Halon) 5,510.00 Sprinkler System Raised Computer Floor 1,800.00 1,550.00 urnishings 13,561.00

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee have reviewed these bids and recommend approval of the project, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the total project cost of \$42,000 and recommend it be

\$42,000.00

taken from the Public Improvement Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent
County Board of Commissioners earmark within the
Public Improvement Fund \$42,000 for the construction
of the Health Services Data Processing Division.

Commissioner Gainey moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner DeRuiter.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel,
Sevensma, Stutauma, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20.

Nays: None.
Resolution No. 5-81-88 approving an additional position of Assistant Personnel Director, necessitating a transfer from the General Fund Contingent Account in the amount of \$17,081 was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SMOLENSKI AND DERUITER-

WHEREAS, a request has been presented by the Personnel Director for the addition of an Assistant Personnel Director, unclassified, \$21,000 - \$24,000

annually, and
WHEREAS, this position will assist the Personnel
Director in administering and implementing the County
personnel function in the areas of wage and salary
administration, employee recruitment and selection,
labor relations, supervisory and employee training,
Equal Employment Opportunity, employee benefits and
workers' disability compensation, and
WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social
Services Committee has reviewed this request and
recommend approval, and
WHEREAS, a General Fund transfer of \$17,081 to
the Salary and Wages and Fringe Benefit Accounts
of the Personnel Department is required for the
balance of 1981 for this position, and
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed

balance of 1991 for this position, and
MHERRAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed
this request and recommend the General Fund transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent
County Board of Commissioners approve the addition
of an Assistant Personnel Director, unclassified,
\$21,000 - \$24,000 annual salary, and
BE IT FUNTHER RESOLVED that a General Fund
transfer for the balance of 1991 of \$17,081.00 to

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		Salaries and Wages	\$13,873.00
	715.000	PICA	922.00
		Hospitalization	728.00
	000	Life Insurance	18.00
	718.000	Pension	1.540.00

Commissioner Smolenski moves and adoption of the resolution. After considerable discussion regarding the need for this additional position, Commissioner Sevensma called for the question. Seconded by Commissioner Boerome.

Commissioner Smolenski's motion to adopt carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Buth, Byington, DeRuiter, Johnson, Kempker,
Kuhn, Pupel, Smolenski, S.ie, Chairman - 11.
Hays: Boerema, DeKreker, Froman, Gainey, Lamoreaux, Laninga,
Sevensma, Sietsema, Wah! 14 - 9.
Resolution No. 5-81-6...garving the ustablishment of a
Data Coordinator Position and a Clerk Tunist II Position at the
Health Department was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY CONMISSIONERS BLAKESLEE AND MAGURETENICS

SMERRAS, the creation of the Health Services Data Processing Division by action of the Kent County Board of Commissioners in Pebruary, 1981, required a commitment by the Health Department of certain depart-

Soard of Commissioners in February, 1982, required a commitment by the Health Department of certain departmental data responsibilities, and
MMERGAS, these responsibilities were anticipated within the Health Department budget, and
MMERGAS, specifically data entry, program specification, and data coordination tasks would remain the responsibility of the Health Department, and
MMERGAS, the Mealth Department has designated two existing positions of Management Information Technician and Data Entry Clerk within the existing budget to discharge these duties, and
MMERGAS, the Mealth Department has requested the establishment of a Data Coordinator position, Unclassified, \$19,000 annually and a Clerk Typist II, Range 15A, \$10,401.80, and
MMERGAS, the Health Department, in establishing these two positions, will eliminate a Statistician, Range 24, \$15,767 - \$21,049, and
MMERGAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee has reviewed this request and recommend approval of the two positions, and
MMERGAS, the Data Coordinator position will be funded by the elimination of the Statistician position

by MHEREAS, the Data Coordinator position will be funded by the elimination of the Statistician position and the Clerk Typist II position will be funded from balances representing savings through the organizational computer version; and MHEREAS, the Pinance Committee has reviewed this request and recommend approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the positions of Data Coordinator, Unclassified, annual salary of the county of t \$19,000 and a Clerk Typist II, Range 15A, \$10,403.80 be approved and the elimination of a Statiatician position,

Commissioner Blakeslee moved the adoption of the resolution.

Commissioner Blakeslee moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Gainey.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerman, Buth, Byington, Dekraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhe, Sevensma, Smelenski,
Somerville, Chairmen - 15.
Mays: Lamoresum, Laminga, Pupel, Sietsema, Hahlfield - 5.
Resolution No. 5-81-105 regarding a new position of Cook II at
the Jail (formerly a Revenue Sharing Position) requiring a General
Fund transfer of 39,745 was presented; (All have received copies.) RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS BLAKSELER AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social MHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social
Services Committee has received a request for the
replacement of a Cook II for the Jail, Range 18A,
\$11,901.00 annually, and
MHEREAS, this position in the past has been
funded by Bevanus Sharing, and
MHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners
policy on vacant Revenue Sharing positions states
that prior to refilling, these positions shall be
considered by the Personnel, Safety and Social
Services Committee and a change in funding source
will be considered, and will be considered, and EREAS, the Personiel, Safety and Social Services Committee recommend continuation of the

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommend that this position be funded by the General Fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a position of Cook II for the Jail, Range 18A, \$11,901.00 be approved for the Jail, and BE IT PURTHER RESOLVED that a General Fund transfer of \$9,746.00 to the following accounts for the balance of 1981 for the Jail be approved:

703.000 Salaries and Wages

716.000 Hospitalization 717.000 Life Insurance 718.000 Pension 550.00 35.00

Commissioner Blakeslee moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gaingy, Johnson, Kempker, Kahn, Sevensma, Smolenski,
Somerville, Chairman - 15.

