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Balloting begins for Sesquicentennial Queen

Candidates for the Sesquicentennial Queen have been announced by Chairman Bob Pfaller. They are: Dawn Condon, Kathie Dey, Patty Prins, Pat Timinskis, Liza Whittemore and Corrie Wood. The Queen will be chosen by ballot by the community. Ballots will be available at participating merchants June 24 to July 3.

Dawn Condon is the daughter of William and Mary Condon of 13297 3 Mile Road, Lowell. Dawn was born on June 3, 1963, and has been a resident of Lowell for eighteen years. She lists photography, sports, music (percussion), travel, and English riding (horses), as her many interests.



Dawn Condon

She feels that being Sesquicentennial Queen would be a tremendous, once-in-a-lifetime honor. Dawn states that her family roots in this town go back over one hundred years, so she truly considers Lowell her hometown and would feel proud to represent it.



Patricia Prins

Patricia D. Prins is the daughter of Dewey and Dotie Prins of 11353 60th St. in Alto. She was born on May 23, 1959 and has been a resident of Lowell area for twenty years. Tennis, biking, sewing, horses and meeting new people are the hobbies that Patricia enjoys.

Patricia would be proud to accept the responsibility of being Lowell's Sesquicentennial Queen, as she feels it is an opportunity not to be taken lightly but with a great deal of respect.



Liza Whittemore

Liza Whittemore resides at 518 Spring Street, Lowell. She is the daughter of Dewey and Joy Sargeant and was born on January 23, 1963 and has resided in the Lowell area for thirteen years. Liza graduated this year as an honor student from Lowell High School. Her hobbies include reading, weaving, drama, modeling, traveling, and visiting senior citizens.

Liza would like to be queen of Lowell's Sesquicentennial because she feels it is a very important event in the history of Lowell and she feels that her own life has been similar to Lowell's—a proud and good heritage and an exciting and rewarding future.

Businesses having ballot boxes for the Queen Contest voting at their locations are:

Buyer's Guide, Century 21/Reedy Realty, Clark Plumbing & Htg., Eberhards, ERB Lumber, First Security Bank, Larkins Saloon, Lippert's Pharmacy, Lowell Savings & Loan.

Lowell State Savings bank, Modern Photo, Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing, Riverside Fireplace Shoppe, Speerstra Ins., West's Apparel, Western Auto, Zeigler Ford, Wittenbach's Sales & Service, Lowell Standard, Rosie's, That Special Place, Grand Valley Ledger.

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32 acts vie for Showboat spot

Thirty-two of the finest amateur talents in Michigan will be vying for spots on this year's Lowell Showboat in the amateur talent contest finals Saturday, July 11, starting at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Riverside Amphitheatre.

The 32 acts from all sections of the state are survivors of two nights of rugged preliminary competition. More than 70 acts were screened by the Showboat committee during the July 15-16 trials.

Twelve acts selected by the judges in the July 11 finals will display their talents during Lowell Showboat week July 20-25. Two separate acts will be performing each of the six nights of Showboat.

Dottie West, famous country singer, is the main Showboat attraction July 20, 21 and 22 while versatile and talented Jim Stafford is the featured star July 23, 24, and 25.

Also, Lowell-based musical group "Alive & Well" will be performing on the Showboat's Robert E. Lee every night along with the Showboat chorus, orchestra and Endmen. Nightly shows start at 9 p.m.

Saranac is represented by four acts in the amateur talent finals while Lowell has one representative and Ionia two.

Saranac's acts include "Uncle Tom's Boys", a vocal duet by Tracy and Trent Buck; "The Studless Brothers," vocal unit composed of Rob Wolbers, Glenn Cornelisse, Chris Chickering and Don Bignall; "Darktown Strutters", tap routine by Keisha Westbrook, Erika Hagen, Alicia Mendenhall and Jessica Brown. Vocalist Joni Bussell is the fourth Saranac entry.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Lowell Post Office will operate on a holiday schedule during the Independence Day observance on Saturday, July 4. Postmaster Charlie Doyle said there will be no regular residential or business mail deliveries, and usual post office lobby services will not be available. Normal mail service will resume on Monday, July 6.

ANOTHER WINNER

Kris Chlore, 4129 Causeway, Lowell won the first "50-50 Drawing" last week and claimed \$121.50. The drawings will be held each week until and including the Fourth of July Celebration in Lowell. Proceeds go to help fund the fireworks display on the 4th. Tickets are available from Frank Baker and from Larkins Saloon.

