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Budget cuts are deep

There were 150 to 170 people in the audience at the Monday evening meeting of the Lowell School Board. The large group made it necessary to move the meeting to the Middle School Choir Room.

The School Board didn't have much good news for the

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-thirds of those coming from

the fine arts areas.

According to Superintendent Don Kelly, the board action essentially established 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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Nancy Knechtel, Robert Rodenhouse, Cnythia Gilette, Carol Titcombe; and 3 of the following—James Bedi, Robyn DeGraaf, Gary Goff, Sarah Gunbbøsg, Kim Lum, Ronald MacPherson.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS: Roger MacNaughton, Melvin Weaver, Paul Shamblin, Mary Karen Lambert, William Stouffer, Mary Schramm, Russell Bacon, Sandra Michael; and one from the following—Kathy Lynch, Paula Murphy.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS: Robert Rice, Sharon Pollice, Ned Henley, Al Dood, Jack Ogle, Jane Gillespie, Laurie Kuna; and half-positions—David Steghuis, Robert VanBelois, Virginia Weber, Marsha LaHaye, 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

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 budget.

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 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 teachers' association.

Coupled with the reduction of the school day to five hours, elimination of extra-curricular 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 audience 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

Lowell was not without its 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

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 p.m. and closed Sundays.

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 summarized here.

PRO

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 income.

3. It will provide additional relief of up to \$1,200 for homeowners whose remaining property taxes exceed 2.5% of their total income.

4. It will limit future increases of property taxes to 6% per year by class of property.

5. It will require the state to reimburse 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 government from "profiting" in any way in future years from any growth in the sales tax revenues.

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

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. c-3-od



BLUB, BLUB, BLUB

Kent County spent last Sunday and Monday wishing the 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 she messed up Mother's Day.

VOTE MAY 19

That's all. Just a reminder to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 19! Please, don't ask what for. Read this issue of the Ledger on the statewide Special Election.

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 welcomed.

TAKE A FLIER

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, rest areas, etc. Sure would be appreciated.

GET COOKING

Sesquicentennial Cookbook chairman Ellura McPherson 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?

Don Green, Chairman of the Sports & Games Committee of 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 897-6173 for information.

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 offer dairy products.

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 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 until 5 p.m.

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.

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Obituaries...

BIGGS — Morris R. Biggs, aged 66, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, May 9, 1981. He is survived by his wife Arlene; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard D. and Connie of Lowell, and Dan J. and Cherrie of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Charles of Shreveport, La, Jessie of Detroit, Robert of Lowell; sister, Mrs. Delbert (Ruth) Simington of Athens; two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday with Dr. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Interment: Alton Cemetery.

BORDINE — Edith M. (Foster) Bordine, 78, of Battle Creek passed away May 5, 1981, in Lowell. Her husband, Wesley, preceded her in death in 1973.

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

She taught four and one half years in Kent County Schools; Lowell South Ward, Ada Elementary and Michigan Oak in Grand Rapids. She moved to Battle Creek in 1929 and taught in Elementary schools in that city until June, 1958. She also taught at Battle Creek Christian School for three years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Battle Creek; The American Association of University Women, The Michigan Educational Association and the National Educational Association, the Battle Creek Retired Teachers and the National Retired Teachers Associations and the American Association of Retired Persons, Inc. She was president, secretary and treasurer of the Wolf Lake Land Owners Association of Baldwin.

She is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Helena Dintaman of Alto, Mrs. Rosalie Shanks of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Bessie Gilmore of Holt, Mrs. Bertha Jessup of Lowell, Mrs. Cora Cepnick of Sparta, and Mrs. Maud Chadwick of San DiegoCA; a brother, Floyd Foster of Lowell; several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Mrs. Gladys Jones of Lansing.

Services were held at the Shaw Funeral Home in Battle Creek with the Rev. Dr. Howard A. Lyman of First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

BROVONT — Glen E. Brovont, aged 61, of 3036

Thorncrest SE, Grand Rapids, formerly of Freeport, passed away Thursday, May 7 at St. Mary's Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda; three sons, Donald of 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, CA, Ezra of Minola, TX, Jesse of Dallas, TX, Sharron of Battle Creek, Ernest of Gallon, OH; three sisters, Mrs. Leahy Flory of Ohio, Mrs. Lucy Wilcox of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Rosa Wilcox of Ada; seven grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Mon., at the Freeport United Methodist Church, Rev. Brad Kalajainen officiating.

Interment Freeport Cemetery.

GEISER — Ruby Geiser, 85, of Las Cruces, N.M., formerly of Lake Odessa, died Wednesday morning, May 6, 1981, there.

She was born in Odessa Township in 1895, the daughter of Winfield and Salinda (Davis) Augst. She was graduated from Lake Odessa High School in 1914 and married Andr-w Geiser in 1920. He preceded her in death in 1973. They lived in the Lake Odessa area until 1923, when she and her husband moved to Lansing. In 1927 they moved to Louisa where her husband operated a tire repair shop.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Andria) Watkins, of Las Cruces; two brothers, Dale of Holland, and Clyde of Evansville, Ind.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

dren; a brother-in-law, Robert Ainsworth, of Lake Odessa and Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Stahl, of Alto.