Mays: Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sietseme, Mahlfield - 5.

Somerville, Chairman - 15.

Mays: Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sietseme, Mahlfield - 5.

Resolution No. 5-81-102 establishing a new position of Clerk
Typist II for the Director of Court Services for Circuit Court and
requiring a transfer of \$8,235.60 from the General Fund was presented:

(All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SHOLENSKI AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, at the November, 1980 meeting of the Task Force on Alternatives to Incarceration, the Task Force approved the concept of hiring a Director of Cour Services and a Clerk Typist II to provide the clerical needs for this director, and WHEREAS, the Director of Court Services, Mr. Jay Murphy, started employment on April 6, 1981, and does require the full time services of a Clerk Typist

WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee recommends the establishment of a Clerk Typist II position, Range 15A, \$10,982.40, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends a General Fund transfer for the balance of 1981 of \$8,235.60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the addition of a Clerk Typist II for the Director of Court Services for Circuit Court, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a General Fund
transfer for the balance of 1981 of \$8,235.60 to the
following accounts within Circuit Court be approved:

703.000 Salaries and Wages 715.000 FICA 716.000 Hospitalization 717.000 Life Insurance 18.00

Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution

Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Semerville.
Notion carried by the following vote:
Yess: Blakeslee, Boerman, Buth, Byington, DeKreker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Sevenama, Smolenski, Somerville, Chairman - 15.
Rays: Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sietsema, Mahlfield - 5.
Resolution No. 5-81-104 establishing a new position of Pre-Tri Release Coordinator for Circuit Court, requiring a transfer of \$13,476 from the General Fund was presented: (All have received conies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS BORREMA AND SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Alternatives to

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Alternatives to Incerceration has recommended the addition of a new position of Pre-Trial Release Coordinator, Range 24A, \$15,748.13, and WHEREAS, a presentation has been made to the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee where this position would maximize the pre-trial .elease of persons housed in the Kent County Correctional Facility by collecting, verifying, and organization to District and Circuit and presenting information to District and Circuit Court Judges to serve as an aid in determining appropriate bond for non-financial release con-ditions, and

ditions, and

WHEREAS, the underlying purpose and goal is

for there to be a significant reduction in the

number of people held in the Kent County Correctional

Facility that are still awaiting trial and are con-

Facility that are still awaiting trial and are con-tributing unnecessarily to jail overcrowding, and WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee recommend approval of this position, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this position and recommend a General Fund transfer of \$13,476.00 for the balance of 1981 and an evaluation of the entire program by December 1982. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the position

County Board of Commissioners approve the position of Pre-Trial Release Coordinator, Bange 24A, \$16,748.13, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a General Fund transfer of \$13,476.00 for the balance of 1981 be transferred to the following accounts of Circuit

rt:		
703.000	Salaries and Wages	\$10,948.0
715.000	FICA	728.0
716.000	Hospitalization	550.0
	Life Insurance	35.7
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners direct an evaluation be presented no later than December 1982 of the effects of the Director of Court Services, Pre-Trial Release Coordinator position, and Clerk Typist II position for determination by the Board of Commissioners of con-tinued funding as of January 1, 1983.

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Somerville.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeRuiter, Gainey,
Johnson, Kompker, Kuhn, Sevensma, Smolenski, Somerville, Chairman -13.

Mays: DeKraker, Fromen, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sietsema,
Mahlfield - 7. Resolution No. 5-81-99 regarding Revenue Sharing was presented:

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BUTH

MHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has heretofore adopted a revenue sharing plan for the years 1972 through 1981, and WHEREAS, in accordance with said plan, all

expenditures must first be approved by this Board of Commissioners, and WHEREAS, there is attached hereto marked WHEREAS, there is attached nervo marked Exhibit A and made a part hereof, the request for expenditures to be authorized at the April meeting of the Kent County Board of Commissioners. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Controller take such action as may be necessary to properly minute these expenditures for the United States Department of Treasury.

DEPT.	17	EM.	AMOURE	PIH. COM. APPRV. DATE
Controller's	Date cab	file	\$ 641,50	4-7-81
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Clerk's Off.		*	689.40	4-7-81
Purcharing			629.87	4-7-81
Controller's			5,010.82	4-7-81
Property Desc.			824.79	4-7-81
Jail/Inmate Rehab.		٠	10,454.78	4-7-81
F.O.C.		:	859.98	4-7-81
Juv. Court	*		503.03	4-7-81
Jail/Honor Camp	*		497.87	4-7-81
Health Dept.	*	186	11,330.53	4-7-81

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Motor Pool		(17,869.24)	
Prosecutor's	Word Processing System Addition	1,696.00	4-28-81
Jail/Sheriff Department	Typewriter	700.00	4-28-81
Register of Deeds	Filing Cabinets	1,488.00	5-05-81
Juv. Court	Purnishings	4,888.00	5-05-01
Equalization	Calculator	188.00	5-05-81
K.C. Library	Storage Cabinets	777.00	5-05-81
TOTAL		\$24,144.35	

Commissioner Buth moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner DeRuiter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeRuiter, Fromen,
Gainey, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhn, Lamoraeux, Laminge, Fupel. Sevensme.

Sietsema. Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 19.

Nays: DeKraker - 1.