Teresa VanderWarf still needs more entertainers for the Fourth; call 897-9885 if you can help. Picnic tables are needed, too; Call Norene Martin if you can loan one or a dozen, 897-8421 or 897-5525. Want to join the parade? Call Bonnie Grooters 897-7451 or 897-8545.

BIRTHDAY NEARS

IMPORTANT MEETING: Sesquicentennial meeting will be held in the old City garage, Lafayette St., on Thursday, June 25 at 8 p.m. It is important for those involved to attend!

Just a reminder: Sesquicentennial T-shirts are available at That Special Place on Main Street. Proceeds go to fund the July 17, 18 and 19 celebration.

THEATRE FOR KIDS

There is still room for children and their chaperones to join a morning theatre excursion on Saturday, June 27 to the Grand Rapids Circle Theatre to see the play "Jelly Beans". Tickets are \$1.75 and include the play and lunch. Call Diana Fulkerson 897-7325 for information.

OFF BY TWO BLOCKS

Last week's "Looking back..." picture of the Waverly Hotel was placed in the wrong block, according to long-time Lowell resident Hazel Tanner. The Waverly was located directly across from Larkins Saloon in a building which is now vacant. Years ago, the upper stories were taken down. Confusion came because the property of Lippert Pharmacy store on the east end of Main Street once held the Grand Hotel. The Lippert offices building was Train's Opera House. Hazel also identified the "saloon" picture carried some weeks back as the VanArsdale Saloon, once located where the Village Inn is today.

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Kathie Dey

Katherine E. Dey, daughter of George and Dolores Dey of 404 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell has been a resident of Lowell for seventeen years. Born on January 28, 1964, Kathie lists her hobbies as distance running, swimming, tennis, and reading.

Kathie would be proud to represent Lowell as Sesquicentennial Queen as she has lived here all of her life and considers Lowell a fine community.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main, Lowell. Breakfast Special: Rosemuff & Coffee, \$1.00. Weekly Special: 3 Chili Dogs, \$1.00. c33

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days. Lowell, 897-7506. c-3-od



Patricia Timinskis

Patricia Lynn Timinskis lives at 1959 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timinskis, she was born on January 2, 1960 and has lived in Lowell for all of her twenty-one years. She enjoys singing, cooking, hiking, swimming, and art as her many hobbies.

Patricia explains that being able to represent Lowell as Sesquicentennial Queen would not only be an honor, but it would give her the opportunity to show everyone how proud she is to have Lowell as her hometown.



Corrine Wood

Corrine Louise Wood of 409 N. Division Street, Lowell is the daughter of William and Nancy Wood. Corrie was born on January 3, 1964 and has been a resident of Lowell for thirteen of those years. Her hobbies include swimming, singing, piano, first aid and dance.

Corrie is proud to be a resident of Lowell and she admits she never misses an opportunity to tell people of other communities of Lowell's Showboat, schools, and friendly people. She would consider it an honor to represent Lowell as Sesquicentennial Queen.

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Obituaries

ANDERSON — George L.F. Anderson, aged 80, of 123 Dale St. NE, passed away early Friday morning, June 19, 1981 at Allendale Nursing Home.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Anderson; his children, Charles and Vivian Anderson of Grand Rapids, Jean and Robert Chase of Saranac, Dorothy and Ronald Stebbins of Kentwood, Barbara and Arnold Eaton of Allendale, Ruth and Claude Abbott of Wyoming; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one brother, Carl Anderson of Belding.

Mr. Anderson was a retired employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Services were held Saturday morning at the funeral chapel, with the Pastor Dwight Peterson, of the Wesleyan Church of Allendale officiating. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

FISHER — Ernest E. Fisher, aged 63, of 1449 Arcadia Dr. NE, passed away Monday morning, June 22, 1981 at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha G. Fisher; his children, Ernest and Karen Fisher of Grand Rapids, Mary and Robert Miller of Colo., Margaret and Eugene Brown of Ypsilanti, MI, Patricia and Gary Papke of Lowell; one granddaughter, Juliette Fisher; five sisters, Mrs. Gladys Williams of Ark., Mrs. Bernice McClain of Flippin, Ark., Mrs. Marie Frizzell of Davison, MI, and Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Christine Parcher both of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 Wednesday morning at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Oliver Breen officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society (envelopes available at Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel.

GLEASON — Mrs. Phyllis N. Gleason, aged 58, of Grand Rapids, passed away early Saturday morning, June 20, 1981.