Graveside services were Monday at the Lake Side Cemetery with the Rev. Stephen Keller officiating.

MCCORMICK — Edward McCormick, aged 82, of Ada, passed away May 4, 1981.

He is survived by his children, Mrs. Robert (Florence) Hurley of Parnell, Mrs. Tom (Helen) Harring of Jenison and James (Mary) McCormick and Mrs. Mary Flanagan of Lowell 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, Lowell.

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 Middleville; 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.

Private funeral services were held Friday, Interment Yankee Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assn. or the Welcome Home for the Blind.

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. Robert's of Newminster Church, Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell.

Memorials may be made to the Kent County Cancer Fund or Pediatrics of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

PRIEST — Walter Priest, 41, of Muskegon died Wednesday, May 6, 1981 at his home.

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; Fern Simmons and Wilma Wright, both of Saranac, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Edna, who died in 1964.

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

Coming Events

Obituaries cont.

WED., MAY 13: UMW will serve Roast Turkey & Dressing Dinner at Snow Christian Center, 3211 Snow Ave., SE. Serving begins 5:30 p.m. Public welcome.

FRI., MAY 15: Lowell Music Boosters Talent Show at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Cafeteria. Tickets: 50c pre-schoolers; \$1.50 students; \$2.50 adults.

MAY 15, 16, 17: Women Alone Together trip to Caberface, theatre weekend. Anyone in community interested in the trip call Barbara Brown, 897-9671 by Apr. 15.

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Retirement Home, 2000 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids. Needlework, greenhouse, jewelry, baked goods, attic treasures.

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 attend.

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 awarded, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sun.

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 attend!

SUN., MAY 31: at 4 p.m. FESTIVAL OF PRAISE! celebration at the First United Methodist Church, East P-ain St., Lowell. Christian sharing their love through music—piano, singing, guitar, clarinets, readings. Please come join us! No offering taken.

WEDDING INVITATIONS — & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Brownway, Lowell.

Recycle last spring's wardrobe

Signs of spring are everywhere. Everything seems lighter. Days are longer, clothes are fewer. Definitely a part of the whole season ritual is changing the wardrobe from winter to spring.

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

A few changes in trim can work wonders for perking up a much-worn outfit. For example, spunk up an old blouse with some bright new buttons or an eyelid 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 outfits.

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

a couple of years, it might be worth your while to take another look. The tent dress from a few seasons back that seemed outdated forever is suddenly this year's "loose look."

If you are planning to purchase a new garment, carefully look over your existing wardrobe before you shop. Make purchases that can be worn with several things you already own; that way many outfits will acquire a "new" look.

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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. . . .

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Young people can learn bicycle camping skills during 4-H Exploration Days, June 18-20 at Michigan State University.

Bicycle camping is one of more than 200 learning options 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.

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OPEN LETTER

Dear friends, discussing death is often difficult, yet a death in the family may create problems for survivors which may be lessened by discussion and preplanning. Funeral and burial arrangements are important and should be considered openly and frankly. Some people choose to pre-arrange and perhaps pre-finance a funeral, to assist their survivors after death occurs.

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Letters — Tiny poppy says, "I remember"

Dear Sir:
I want to thank all who came to the VFW Post and donated blood today, May 11. It is nice to know that civic pride is still number one in this community.
The Grand Valley Blood Program was a success thanks to all of you.
John Stinson, Commander
VFW Post #8303

Members of Lowell's American Legion Post will be selling "Poppies" throughout the area during the annual Poppy Days, May 14, 15 & 16.
The poppy has come to be a symbol of the remembrance of this country's war dead through the efforts of a lady from New York in 1918. Moira Michaels was a YMCA War Secretary when a young soldier gave her a copy of John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" in which the dead of World War One speak to the living. In the last stanza, a line reads "If ye break faith with us who die/We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields." And the use of a poppy as an emblem commemorating those who

died in war began and grew swiftly.
The first sale of red poppies 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 and the rest is history.
The little red poppies are made by disabled veterans as a source of income. All profits are directed to aid disabled veterans and their dependents. No part of the profits are used for administrative costs.
The poppy sale does a lot of good, but the primary purpose remains the same: An individual's personal gesture of remembrance of the war dead and the supreme sacrifice they made for our country.

Births

Tom and Mary (Wittenbach) Dewey have a new daughter, Charis 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.

Tolle now 4-H youth agent

Patricia G. Tolle of Ada, has been appointed Extension 4-H youth agent for Kent County, effective June 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 State College in 1975.
She has worked as a public information specialist for the West Michigan Health Systems Agency since 1976.

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Church News

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

And there shall be no light there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light... (Revelation 22:5).

When you're dead tired, the nights aren't long enough. It's morning before you know it. But there are times when it seems night will 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 warnings, you know how long and interminable the hours seem to be.

Many Christians have passed through nights of disappointments when it seemed morning would never reappear. Some have passed through nights of doubt and skepticism. The inky blackness was dense and comfortable. 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 the Lord's presence and rev-

el in the reality of an "eternal morning."
Prayer: O Lord, Thou hast promised that morning will come. Night will flee away. The darkness will vanish and daylight will dawn. I delight in the prospect of that "eternal morning," when I shall ever be with Thee. Amen.
If life be long, I will be glad, That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To welcome endless day?