Resolution No. 5-81-86 regarding a transfer in the amount of
\$6,260.64 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Township
Law Enforcement Fund was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, for the past several years the County has had an agreement with the urbanized townships for Township Law Patrol and Enforcement whereby the County provides those urbanized townships with additional

provides those urbanized townships with additional sheriff patrol over and above the regular district patrol on the condition that the County will provide the venicle and equipment if the township will pay the necessary manpower costs, and

WHEREAS, the participating townships are billed by the County for service 16 hours a day, seven days a weak, pursuant to which billings the County is paid by said townships, and

WHEREAS, a review of the Sheriff's Log has determined that on infrequent occasions natrols have no

WHEREAS, a review of the Sheriff's Log has determined that on infrequent occasions patrols have not been provided for the total amount of time billed and that the townships should be credited for a total of \$6,260.64 for patrol manpower costs that they did not receive during the year 1980.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a credit of \$6,260.64 to be applied against the next billing cycle and authorizes a transfer in that amount from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Township Law Enforcement Fund to cover this credit for services not rendered.

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Gainey.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boeremae, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel,
Sevensma, Sfetsema, Smolnmski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20.
Nava: None.

Nays: None. Resolution No. 5-81-89 approving the Surety Bonds of the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Surveyor was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the Kent County Treasurer, the Deputy Kent County Treasurer, and County Surveyor have submitted surety bonds as are required by

Michigan Statutes, and MMEREAS, the amounts of these bonds are either amounts required by Michigan Statute or by this Board of County Commissioners, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this matter and recommends that these bonds be

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the surety bonds of the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Surveyor, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bonds be

Commissioner Johnson moved adoption of

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Gainty.
Motion carried unanimously.
Resolution Mo. 5-81-93 trensferring \$65,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the County Clerk Printing and Binding Account for the May 19, 1981 Special Election was presented: (All have received copies.) RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER DERUITER

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, Maury DeJonge, has requested a supplemental appropriation of \$65,000 to finance the County's share of the May 19, 1981 special election called by the Governor and the State Legislature,

whereas, the State has passed legislation to reimburse the counties for expenses of this special election, and whereas, the Finance Committee has reviewed

and recommend the request for a General Fund transfer of \$65,000. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners transfer \$65,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the County Clerk Printing and Binding Account. Commissioner DeRuiter moved the adoption of the resolution

Hotion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninge, Pupel,
Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20. Mays: None. Resolution No. 5-81-94 regarding a transfer of \$31,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the County Remonumentation-Other Contractual Services Account was presented: (All have

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER DERUITER

WHENEAS, the County Hemonumentation Committee has recommended an additional appropriation of \$31,000 to their Contractual Services Account for reimbursing private surveyors for placing County government corner survey monuments under the County's Remonumentation

WHEREAS, due to the interest shown toward the value of this program and the desire of private surveyor participants to proceed at this time with the placement of County government corners, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed

this request and recommend a General Fund transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a General
Fund transfer of \$31,000 to the County Remonumentation Project - Other Contractual Services Account - 831.000 Commissioner DeRuiter moved the adoption of the resolution

Seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee Motion carried by the following vote: Teas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfield, Chairman - 20

Nays: None. Resolution No. 5-81-95 earmarking \$53,336 within the Public Improvement Fund for movable shelving in the Yau't Area of the Hall of Justice was presented: (All have received copies.) RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER DERUITER

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department has opened bids for a Moveable Aisle Shelf Filing System for the storage vault area of the Hall of Justice, and WHEREAS, the request for improved and new storage area has come about by the vacating of the from the Hall of Justice, and the needs

WHERLAS, the Finance Commands approval of this project and tubes in the case from the JOW, THERES ORL, BE IN MESSAGED THE LINE FRAME

County Board of commissioners careats within the Ladic Improvement Fund. ..., 136 for Mora is Arab for Hilling for the dall of the tree storage and area.

Commissioner DeRuiter moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Sevensma.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Seerman, Suth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kampker, Kuhn, Lamoresux, Laninga, Pupel,
Sevensma, Sietsama, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20.

plution No. 5-81-108 transferring \$3,400 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Circuit Court Equipment Rental and Office Supplies Accounts for a copy machine for the Hall of Justice was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SEVENSMA

MHEREAS, a need exists for a photo copy machine in the Hall of Justice for the copy require-ments of the Circuit Court, 63rd District Court, Friend of the Court and the Court's Division of the County

WHEREAS, the need in the past " erwed with the machine housed in the Probate Cc "hich has MHEREAS, the Circuit Court has agreed to house and take the responsibility of the machine for the above departments, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends

General Fund transfer of \$3,400 to fulfill this need NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund transfer of \$3,400 for rental, toner and paper for a copy machine to the following accounts:

Circuit Court - Equipment Rental - \$2,160 Circuit Court - Office Supplies \$1,240

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution.

Motion carried by the following vote: Yess: 81skeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel, Sevensme, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 20.

Mays: None. Commissioner Sevensma moved that the terms shown for Charles Stoddard and Harold Garter as members of the Kent Hospital Finance Authority be corrected to read as follows to conform with the By-Laws: Charles Stoddard 1981-1984

Harold Garter Seconded by Commissioner DeRuiter.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 5-81-100 allowing the Department of Public Morks to dispose of structures at the Byron Landfill site was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BUTH

WHEREAS, Kent County has purchased and is purchasing certain real property in Byron Township for a new southern county landfill, and WHEREAS, said property has certain improvements in-

cluding houses, barns, sheds and structures of a similar nature (the "Improvements") which must either be sold and removed or rared to permit construction of the landfill, and WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Public Works has re-

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Public Works has requested that the Board of Commissioners appoint an agent pursuant to Chapter 13, Section 5, of the Revised Statutes of 1846 (MCLA 45.5), as amended, to sell/or otherwise dispose of the improvements on such terms and conditions as said agent shall deem to be in the best interest of the County with the proceeds thereof to be used in connection with development of the landfill site. with development of the landfill site,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County

Board of Commissioners hereby appoints David Despres, Director of the Kent County Department of Public Works, as its agent and, by this order which shall be retained of record by the County Clerk, hereby authorizes and directs that Mr. Despres sell and convey, on behalf of Kent County under his hand and seal and duly acknowledged by him, any Improvements which will interfere with, or be unnecessary for construction and operation of the southern landfill on such terms and conditions as he may, in the exercise of his discretion, deem to be in the best interests of the Cou with the proceeds thereof to be retained by the Department of Public Works and used in connection with development of

Commissioner Buth moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Debut ter adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner Debut ter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeBuiter,
Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupel,
Sevensma, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfield, Chairman - 19.