She is survived by three sons, John Gleason Jr. of Alto, Mark Gleason, also of Alto, and Gregory Gleason of Coopersville; her father, Donald Scott of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Donald Scott of Cutlerville, and Wayne Scott of Blomont; a sister, Mrs. Harold (Marie) Welton of Caledonia.

Funeral services were held Monday morning. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

PAFFHAUSEN — Mrs. Helen B. Paffhausen, aged 77, of Alto, the widow of Joseph, passed away Monday afternoon June 15, 1981 at her home following a long illness.

She is survived by her children, Jerry and Jeane Magnan, Ronald and Lillian Paffhausen, both of Grand Rapids, Jim and Louise Paffhausen of California, LeRoy and Lorraine Thompson of Kentwood, Emmet and Bette Gless of Alto, Loris and Joan Paffhausen of Wyoming, Pat and Patty Paffhausen of Grand Rapids, Merle and Carolyn Maier of Caledonia, Elmer and Ruth Collar of Alto, Alan and Karen Paffhausen of Alto; 46 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Cecil (Grace) Stagenwhite of Middleville and Mrs. Woody (Katherine) DeVries of Pierston.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning with Father James Fellows officiating. Interment in Alaska Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Wayne Lemartz Coronary Care Fund at St. Mary's Hospital would be appreciated.

REBELTS — Henry J. Rebels, aged 69, of Jenison, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 16, 1981 at G.R.O. Hospital and went to be with his Lord.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert L. Rebels Sr.

Surviving are his wife, Winifred; his children, Vern and Katie Rebels of Howard City, Joyce Vandenberg of Marne, Luann and Ken Hansen of Grandville, Marten and Ester Rebels of Greenville, Lynn and Bob Nash of New Castle, Del., Kathy and Doug Straub of Alto; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Neal (Fran) Keegstra, Mrs. Marvin (Bert) Weemhoff, Mrs. Ray (Marcie) Mead; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Peg Rebels; and his father-in-law, Mr. Tony VanStee all of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held from the Fair Haven Reformed Church in Jenison Friday, with Dr. Leonard Weessies officiating. Interment Georgetown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions for the Fair Haven Church Memorial Fund.

SHEPARD — Howard Shepard, 83, of 300 Summit St., Saranac, died Tuesday, June 16, 1981 at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. He was born in Campbell Township Oct. 16, 1897, the son of Alvah and Marcella (Haney) Shepard. He was a factory worker at the Universal plant, and a farmer before his retirement.

He lived all of his life in the Saranac-Clarksville area. He attended Clarksville Schools and married Florence Thompson Sept. 9, 1960, in Saranac.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son George Sower, of Indiana; two daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Roslyn) Fahrni, of Clarksville, and Mrs. August (Eleanor) Turnes of Lowell; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. One son preceded him in death.

Services were held at the Lake Funeral Home, Saranac with Rev. Norton officiating. Burial in the Saranac Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Mill Creek Meadows.

STANARD — Claire G. Stanard, aged 58, of Ada, passed away.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; children, Mrs. Arthur (Diane) Kohlbeck of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Edward (Pamela) Ellinger of Ada, Miss Susan and Ronald Stanard, both at home; one grandchild, Michael Ellinger; one brother, Morris Stanard of Mass, MI; sisters, Alfreda Washburn of Grand Rapids, Evelyn Robertson of Belmont, Lorraine Nickell of Belmont, Geraldine Arnold of Crestfield, MD; sister-in-law, Ida Stanard of Lawrence MI.

The funeral service was held Saturday, June 20, at the funeral home, Rev. Allen Wittrop, of Snow United Methodist Church officiating. Interment in Graceland Memorial Park.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning with Father James Fellows officiating. Interment in Alaska Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Wayne Lemartz Coronary Care Fund at St. Mary's Hospital would be appreciated.

VANDERHIDE — Peter VanderHyde, aged 69, of 1142 Beechwood St. NE, passed away Saturday evening, June 20, 1981 at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by his children, Janet and Robert Kammeraad of Marine City, MI, Carol and David Dornbusch of Midland, Diane and David Stockreef of Lowell, Susan and Roger Elliot, Linda and Jack Andree all of Ada; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Mabel Meulenbergh, Mrs. Irene Nyburg of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Frances Piereson of Detroit, and Mrs. Bertha VanDyke of Grand Rapids; one brother, Ray VanderHeide of Grand Rapids.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the funeral chapel, with his pastor, Rev. Thurian E. Meredith of Northlawn United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in Rosedale Memorial Park.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund of Northlawn United Methodist Church.