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

I am valuable. I recognize the danger of repeating myself, but I'll still say it again, "I am valuable." Have you got the message? If not, say it to yourself often today, "I am valuable." Do it right now! Now, do it again!
That feels pretty good, doesn't it? Each one of us is a 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

Happy Birthday...

- May 16: Elizabeth Brown, Florence Anderson, Herb Elzinga.
- May 17: Douglas VanderWal.
- May 18: Robin Sisson, Nancy Kwant, Robert Huver, Euzefa Mason, Richard Kinyon Sr., Mirt Rogers.
- May 19: Walter Nash Sr., Andy Vredenburg, Marcia Pettit, Don Kelly.
- May 20: Chris Baird, Heather Peckham, Laurie McMahon, Helen Hobbs, Stena Horn, Ann Shierk.
- May 21: Vern Keim, Robin Peckham, Jeff Hoffman, Rosanne Harrall.
- May 22: Edith Brown.

Spruce up mailboxes

Among the many things that springtime brings to mind is spring cleaning, and Postmaster Charlie Doyle has a reminder to include your mailbox in this annual spring rite.
Mailbox Improvement Week, May 18-23, provides the perfect opportunity to clean, repair, repaint or replace your mailbox. "Neat, attractive mailboxes add to the overall appearance of the community and aid in the delivery of mail," the Postmaster said.
Boxes should be within easy reach for letter carriers. On rural routes, the carrier must have access to the box without leaving his vehicle. Mailboxes on rural routes must be located on the right hand side of the road in the direction traveled by the carrier, the Postmaster said.
"Rain or snow leaking into the mailbox could ruin letters, so box seams should be tight to prevent the loss or damage of mail placed in the box," he said. Box numbers and house numbers should be clearly visible on the box, but including the owner's name is optional.
All mailboxes must meet certain requirements for size, strength, safety and location. These guidelines are available from the local post office.
The Lowell Post Office delivers mail six days a week, to 2,259 rural mailboxes.

Dog census down, fees up

Since 1975 Kent County has encouraged dog owners to neuter their pets by offering a substantial discount for unsexed animals. "In 1975 this discount cost Kent County about \$32,000 in lost revenue—in 1981 that well-intentioned discount cost over \$87,000 in potential revenues," says Mark Miller Director of the Kent County Animal Shelter. "In fact, in 1975 the average license cost \$3.12, while in 1981 the average cost was only \$3.80."

Mr. Miller went on to say that the "actual average dog license increase has been only 10¢ a year over the last six years in spite of the fact that a regular license rose from \$4.00 to \$6.00 in 1977."

These bargain prices resulted from the enormous increase in neutered animals in Kent County. In 1975, one animal in five was "fixed", while in 1981 over half the dogs had been altered.
County Personnel Chairman Margaret Byington says, "I'm pleased by our success in promoting neutering, but we have to charge more just to maintain our present service level."
Even with the proposed increase, 57% of the dog owners will buy discounted licenses at less than half the standard \$10 fee. "The neutered dog license we sell the most will cost \$4.00", says Byington who adds that "the average license cost will be \$6.50—a bargain in today's economy." Shelter Director Miller points out that "even with the new fees, the average increase is only 35¢ per year during the past six years—far less than the increase in dog food prices."

Van Antwerp is new MACAA officer

Chris VanAntwerp, founding president of the Lowell Area Arts Council, was recently elected vice-chairman of the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies. VanAntwerp, who served as director of the associa-

tion in 1980-81, was elected to his new position at the annual meeting in Lansing on April 29.
The Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies is a coalition of local arts councils. The board of direc-

tors aid the member councils in inter-communication and serves as a liaison between the councils and state organizations such as the Michigan Council for the Arts. Area members include the Lowell Area Arts Council, the Rockford Area Arts Commission, and the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids. There are 57 other member agencies spread throughout Michigan.
VanAntwerp teaches art in Saranac Community High School as well as directs the visual arts program at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. He resides in Lowell with his wife and son.

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<p>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7152 Bradford St., S.E. - 876-1886 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. - 876-1022 Pastor: Jerry L. Johnson Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL</p>		
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<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-8309 DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. (Cribby & Nursery Provided)</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main St. - 897-5936 Worship 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. GERALD R. BATES, MINISTER Beulah Pae, Assoc. Minister Nursery 8:45 & 11 a.m. Services 8:45 & 11 a.m.</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2287 Sagwon, S.E. Lowell, Michigan 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Morning Worship MARK BUCKERT, PASTOR Ron Moikkynen, Elder 897-9551</p>	<p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 8146 - 88th St., S.E., Alto, Mich. HIGH PRIEST DIRK VENEMA PASTOR 866-6292 Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Midweek Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI DIAL-A-PRAYER - 642-9669 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL 642-6322</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity FR. THOMAS SCHILLER PASTOR NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 9:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8 & 11 a.m.</p>	<p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) Rev. Dr. James G. Cobb, Pastor Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. Nursery Provided - Barrier Free</p>	<p>VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST Corner Parliell & Bailey Drive Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. DR. STANLEY H. FORKNER Ph. 531-7942 "Little White Church On The Corner" Keep the love flowin'... Jerry</p>

It's gonna be SOME party!