Baye: Sietzens - 1 Nays: Sietsema - 1.

Nays: Sietseme - 1.
Chairman Enlers announced there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Byron Township Landfill Sita held by the Department of Natural Resources at 7:30 p.m. this evening. He suggested the Commissioners attend the hearing and also suggested having a presentation at the next Committee of the Mhole Meeting on the progress at the Byron Township Landfill Site.

Resolution No. 5-81-9: regarding Amendment No. 6 to the Grant Agreement for Project No. 6-25-0039-07 at the Airport was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY CONSISSIONER DOERSHA

A RESOLUTION ADDITING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AMEMOREMY NO. 6 BY THE COUNTY OF MENT, MICHIGARY, ACTING THROUGH AND BY THE KENT COUNTY ARROHAUTICS BOARD, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FEDERAL AVIATION ARROHESTRATION FOR THE PUMPOSE OF AMERICAN SUBJECT PROJECT, FOR THE GE-VELOPMENT/OF THE KENT COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER POLICY OF THE SENT COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Comultsianers

Section 1. That the County of Kant shall enter into Amendment No. 6 for the purpose of amending subject project for the development of the Kant County International Airport, and that such Greent Amendment No. 6 shall be as set forth hereinbelow;

Section II. That the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Amendment No. 6 in saven (7) copies on behalf of the County of Kent, Michigan, and that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal of the County of Kent, Nichigan, and to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Grant Amandment No. 6 referred to hereinabove shall be as follows:

AMENOMENT NO. 6 TO GRANT AGREEMENT Kent County International Airport Grand Rapids, NI Project No. 6-26-0039-07 Contract No. DOT-FA-78-GL-7897

Date of Offer: April 7, 1981 MHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "FAA" has determined it to be in the interest of the United States that the Grand Agreement between the FAA, acting for and on behalf of the United States, and the County of Kent, acting through and by the Kent County Aeronautics Board, Michigan (hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor"), accepted by said Sponsor on the 13th day of Septamber, 1978 as amended by the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement accepted on the 28th day of Decumber 1978, as amended by the Second Amendment to the Grant Agreement accepted August 1, 1979, Fourth Amendment to the Grant Agreement accepted August 1, 1979, Fourth Amendment to the Grant Agreement accepted On December 5, 1979, Fifth Amendment to the Grant Agreement accepted Septamber 4, 1980, be amended in conformance with the Sponsor's application bearing the latest

ACOUNTY of the name of the second of the second of c'ownent by adding one additional electrically operated

MHEREAS, sufficient work has been accomplished in the development of this project that it has been determined that contingency funds can be reduced to cover the cost of the gate added by this amendment, and therefore no change in funding is required. NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of the benefits to accrue to the parties hereto, the FAA on the one part, and the Sponsar, on the other part, do hereby mutually agree that the said Grant Agreement be and hereby is amended as follows:

Deletion of the project description on Page I of Part I - Offer and the substitution therefor of the following:

"Construct, mark (PI) and light (HIRL) Runway BR-26L extension (2000' x 150') and blast pad; Relocate MAVAIDS (ALS, ILS, RYR, Cellometer); Relocate Thornapple River Drive (approx. 3000 L.F.); Construct, mark and light (MIRL) parallel and connecting Taxiway "0" (approx. 2600' ± x 75'; Construct perimeter fence (approx. 7500 L.F.) and security electric nates (6). L.F.) and security electric gates (6)."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this amendment to said Grant Agreement to be duly executed.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY /S/ Gerald L. Trout
GERALD L. TROUT TITLE Chief, Airports District Office

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution Seconded by Commissioner DeRuiter

Motion carried by the following vote: Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeKraker, DeRuiter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Pupe Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfield, Chairman

Nays: None. Civil Counsel gave a status report on the Byron Township Civil Counsel gave a status report on the Byron Township
Sanitary Sewer enlargement, stating there has not been enough time
to get this concluded, but it will be coming back to the Board
because Byron Township is very interested in pursuing it.
Chairman Ehlers reminded the Commissioners of a meeting to be
held this afternoon, May 6, 1981, at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall regarding the Area Agency on Aging.
Chairman Ehlers announced a letter has been received from
Burnham, Walling & Company objecting to action taken by the Pension
Board.

Board.
Civil Counsel DeWitt explained Michigan Law enables Counties to establish retirement plans on behalf of County Employees. Kent County adopted an Employees' Retirement System many years ago, which provides that the Pension Board is the trustee of that fund and has the full power to invest and reinvest the funds of that

System.

Commissioner Byington reported Courtney Bellaire of Burnham,
Walling & Company is present and interested in any discussion
regarding this action. Commissioner Byington stated she is concerned because the Pension Board chose an out-of-town firm at a higher fee than the local firm of Burnham, Malling & Company had submitted for the service. The vote was by secret ballot which might be in violation of the Open Meetings Act. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Byington moved that the Pension Board reconsider their action because of the secre

ballot vote. Seconded by Commissioner DeRuiter.

Motion carried with Commissioner Boerema dissenting.

County Treasurer Damstra stated he was surprised when the Burnham, Walling & Company firm was not selected and indicated his willingness to serve on the Pension Board and that he would like a

more active part on the Pension Board.