WILLARD — Mr. Harry E. Willard Jr., aged 60, of Bell Lake Drive, Ada, passed away late Monday evening, June 15, 1981.

Surviving are his wife, Imogene; his children, Harry E. Willard III and Miss Leslie Willard, both of Florida; a brother, Donald Willard of Florida; his sisters, Mrs. Laura McAvoy of California, Mrs. Mary Bekkering, both of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the funeral home. Interment in Blythe-field Memory Gardens.

Serpent Saturday at the zoo

If you are interested in learning more about reptiles, plan on attending Serpent Saturday, June 27 at John Ball Zoo.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. in the Education Building and move to the Reptile House. The program will be conducted by Bill Conover, a 14-year veteran zoo employee. Mr. Conover, who is also a head keeper and resident reptile man, will give a combination lecture-demonstration. In the reptile house portion of the program, Mr. Conover will be handling many of the snakes in the John Ball Zoo collection.

The Serpent Sunday program is limited to 30 participants. You must call for reservations in order to secure a seat. The cost of the program is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. John Ball Zoo Society members may attend free but still need to make reservations.

For an exciting, up-close and informative look at reptiles, don't miss "Serpent Saturday". The program is being sponsored by the John Ball Zoo-Society in conjunction with the City Parks Department. For further information or reservations, call the John Ball Zoo Society at 454-2443.

Coming Events

JUNE 13-AUG. 23: Made in Grand Rapids: 150 Years of Furniture, a comprehensive exhibit on the furniture industry in Grand Rapids. Sponsored by the Furniture Manufacturers Assn. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 1-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, 54 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids. Adults \$1, children and senior citizens 50c, under 5 free.

WED., JUNE 24: Puppet theatre for ages 6 to 10 at the Lowell Library. "Troll Puppet Program" at 11 a.m. Free. See you there!

SAT., JUNE 27: The Grand Rapids Chapter of S.P.E.S.Q.U.A. (barbershop singing) Benefit Show at 8 p.m. in DeVos Hall at the Grand Center in Grand Rapids. Appearing with them will be: The Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines, The Black Velvet Quartet, The Nitty Gritty Good Time Four, The Sounds Around, and many more. Tickets are \$5-General Admission.

SUN., JUNE 28: Thornapple Music Festival, Charlton Park, Hastings off M-79. Starts 11 a.m. Adults \$5, children under 12, 50c. Preschoolers free.

SUN., JUNE 28: McIntyre School Reunion at 1 p.m. at E. Carey's, 12666 Grand River Dr., Lowell for anyone who ever attended the school. Potluck dinner. Please bring own table service. Rain date July 5.

JULY 1-AUG. 23: Made in Grand Rapids: 150 years of Furniture History, a comprehensive exhibit on the area furniture industry. M-F, 10-5; S & S, 1-5. Admission \$1 for adults, 50c children & senior citizen, under 5 free.

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Church News

UMC conference this weekend

"Reach Out and Touch" is the theme for the Missionary Conference to be held at the Lowell United Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28.

On Saturday, at 8 a.m. the Men's Breakfast at the church will feature Richard Dozema of Snow UMC speaking on World Hunger. At 12:30 a potluck salad luncheon will be held at church for women and friends from Lowell area cluster UMC churches. Gladys

Church will speak at the luncheon on missionary work at the local level and Bradley Mission, located a few miles south of Lowell. At 6:30 p.m., families will join at church for a potluck supper. John First of Ionia will show slides and speak on his recent trip to India.

On Sunday, Dr. Don Dotten, well-known UMC minister and editor of Michigan Christian Advocate, will speak on World missions at both church services. 8:30

a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Following each service, each person will have an opportunity to make a Faith Promise Commitment.

All members, church families and friends are urged to attend the events planned.

Protect new transplants—especially peppers—with cutworm collars made from strips of cardboard, pint milk cartons, oatmeal boxes and other recycled materials.

Local News

Celebrating anniversaries in June are: John and Evelyn Briggs, June 24 (38 yrs.), John and Barb Briggs, June 24 (14 yrs.) and Gus and Doris Abel, June 30 (54 yrs.). June 24, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rivers on June 27.

Michael R. Shinabarger of Lowell, attended the Presidential Insurance Co.'s district agencies regional business conference for sales and service leaders recently in Denver, Colorado.

Gerard-Gahan vows spoken



Mrs. John W. Gerard

Lori Ann Gahan and John William Gerard were united in marriage on May 30, 1981 by Dr. Darrell Wilson in the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gahan of Parnell, and Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Gerard of Lowell.