Plans for Lowell's 150th birthday party, July 17, 18 & 19, are "really beginning to shape up," according to Celebration Chairwoman Dode Dey.

The tentative schedule of events begins on Friday, July 17, with the Sesquicentennial Ball sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club. The crowning of the Lowell Sesquicentennial Queen and her court will take place at that time.

The queen competition will be open to Lowell school district residents. Details will be announced in a future issue of the Ledger, according to committee chairman Bob Pfaler.

Most events will occur on Saturday, highlighted by a parade featuring the 1931 Centennial Queen and the 1981 Sesquicentennial Queen. Parade Chairman Dave Clark reports that several area queens, floats and bands will participate with more local businesses and

organizations entering units each day. It promises to be the largest parade ever staged here. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. near the Eberhard supermarket.

The parade will be preceded by demonstrations and food booths on the grounds of Riverside School beginning at 10 a.m. Also at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the judging of the beard contest of the Brothers of the Brush will take place. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including Worst Attempt, according to B.O.B. Chairman Charlie Doyle. The B.O.B. signed its 10th member this past week and had 109 members by Tuesday as this goes to press.

New members of the BOB are: Jim Maatman, Stan Johnson, Bob Larkin, Jerry Smoes, Craig Schneider, Fr. Tom Schiller, Frank Vandusen, John Jones, Otto Bergy, Terry Miller, Dave

Gerst, Gil Wise, Howard Rittenger, Dr. Richard Greenwood, Jud Witterink, Mike Tummino, John Brown, Tony Siciliano, Gordon Gould, Bob DeBoer, Roger Roberts, Fred Althaus (#100), Dave Clark, Ray Griffin, Clint Thomas, Erwin Barton, Norm Borgerson, Dave Clark Jr., Michael Peiz, Eugene King, Joe Stahl.

Membership in the Brothers of the Brush is \$5 and also serves as registration for 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 serve to keep members of either group from the clutches of a Lowell Keystone Cop brigade which will be out in force during the celebration.

Two other planned fund raisers are either completed or nearing completion: a

Lowell cookbook and a history of the past 50 years here, plus the reprint of the Centennial edition of Lowell's history.

The cookbook, "Favorite Hometown Recipes", 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 Special Place, the Grand Valley Ledger and by reservation from Mrs. McPherson, 897-7110.

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 community representatives, according to Chairman Wendy DeNolf.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, an All Star doubleheader will be played at Recreation Park. Sunday morning, July 19,



Fred Althaus of Lowell is the 180th Lowell area man to join the Brothers of the Brush. He received his membership certificate from BOB Chairman Charlie Doyle [right].

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

At 3 p.m., the last and perhaps most hilarious (and exhausting) event will be the Pedal, Paddle and Puff event with teams competing on bikes, in canoes and running. Details will be forthcoming. Better plan your vacation

so that you'll be here for all the fun. If you are a former Lowellite, better make plans now to make July 17-19 your homecoming. The events immediately 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 in Lowell.

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Roger Brown

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 enough for me.

One old timer told me the other day that the Ledger needed a gossip column. 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 battles.

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 golfing.

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.

The big papers carry columns on chess and bridge, so they are possibilities for columns in the Ledger. My wife bought 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 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 that comes to mind right away; use a potato masher to mix frozen orange juice or lemonade, it works great. Trouble is, I don't 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.

A movie review would be okay, except how many times can you review "The Empire Strikes Back"? That's the only movie I've seen in the last three or four years. I could do a crossword puzzle but the people who work those things expect the horizontal words to intersect with the 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 profit contribution during 1980.



John J. Haggai

Revenue of the company, which is the largest operating 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 special ceremony held here this week. To earn membership into the group, each

inductee produced revenue in excess of \$1.5 million and a minimum of ten new accounts within three years.

Info out on Wabasis Park

A folder showing the many facilities of Wabasis Park on Wabasis Lake north of Lowell is being distributed by the planning division of the Kent County Park Commission, reports Craig Buckley, planner.

observes Buckley who drew the informative map of the park. Park features include a boat-launching site, swimming beach, bathhouse, picnic areas, grills, ball field, open picnic shelters, woods, nature trails and docks. Fishing is excellent.

About 6,000 such folders with a detailed map of the park are being distributed to Trapp Sporting Goods, 8154 E. Fulton St. (M-21) just east of the bridge over the Grand River, Ada, and Hull's Tackle and Bait Shop, 11680 Belding Rd. NE (M-44), Grattan Township as well as to sports shops in the Grand Rapids area, he states.

Other features include modern campgrounds, primitive campgrounds, scenic overlook, toilets, showers, laundry facilities, playgrounds and electricity. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the park commission office at 774-3697 or the park office at 691-8056.—Dave Barnes.

The folder may also be obtained at township offices, the West Michigan Tourist Association and the Chamber of Commerce, both in Grand Rapids.

Wabasis Park, with 102 acres, has more facilities than any other county park.