Civil Counsel Delitt explained the Retirement Plan provides that the Pension Board shall secure professional investment counsel. It does not mean the Board of Commissioners can request them to reconsider their action as Commissioner Byington's motion has done. Under the Plan, it is their duty to make the decision.

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Retirement Plan be referred to the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee to be reviewed and updated by the end of this year. Seconded by Commissioner

DeKraker.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: DeKraker, DeRuiter, Fromah, Johnson, Kempker, KuhnLaninga, Pupel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski - 11.

Nays: Blakeslee, Boerema, Buth, Byington, Gainey, Lamoreaux,
Somerville, Mahlfield, Chairman - 9. The following resolution regarding the proclaiming of Tuesday, May 26, 1981 as "Community Action Day" was presented by Commissioner

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SMOLENSKI

MMEREAS, the Kent-CAP Governing Board has requested the Kent County Commission to recognize May 26, 1981 as "Community Action Day,"

"NM, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tuesday, May 26, 1981 is hereby proclaimed "Community Action Day" in recognition of the role played by Community Action Agencies in Ment County and throughout the State in advocation for the poor, enabling them to become full and productive members

Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution

Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Gainey.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Bigkeslee, DeKraker, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker,
Kuhn, Pupel, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Chairman - 12.
Rays: Boerema, Buth, Byington, DeRuiter, Lamoreaux, Laninga,
Sevensma, Mahlfield - 8.
Commissioner Kempker explained there will be a Public Hearing
held by Senator Replace of Yuseday, May 26, 1981 from 1:30 to 4:30 n

Commissioner sempser explained there will be a runit meaning held by Senator Riegle on Tuesday, May 26, 1981 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at DeVos Center, to which all Washington Senators and Representatives from this District have been invited to be present, regarding the elimination of the C.S.A. This proclamation coincides with the

Commissioner Boerema stated some time ago the Board of Commis be located on the East Side of the Gerald R. Ford Museum and a pedestrian overpass over Pearl Street. The reflecting pool has been completed and is beautiful, but work has not begun on the overpass. Time is running out for this construction to be completed by the dedication of the Museum in September and he believes some

by the dedication of the Museum in September and he believes some action should be taken.

Chairman Eblers referred the matter to Commissioner Sevensma, who is Chairman of the Downtown Riverfront Committee, to investigate and report back at the next meeting of the Board.

Dan Hibma, Byron Township Supervisor, urged the Commissioners to attend the Public Hearing to be held by the Department of Hatural Resources this evening at the Byron Center School since the Board of Commissioners will be making important decisions reparding this landfill and the concerns of the Township will be expressed.

Chairman Ehlers welcomed Dave DeWitt, Jane Marsh and two students from Horthern Kent, County Community Education who attended the meeting today.

the meeting today.

Commissioner Blakeslee moved to adjourn to Friday, May 29, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Wednesday, June 3, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. for an Official Meeting, both meetings to be held at the Health Department. Seconded by Commissioner Weblifeld. Motion carried unanimously.



A favorite Assyrian myth recorded on a stone tablet claims the gods drank sesame seed wine at a gathering held just before they made the earth.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ON PROPOSED CITY OF LOWELL ORDINANCE NO. 81-1

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lowell will conduct a public hearing on

May 18, 1981

at 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of an ordinance to amend Chapter 18 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

This Notice is a correction of the Hearing Date reported on April 29, 1981 in the Grand Valley

> Ray Quada, City Manager

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Public Hearing NOTICE

Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee on Thursday,

May 21, 1981

at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street for the purpose of the following: 1. The request of Mr. Bob Koetje for variance

from Zoning requirements to construct a 2 family dwelling on property located on N. West

2. The request of Mr. John Vandenberg for variance from Zoning requirements to allow conversion of a single-family dwelling to a 2family dwelling at 204 S. Washington Street.

3. The request of Industrial Tool and Machine Company for variance from Code requirements to allow construction of additional parking lot within the City Limits on W. Godfrey Street. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

> Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE

STORM SEWER INSTALLMENTS

On May 1, 1981, a 6% penalty will be added to all unpaid 8th installments, which were due on Sept. 1, 1980. After May 15, 1981, all remaining unpaid installments will be certified for collection and will become a part of the 1981 City Tax Roll. Patricia L. Smith,

City Treasurer

c25,26-27



Army Pvt. Philip J. William Schreur, 12209 Bail-

Army Pvt. Joseph R. Fall-Schreur, son of Mr. and Mrs. strom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Fallstrom of 3213 ey Drive, Lowell, recently Timpson, Lowell, recently completed One Station Unit completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT), at the U.S. Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry Schools, Fort Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA. OSUT is a Benning, GA. OSUT is a 12-week period which com- 12-week period which combines basic combat training bines basic combat training and advanced individual and advanced individual training.

Legals...

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the item(s) listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office Room 227, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue H. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. The bids will be oublicly opened in the Purchasing hepital, nichigan 49003. He 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 deem to be in its best interests. BID FOR: Jenitorial Service for Kent County Cooperative Extension

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO

APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT File No. 81-43641-DM ANGIE LEE JONES,

Plaintiff CURTIS LEE JONES,

Defendant. At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 31st day of March, 1981.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was Gunnison, Mississippi, shall answer or take such other action as may be

the 1st day of August, 1981. FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief to the hearing date is ordered: as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Robert A. Benson. Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Ealry M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A True Copy. Ealry M. Lyons, Deputy Clerk. 4/22-5/14

The Probate Court for the

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner-shown below alleging that "Said children are Delinquent Children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parental rights under the law any parental rental rights under the law any par-ent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center at 1501 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan or take such other action as may be permitte 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: Lisa Poole

Child: Richard Rittenhouse

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered. Dated: May 6, 1981

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, March, 1981.

PRESENT: The Honorable
Robert A. Benson (P-10702)
Circuit Court Judge.

On this 31st day of March.
1981, an action for divorce
was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court Court in said child (ren) being made, a temporary ward of the court.

the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

County of Kent.

Child: Chuong Hong Pham Hearing: June 8, 1981 at 11:08 a.m. Pétitioner: Paul Brinks Child: Ayonne Sanders. Hearing: May 26, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. Petitioner: Thomas Brown Child: Terry, Erica & Katrice Brooks Hearing: May 29, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner: Marva Lewis Child: Anthony, Laticia & Delevare

permitted by law on or before
the let day of Avenue 1001
Fettioner: Leonard Blauskamp

Dated: May 6, 1981

JOHN P. STEKETEE JUDGE OF PROBATE

There are about 11 million businesses, excluding farms, in the U.S. Of these, 10.8 million are considered small businesses by SBA's size

NOTICE Homestead **Exemption Affidavit**

Affidavits must be returned to Local Unit of Government by

May 22, 1981

contact City Hall or Township Hall.

If you have not received an affidavit, please

City of Lowell,

Vergennes Township

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SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, TOWNSHIPS OF LOWELL, VERGENNES, GRATTAN AND BOWNE, IN THE COUNTY OF KENT, STATE OF MICHIGAN. WITHIN SAID CITY OR TOWNSHIP, A SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION WILL BE LELD ON

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1981

IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, TOWNSHIPS OF LOWELL, VERGENNES, GRATTAN AND BOWNE FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF BALLOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

PROPOSAL A

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE TAXES, REDUCE CITY INCOME TAXES, LIMIT GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RETURN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO LOCAL GOVERN-MENTS AND SCHOOLS AND GIVE STATE LOTTERY PROFITS TO SCHOOL AID FUND. The proposed amendment would:

- 1. Reduce by 50% homestead property taxes used for operating schools and local governments. Reduction limited to \$1490.00 in 1981 and changed yearly as home values change.
- 2. Reduce by 50% local individual income taxes on first \$40,000 of taxable income.
- 3. Make state return to local governments all funds los by above reductions. 4. Limit yearly property tax revenue growth to 6% by property type unless raised by local voters.
- 5. Raise sales tax from 4% to 5.5%. Raise must be returned to local governments and schools Let farms and forests be assessed at use value.

7. Give state lottery profits to school aid fund.

Should this amendment be adopted?

There will be no other questions on the ballot.

CITY OF LOWELL

300 High St. at the Runciman School and 700 Elizabeth Street at the Bushnell School

City Clerk

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

6059 Linfield, Alto, Bowne Township Hall

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk **Bowne Township**

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Village of Grattan, Grattan Township Hall

Patrick Malone, Clerk **Grattan Township**

LOWELL TOWNSHIP

2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell Township Hall

Carol Wells, Clerk Lowell Township

VERGENNES TOWNSHI

Corner Balley Drive and Parnell Avenue, Vergennes Township Hall

Linda Biggs, Clerk Vergennes Township

Nelson, Mandrell head Free Fair line-up

Two of country music's kicks off the grandstand fare superstars head a parade of with 6:30 and 9 p.m. perbig name grandstand show formances Aug. 3. talent for the Ionia Free Fair, Bobby Vinton, will make

Singer Willie Nelson is when he steps before the expected to generate - the spotlight at 8 p.m., Aug. 4. same kind of excitement that Kenny Rogers did two years ning Oak Ridge Boys top the ago at the Fair, when he bill in 6:30 and 9 p.m. shows appears before what Fair Aug. 5. Their long list of officials anticipate to be sell-honors include "Vocal Group out audiences at 6:30 and 9 of the Year" from both the p.m. performances Aug. 6. Country Music Association

ly named Country Music's Music, along with a selection "Entertainer of the Year", as country music's "Instru-

Huntis

Jordan arad

which runs July 31-Aug. 9. his third visit to the Free Fair

The multiple award-win-Barbara Mandrell, recent- and the Academy of Country

mental Group of the Year."
Fair officials are presently negotiating for headliners for the Aug. 7 and 8 shows and will announce who they are as soon as the contracts are

the shows will be accepted beginning May 18 by calling the Free Fair at (616) 527-1310 or by visiting the Fair office, which is located at the southwest corner of the Fair-

Advance ticket orders for

Legion meeting date changed

The date for the regular Stephen Hunter Applegate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Applegate, 8712 Bai-18 at 8 p.m. The date has ley, Ada, will be receiving a been changed to the 18th Bachelor of Science degree since the regular meeting parade. from Jordan College Energy date falls on Memorial Day. Institute in Grand Rapids The meeting is an important May 17. one with election of officers The Ada scholar will be

one of 68 students honored at Bob Ellis has requested the commencement cerehelp on placing of flags on monies at Jordan College's veterans' graves at Oakwood Cedar Springs campus start-Cemetery on Thursday, May ing at 2:30 p.m. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

The officers and members May meeting of the Clark of the American Legion Post Ellis Post #152 American and the VFW Post request all Legion will be Monday, May veterans of the area to join them in putting on a bigger and better Memorial Day

> Late this month or in early June, give established lawns their first dose of nitrogen. Fertilizing before this can increase the likelihood that susceptible bluegrass varieties will develop Fusarium blight, a serious turf disease.

Wittenbach is

Earns Hope

College degree

Steve Wittenbach, Lowell High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List of Aquinas College for the 1981 school year.

v. and Mrs. Raymond

S.E., received his Bachelor

of Science degree from Hope

College during commence-

ment exercises on Sunday,

May 10. Gaylord majored in

Wittenbach has maintained a 3.5 grade point average in his four years at Aquinas. He graduated on May 9, 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Adminisration and a second major in Communication Arts.