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 19: Hot 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 Bars, Milk.

Alto American Legion Monthly Calendar

MAY 15 Baked Chicken Dinner
MAY 22 Steak Fry
MAY 29 Fish Fry

Friday Nites 6-8

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Area Sports

Arrows dump Fremont 6-2, 7-1

Shirley Wilcox, in her most impressive pitching outing of the year, helped keep the Lowell Red Arrows in contention for the Tri River Championship. She limited the Fremont Packers to just six hits for two games to post a 6-2 and 7-1 doubleheader victory.

In the opener she faced just four hitters over the minimum 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 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 hit and she threw easily beat Hills back to the bag.

The Red Arrows jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the third when an intentional walk backfired. Fremont bounced back in the fourth on an error by Strouse, a hit and a two-run triple.

In the Arrows' half of the 4th, Strouse stoned for her error. Nancie Dowling and Edie Evans walked, followed by a single from Beachum, to load up the bases. With a two strike count, Strouse lined a

slut up the gap in left center for a double, clearing the bases. Strouse then scored on Jackie Malone's second hit of the day. Lowell added an insurance run in the fifth on a single by Chris Vroma, a wild pitch and an error by the left fielder who dropped Beth Beachum's fly ball. Wilcox retired 9 of the last 10 batters, and received sound fielding help from the team.

Lowell ices Christian

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

Lowell sent 21 batters to the plate in the first two innings, 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 victory.

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

Girls take doubleheader

Saranac girls softball team managed to win two games from Portland Thursday, May 7, despite a seven-error inning.

In the first game Saranac won 20-9. The winning pitcher was Kim Sweet. Saranac scored its 20 on eight hits with six errors. Portland scored nine runs on two hits

with six errors. The seven-error inning came in the second game where Saranac scored its 23 runs on 10 hits and totaled 15 errors by the time play was done. Portland scored 19 on seven hits with four errors.

Monty Hayden took the second win for the Redskins.

COUNTRY FAIR

Greenfield Village will hold a Country Fair May 14-17. It will be a recreation of a typical rural fair of the late 19th century with band concerts, early American music, parades, animal exhibits, hobby and craft displays, steam engines and more. Dearborn, Michigan.

SHS golfers top Ionia

Saranac girls golf team dropped a match on Tuesday, May 5, to Greenville, 185-208.

Brenda Bignall led the Redskins with a 46; Laurie Sible, 49; Cherie Gage, 54; and Andrea Newell, 59.

The girls topped Ionia in a match last Thursday, May 7, 212-186 to set a Saranac school record.

Medalist for the match was Laurie Sible with a 40. Bignall had a 44; Newell, 49; and Barb Dinn, 53. Saranac is now 4-3.

New established laws regularly and often enough that no one snowing runovers more than one-third of the length of the leaf blades.

Girls top Cedar Springs

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

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 Kathie 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 Lambert; 220 Low hurdles — 3rd Sitzer; 880 — 1st Schoenborn; 220 — 2nd Lehigh; 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 Northview. Wyoming Park easily won the meet with 103 points.

Hagen golf classic here

June 11

Deer Run Golf Club in Lowell will be the setting for the 1981 Walter Hagen Celebrity Golf Classic. In cooperation with the American Cancer Society and D&W Food Centers, Inc., June 11 marks the sixth annual golf tournament. 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 tournament.

In conjunction with the 1981 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.

SPRING BIRDS

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 453-6192.

Saranac Doin's

Two earn Eagle rank

Two fine young men from Saranac have worked very hard in their Scouting and have earned the Eagle Scout Award.

Ken R. Sweet, age 18, is a senior at Saranac High School. He plans to join the Air Force in the fall and becoming a meteorologist. He attended Philmont National Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and completed a service project for his community by leading his troop in the planting of White Pine seedlings in the Ionia State Park. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweet Sr. of 1751 W. Riverside Dr., Ionia.

Pratt heads SHC

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

Employees plan hospital benefit

Ionia County Memorial Hospital employees are devoting their off-hours to rehearsing and preparing for the Second Annual Hospital Benefit Variety Show scheduled for May 15 at Watt Auditorium in Ionia at 8 p.m.

Doctors, nurses, lab techs, X-Ray Techs, Dietary, Administrative and Housekeeping personnel are shedding their work-a-day roles to step into the spotlight again to raise funds for the Respiratory Therapy Department. Last year the First Benefit Variety Show raised over \$800 for the Emergency Room that enabled them to purchase two wall mounted

Ionia home tour slated

The 7th Annual Ionia Historic Homes Tour sponsored by the Ionia County Historical Society will be Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.

Included on the tour will be more than a dozen of Ionia's most interesting homes, stores and public buildings. In addition there will be an arts and crafts show, flea market, antique sales, puppet show, street musicians, clowns, quilt making, good concessions and more.

A new feature of this year's tour will be transportation to the various points of interest in antique automobiles. Tours will be in progress, Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 from Noon until 5 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$4 or \$5 with transportation in antique cars. Tickets on tour days will be available at most of the tour stops at \$5 or \$6 with transportation.



There are approximately 300 million cars in the world.

Saranac seeks federal \$

Members of the Saranac School Board directed Superintendent Al Butler to apply for an Energy Conservation Grant for \$23,860 at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

Hopefully, Saranac will qualify for a 75 federal-25 local funding grant for improvements which include insulation at the elementary school, new window walls at the middle school and stratification fans at both schools.

The time frame for the project, should it be granted, would probably mean completion of the projects by the summer of '82.

In other action, election workers were named for the June 8 school board election. Annual committee reports were heard on study skills, the budget and on buildings and grounds.



A baby fish is called a fingerling.

Annual Boy Scout Chicken Bar-B-Que

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Arthritis meeting in Ionia

Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid 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. Kild, 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.

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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 shall not be less than \$100.00. Exemptions from collection under this 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 equal to the amounts made to units of local government 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 impose 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 or from a counter-cyclical budget and

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.

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 a majority of the qualified electors of the unit of Local Government. 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 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.

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struction 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 ballot 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.

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.
6. Let farms and forests be assessed at use value.
7. Give state lottery profits to school aid fund.

Should this amendment be adopted?

YES
NO

Nelson, Mandrell head Free Fair line-up

Two of country music's superstars head a parade of big name grandstand show talent for the Ionia Free Fair, which runs July 31-Aug. 9. Singer Willie Nelson is expected to generate the same kind of excitement that Kenny Rogers did two years ago at the Fair, when he appears before what Fair officials anticipate to be sell-out audiences at 6:30 and 9 p.m. performances Aug. 6. Barbara Mandrell, recently named Country Music's "Entertainer of the Year",

kicks off the grandstand fare with 6:30 and 9 p.m. performances Aug. 3. Bobby Vinton, will make his third visit to the Free Fair when he steps before the spotlight at 8 p.m., Aug. 4. The multiple award-winning Oak Ridge Boys top the bill in 6:30 and 9 p.m. shows Aug. 5. Their long list of honors include "Vocal Group of the Year" from both the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music, along with a selection as country music's "Instru-

Hunt is

Jordan grad

Stephen Hunter Applegate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Applegate, 8712 Bailey, Ada, will be receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Jordan College Energy Institute in Grand Rapids May 17.

The Ada scholar will be one of 68 students honored at the commencement ceremonies at Jordan College's Cedar Springs campus starting at 2:30 p.m.

Legion meeting date changed

The date for the regular May meeting of the Clark Ellis Post #152 American Legion will be Monday, May 18 at 8 p.m. The date has been changed to the 18th since the regular meeting date falls on Memorial Day.

The meeting is an important one with election of officers to take place. Bob Ellis has requested help on placing of flags on veterans' graves at Oakwood Cemetery on Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m.

The officers and members of the American Legion Post and the VFW Post request all veterans of the area to join them in putting on a bigger and better Memorial Day parade.

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.

Earns Hope

College degree



Peter Gaylord, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Gaylord of 7108 Dorset Dr. S.E., received his Bachelor of Science degree from Hope College during commencement exercises on Sunday, May 10. Gaylord majored in Political Science.

Wittenbach is honors grad

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

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 Administration and a second major in Communication Arts.

Wittenbach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wittenbach, 1151 Parnell Avenue, Ada.



Give transplants 10 to 14 days outdoors in a sheltered spot before you plant them in the garden. This will help them adjust to outdoor conditions.

Senior Center schedule

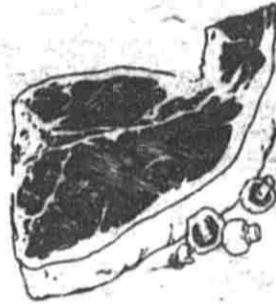
The weekly schedule at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 214 E. Main, includes: Mondays at 1 p.m.—Cribbage and Pedro; Tuesdays at 1 p.m.—Special Programs; Wednesdays at 1 p.m.—Grocery Shopping; Thursdays at 1 p.m.—Euchre; Fridays at 1 p.m.—Bingo. Dinner is served at noon Mondays through Fridays at the Center. The second Wednesday of the month, health screenings and blood pressures are done by appointment 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Blood pressures are only done on the fourth Wednesday of the month during the same hours. Legal assistance is offered on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

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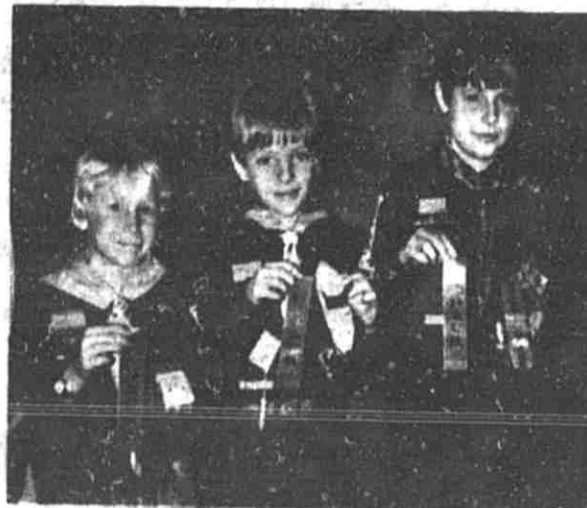
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Cubs hold Pinewood Derby



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 cars were sleek, and the crowd was great when Cub Scout Pack 3188 held their annual Pinewood Derby. The cars represented youthful ingenuity, patient sanding, father and son teamwork and some fine woodworking. A hundred spectators lined the track on May 19 at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

Twenty-nine boys raced by age groups. First, second and third place among the eight year olds were Scott Southland, Ken Vanderwerf, and Jay Rosloniec. The nine-year-old winners were Dale Richardson, Mark Vanderbilt, and Dan Pipe. Placing among the ten year olds were Brian Kunard, Adam Thaler, Mark Silvis.