Wittenbach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wittenbach, 1151 Parnell Ave-



days outdoors in a sheltered spot before you plant them in the garden. This will help

Senior Center schedule

chre; Fridays at 1 p.m.-

The weekly schedule at the the Center. The second Wed-Lowell Senior Neighbors needsy of the month, health Center, 214 E. Main, includes: Mondays at 1 p.m.— sures are done by appoint-Cribbege and Pedro; Tues- ment 11 s.m. to 1 p.m. Blood days at 1 p.m.—Special Pro-grams; Wednesdays at 1 p.m.—Grocery Shopping; month during the same Thursdays at 1 p.m.—En-hours.

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Cubs hold Pinewood Derby



Winners of Lowell's Pinewood Derby are all members of Cub Scout Pack 3188. First place winners are [L-R][8 yr. olds, Scott Southland; 9 yr. olds, Dale Richardson; 10 yr. olds, Brian Kunard.

The track was fast, the First and second place wincars were sleek, and the ners went to the county crowd was great when Cub Scout Pack 3188 held their 7 in Grand Rapids. annual Pinewood Derby. The cars represented youthful in-genuity, patient sanding, fa-was judged Most Original ther and son teamwork and Design. Appreciation is exsome fine woodworking. A hundred spectators lined the Afton and Al Eckman. track on May 19 at the Lowell

Twenty-nine boys raced by You to the community for its age groups. First, second response to the Pancake and third place among the supper of March 26. it was a eight year olds were Scott tremendous social and fi-Southland, Ken Vander- nancial success. The Scouts Werff, and Jay Rosloniec, worked hard selling and ser-The nine-year-old winners ving. Third sales winner was were Dale Richardson, Mark Bryan Klitz. Top salesman Vanderbilt, and Dan Pipe. trophy went to Brian Ku-Placing among the ten year nard. Selling the most tickets olds were Brian Kunard, and winning an ice cream Adam Thaler, Mark Silvis. party was Den 3.

regionals on Thursday, May Best of Show was awarded

pressed to the judges, Dan The boys and leaders of

United Methodist Church. Pack 3188 say a big Thank

Showtime Saturday at the zoo

May 16, from 1 p.m. to will be given at 1 p.m. and at 3:30 .m. will be an entertain. 3 p.m. ing time for children and adults. In the plaza area of

Crew Puppet Show. Produced by Zoo volunteers with puppets by June of KAREN, the keeper, Himalayan Bear, and others Department. will unfold. The puppet show

Along with the puppet show, additional entertainthe zoo, children can gather ment will be provided by

for the premiere of the Zoo costumed animal personalities. Bring your whole family for a great afternoon of fun at John Ball Zoo. The event is Stoppals, the exciting story sponsored by the John Ball of KAREN, the keeper, Zoological Society in cooper-BRUCE the dog, HIMMY the ation with the City Parks

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Monitor features Lowell man

Featured in the business and financial section of the Christian Science Monitor recently was new US foreign aid director M. Peter Mc-Pherson, originally of the Lowell area. McPherson is the administrative head of for its use during the warm the Agency for International Development (AID), the body which dispenses US bilateral foreign aid.

The article explored his

outlook for the agency's thrust under the Reagan administration, indicating that the agency will select foreign aid projects with a free-market flavor. McPherson said he hopes that by "working behind the scenes and being sensitive to the culture of the place" that he will be able to keep the emphasis on private enterprise from becoming a big political issue in any developng nation. He indicated that he believes that a free market, without government price controls, generally is more effective for stimulat-

McPherson is the son of Donald and Ellura McPher-

ing production and develop-

Insurance paid the cust of

Grand Valley Ledger - Wednesday, May 13, 1981 - Page 17 New shelterhouse done ahead of schedule

The new Caledonia Lakeside Park shelterhouse on side of the village of Caledonia has been completed about three weeks ahead of schedule, and reservations weather season are being taken by the Keat County Park Commission, reports James Porritt, manager.

Construction was started last October by the ABC Construction Co. of Grand Rapids, the low bidder of 11 at \$123,900. The new shelterhouse is a replica of the former one built in 1942 and razed by fire last May 31. Arson is suspected.

For safety reasons, the unit was moved 10 feet to the west away from a steep slope, says Porritt. About 30 reservations have been made so far, he adds, with the earliest reservation June 13

Visitors can get piscturesque"aerial" views of the park and lake from the shelterhouse area. Playgrounds, picnic areas and grounds for baseball are on the lower level that extends to the lake.



the unit except for \$20,000 which the park commission

The commission telephor number is 774-3697 -- Dave

The Ledger invites readers Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. to express their feelings on All letters must be signed by topics of general interest in The Grand Valley Ledger Letters should be no longer

retains the right to edit all than 600 words and typed letters for punctuation, double space if possible. grammar, spelling and They should be addressed to length but not for content. The Editor, Box 128, 105 N.

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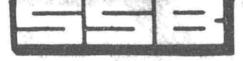
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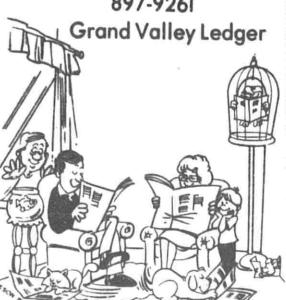
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Proposal A, cont'd

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3. Business, already hurting in Michigan, gets no tax relief. In fact, since businesses pay sales and use taxes on many of their purchases, taxes paid by businesses will increase. This will make it harder to hold and attract businesses to Michigan.