First and second place winners went to the county regionals on Thursday, May 7 in Grand Rapids.

Best of Show was awarded to Dan Pipe. Todd Roy's car was judged Most Original Design. Appreciation is expressed to the judges, Dan Afton and Al Eckman.

The boys and leaders of Pack 3188 say a big Thank You to the community for its response to the Pancake Supper of March 26. It was a tremendous social and financial success. The Scouts worked hard selling and serving. Third sales winner was Bryan Klitz. Top salesman trophy went to Brian Kunard. Selling the most tickets and winning an ice cream party was Den 3.

Showtime Saturday at the zoo

May 16, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be an entertaining time for children and adults. In the plaza area of the zoo, children can gather for the premiere of the Zoo Crew Puppet Show.

Produced by Zoo volunteers with puppets by June Stoppals, the exciting story of KAREN, the keeper, BRUCE the dog, HIMMY the Himalayan Bear, and others will unfold. The puppet show

will be given at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m.

Along with the puppet show, additional entertainment will be provided by costumed animal personalities. Bring your whole family for a great afternoon of fun at John Ball Zoo. The event is sponsored by the John Ball Zoological Society in cooperation with the City Parks Department.

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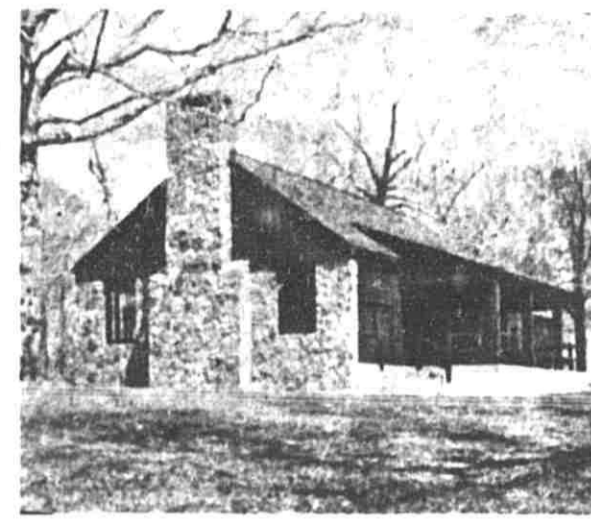
Monitor features Lowell man

Featured in the business and financial section of the Christian Science Monitor recently was new US foreign aid director M. Peter McPherson, originally of the Lowell area. McPherson is the administrative head of 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 developing nation. He indicated that he believes that a free market, without government price controls, generally is more effective for stimulating production and development.

McPherson is the son of Donald and Ellura McPherson of Lowell.

New shelterhouse done ahead of schedule



The new Caledonia Lakeside Park shelterhouse at Caledonia is completed and ready to use.—Photo by D. Barnes.

The new Caledonia Lakeside Park shelterhouse on Emmons Lake on the north side of the village of Caledonia has been completed about three weeks ahead of schedule, and reservations for its use during the warm 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 so far.

Visitors can get picturesque "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.

Insurance paid the cost of

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

The commission telephone number is 774-3697.—Dave Barnes.

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The Ledger invites readers to express their feelings on topics of general interest in letters to the editor.

Letters should be no longer than 600 words and typed double space if possible. They should be addressed to The Editor, Box 128, 105 N.

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Credit cards' hidden costs

Are you controlling your bank credit card, or is it controlling you? If you don't know, maybe you should look into what the actual costs are for maintaining the card rather than just the charges you put on it. Did you know that 19 percent interest on one bank credit card may not be the same as 19 percent on another.

This difference depends on how the interest has been calculated and in some instances, it could double your monthly finance charges.

In addition to finance charges, you may have to pay annual fees, transaction fees, late charges, higher interest rates or charges for exceeding your credit limit. It is wise to pay attention to the fine print on the monthly statements and in the credit agreement.

If you and your spouse each have two cards in your own names, and you are charged \$12 a card, your annual fees will be \$48. This is without even purchasing anything! A cost cutting technique is to obtain joint cards with both names on a single account. Your credit limit may be higher too, with both salaries calculated together rather than individually.

For those who don't pay an annual fee, you may be charged a fee each time a purchase is made on the card. It would make sense for you to get a card from a bank that charges a transaction fee only if you use the card occasionally. On the other hand, a frequent user of the card will find an annual fee saves them money.

A credit tradition fallen by the wayside is the "interest-free" grace period, usually 25 to 30 days, from the date of purchase and the date you are billed and assessed a finance charge. Now, your purchases may accumulate interest from the date they are posted by the bank, whether or not there is a balance carried over from the previous month.

Typical finance charges formerly were 12 to 18 percent, but they are going up where permitted by state law. It used to be that when the balance was large, you would pay a higher annual percentage rate on one portion and a lower rate on the remainder. For example, if the finance charge was 18 percent on the first \$500 of the balance and 12 percent on the second \$500, the monthly interest charge on the total balance of \$1,000 would be \$12.50. In some states, this higher finance charge would apply to the

entire \$1,000. The interest charge would then be \$15. Check your bank regulation.

To save interest charges and reduce the risk of your card being cancelled, avoid missing payments. Pay as much as possible when the bill arrives especially if the charges are calculated on the average daily balance method. When you skip a payment completely, the finance charge is calculated twice on the same balance.

Also, try to pay more than the "minimum payment" (which is also going up in many cases) since finance charges increase the total purchase price of anything you buy. The longer it takes to pay off the charges, the more you will pay in interest.

Water safety is club topic

Sgt. James Montgomery, Kent Co. Sheriff Dept. Snowmobile, Marine, and Firearms Safety Director, will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Flat River Snowmobile Club on Sunday, May 17th at the Clubhouse at 11841 Potters Road (formerly Hi-Lo Gun Club).

He will present a slide program and speak on Water Safety at 1:30 p.m. before the regular business meeting.

Anyone wishing to attend invited to do so by the Club Membership.

Zoo summer discovery weeks

General registration for John Ball Zoo's Summer Zoo Discovery Weeks will begin Monday, May 18.

These one-week sessions using the Zoo as a living classroom are a great way for kids to learn their "animal ABC's". Topics covered will include animal behavior, classification, predator-prey relationships and endangered species. All classes are conducted by certified teachers, and provide children with a special insight into the wonderful world of animals and zoos. Sessions meet for three hours daily and are available mornings and afternoons.

This year's classes are being scheduled for three different age groups: 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. A special effort has been made to accommodate children of various age groups in concurrent classes. This new arrangement should prove convenient for parents registering more than one child.

Class fee: \$15 per child. Current Zoo Society members may pre-register their children. For further information and registration procedures, please contact the Zoo office at 456-3800 or 454-2443.

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Proposal A, cont'd

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2. The sales tax increase is permanent, as the constitution is being changed to require it. The property tax cut is temporary, because property assessments will rise 6% per year until they meet or exceed the old levels.

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 estimate a 10 to 30% increase in collection expense and employees.

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.

Generally, information received 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 responsible 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 Press).

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 candle dipping, 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 50¢ 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 investigation 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 1/4 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 Michigan.

"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.

STILL DUNNO

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 dunno.

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.

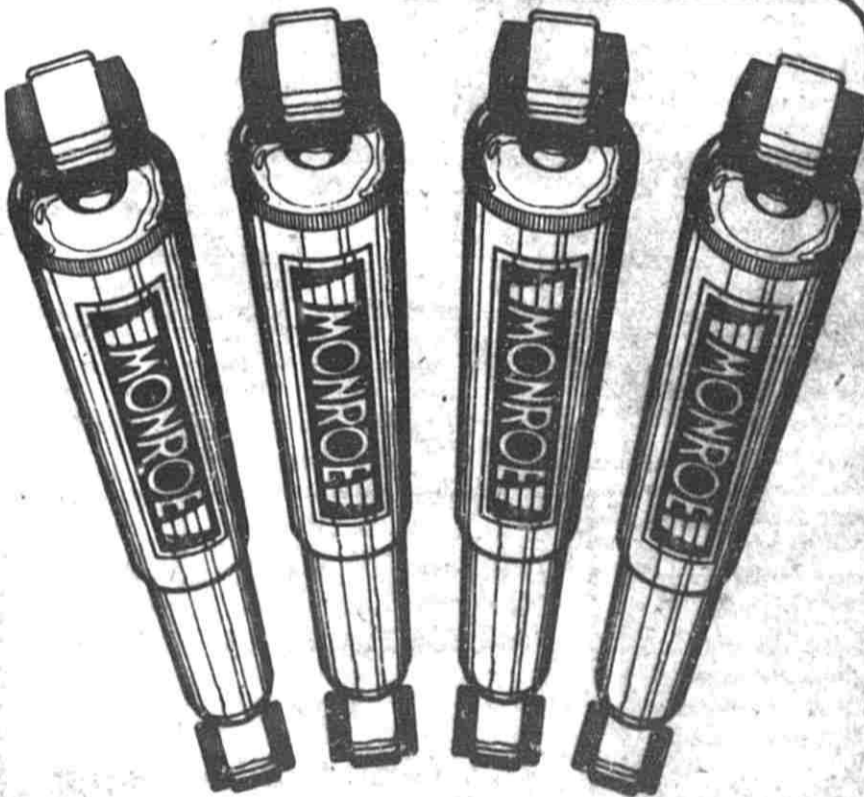
Alan Farley was given an appearance violation to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court on charges of leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Witnesses stated that Farley struck a vehicle in the city parking lot near the river on Friday evening and then left the scene.

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 tracks.

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 scene.

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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