4. It will be an administrative nightmare, thus costing taxpayers more as the government bureaucracy grows. Knowledgeable persons esti-mate a 10 to 30% increase in collection expense and em-

5. Much of the proposal requires faith in the Legislature since tax cuts are to be contained in 20 or more proposed bills in the legislature. After the election these can be altered or changed by the legislators before being passed. Any that are passed can be rescinded, manipulated or changed by this legislature or future legislatures.

6. The proposal threatens local control of schools and local units of government.

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ceived from Governor William Milliken and other proponents makes a strong case for a change in the tax structure in response to heavy pressure from voters to come up with a plan for tax relief. Milliken and other proponents feel that they have put together a responsi-ble plan which will provide immediate and substantial relief from property taxes.

Information received from various opponents was generally couched in abrasive terms which charged that "information being dispensed to the public was typical of a biased political campaign fraught with half-truths and outright lies." (Sen. John Welborn, Grand Rapids

Making a responsible decision in the voting booth next Tuesday, May 19, will not be easy, but the Ledger urges voters to become as informed as possible, and then exercise your right to vote and be heard whatever your persuasion.

PIONEER DAYS

Pioneer Days Craft Festival at the Grand Rapids Public Museum are May 16 &17. This annual event allows visitors to watch or try their hand at candledipping, weaving, tin smithing, wood working, wool carding, and other pioneer crafts and chores. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. Admission to the Museum is \$1 for adults (16 & over) and 50c senior citizens and children. Under 5 admitted free.

Sabri, 2 partners investigated on abuse charges

A Lowell man and his partners in six area foster care homes for the mentally retarded are under investiga-tion by state officials and area media.

Sham Sabri of Lowell, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed of Ionia and Dr. John Campbell of Grand Rapids are co-owners of Kent Care Corp., a firm which manages the six foster care homes in the county.

The investigation arose after a Grand Rapids woman, who worked at one of the homes, filed suit against Kent Care Corp. She claims that after she told state officials about abuses at the home she worked in, she was fired by Sabri, manager of the home. She is seeking reinstatement and back pay.

Sabri has denied all charges even though several of the allegations were substantiated by the Department of Mental Health investigation.

The charges by employees to the Muskegon office of Recipient Rights, a branch of the Michigan Department of Mental Health, are that Sabri threatened employees and verbally abused and neglected residents. They also alleged that when he received reports of abuse and neglect, he didn't relay them to a state facility for the retarded as the mental health code stipulates.

Contacted by Grand Rapids media, both Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Campbell said they knew nothing of the investigation until contacted by the

media for a reaction. Essentially, they both said that Sabri is the administrator of the operation and that they do not have much input. They acknowledged that the three are equal owners but said that they give Sabri a salary and he runs the six homes.

Kent Care Corp. is contracted by the state-operated Muskegon Center for the Developmentally Disabled to offer living space for former patients. Six residents in each home are part of the 5,000 retarded persons in state institutions who are to be returned to their home counties by 1982 under a State Department of Mental Health budget cutting move.

Final outcome of the investigation was still pending as the Ledger went to press.

AAA loans engravers

Approximately 14 of the \$40 million in household goods stolen in Michigan each year could be returned if theft victims had marked their valuables, according to Automobile Club of Michi-

"Thieves are less interested in identified possessions which can be traced to the owner," stated Auto Club Claim Director Thomas Bowman. That's why Auto Club encourages homeowners to participate in Operation Identification, a nationwide program promoted by police and civic organizations.

Scribing tools and invisible ink pens are available for loan to AAA members at Auto Club's 55 offices statewide. Auto Club's Operation Identification kit includes stickers for homes, cars and CB radios which warn that the property is coded.

Homeowners are urged to engrave "MI" followed by their driver's license numbers on televisions, power tools, bicycles, stereos and other items which often become stolen property.

"Main Street", cont'd.

Somehow, last week's Looking Back photo is still unidentified for sure. Several people called to tell us the photo was taken in Pete's Bar which was run by Pete Kerr on Main Street. However, Mrs. B.C. Bailey says she and her brother agree that it was taken in what is now Chrouch Communications. We also had one vote for the old hotel. So, we still

IT'S MICHIGAN WEEK

Michigan Week, May 16-23, focuses on Home-Sweet-Home, a time for inventory of our heritage, our livelihood, our schools and the many other facets which make up Michigan. We ought to remember with pride all that has been accomplished and all that still remains to be done.

The City of Lowell will be exchanging city dignitaries for Mayor's Exchange Day with the City of Lapeer, also located on M-21 and also celebrating their Sesquicentennial.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lowell officers recovered a stolen pick-up truck from Clinton County on North Jackson.

Alan Farley was given an appearance violation to appear at, a later date in 63rd District Court on charges of leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Witnesses stated that Farley struck a vehicle in the city parking lot near the river on Friday evening and then left the scene.

Margaret Vanderbilt, bus driver for the Lowell Area Schools, and Bruce Wormmeester of Grandville collided on Monday afternoon on South Hudson St. near Main. There were no injuries to either driver nor to the 46 students on the bus. According to the accident report Wormmeester struck the school bus at the rear as it was crossing the railroad

Lowell officers are investigating a hit and run property damage accident on West Main near Lincoln Lake early Thursday morning. According to the police report, a vehicle struck the fire hydrant on the corner and the driver left the

The Michigan Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Consumer Protection, reported that Douglas Klahn of Lowell plead guilty to selling milk containing antibiotics before District Judge James Ward in Ionia and was fined.



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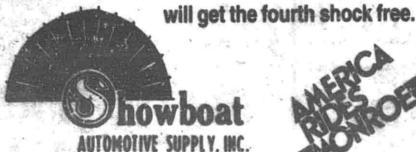
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