Maid of Honor was Mary Gahan, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were: Dorothy Gerard, sister of the groom; Joy Gahan, sister of the bride; Betsy Gerard, sister of the groom; and Carol Gahan, sister of the bride.

James Gerard was his brother's Best Man. Serving as Groomsman were: Philip

Gerard, brother of the groom; Terry Breen, cousin of the groom; Tom Vander-Kuyle, cousin of the bride; and Kevin Blanding, friend of the groom.

Organist for the ceremony was Mrs. Philip Gerard. Soloist was Thomas Ritchie.

The reception was held immediately following at the Double R Ranch, Symrna. Mr. and Mrs. Philip VanLaan were Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Births

Mark Neal Ritzema is proud to announce the birth of his new baby sister Michelle on June 17. Their parents are Mark and Marge Ritzema of Grand Rapids. Grandparents are Lloyd and Jo Ritzema of Lowell, and Bob and Ruth Hill of Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Arnsen of Traverse City proudly announce the birth of their first child Christine Marie on May 9, 1981. Mrs. Arnsen is the former Marcy Mueller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Mueller of Lowell. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland of Muskegon. Christine weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. at birth.

Happy Birthday

June 28: Fay Sterling.
June 29: Gerald Canfield, Margaret Williams.
June 30: Dennis Brenk, Pauline Hudgins, Jean Linton, Hazel Mehrings.
July 1: Nancie Dowling, Polly Souser, Edith Vosburg, Bonnie Qualls.
July 2: Ed Loughlin, Mardelle Bates.

CABLE COMMUNICATION COMPLETED

After a futile attempt in 1858 to establish trans-Atlantic communication via cables, a new cable system was laid and completed July 27, 1866, finally linking the U.S. and European nations. Portions of both the 1858 and 1866 cables are on exhibit at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI, along with the massive cable-sheathing machine used in the 1866 venture.



cozy corner

Roger Brown

For those of you who are familiar with where I live, you might wonder if I've entered the height event in the state grass growing competition. No, that's not the case, nor is it true that I'm growing it high to conceal all the toys cluttering the yard. I have written to a Hollywood studio offering my yard as a setting for a jungle movie scene where the natives chase the wild animals through the tall grass while banging their cooking utensils together.

The real truth of the matter is that my lawn mower is broken again. Instead of the word again, perhaps I should use the word still. I never do get the thing completely fixed, just repaired to the point where it's usable and then go for it until it breaks down again. For instance, the thing has an electric starter, but at \$50 for a new battery I've always gotten by with the pull starter. Besides, as frequently as I have to tip it over to work on things underneath, I would spend half my adult life taking the battery in and out to prevent spilling the acid. Also, knowing how I operate it wouldn't be long before I forgot to take the battery out when flipping it over.

I should have known what I was getting into when I got the thing, as I picked it up in an even trade for a push mower. Now when a guy is willing to trade a six horsepower, electric start riding lawn mower for a used push mower, something is wrong somewhere, even if the guy is your brother. A partial list of parts I've had to fix or replace on the thing include: blades, belts, wheel bearings, mower deck bearings, tires, real axle, spark plugs, head gasket, and assorted pulleys, not to mention a new engine two years ago.

A typical experience happened this spring when the drive chain kept coming off. Looking into the problem, I discovered that the bearings supporting the rear axle on the drive gear side were badly worn, so I pulled off the wheel to look into that. I then found that the bearings were not worn. They were gone completely, leaving only their housing. This of course let the axle ride against the frame and in so doing it turned itself down into such a fancy design that I doubt if George Dey could reproduce it on his machine lathe. A few parts and a couple of evenings of work after work, and it was mowing again.

About two weeks ago I blew the belt that drives the mower deck. It turned out that the belt went because the bearings in one of its pulleys had burned out. Of course you can't buy just the bearings, so with a new belt and a pulley assembly, the thing was running again.

Last week when I went to mow the grass, I discovered that it had a flat tire. When I tried to start it to back it out of the shed for repairs, the starter rope snapped sending me into a plouette that would get me into any ballet troupe in the country. It was one of those hot and sticky nights that we had last week, so I closed the doors to the shed, went into the house, opened a beer, and sat and watched the grass grow.

Maybe when they're done filming the jungle movie I'll fix the #&('1/2)#!? thing.

VFW honors police, fire depts.



Fire Chief Frank Baker (L) and Police Chief Barry Emmons received certificates of appreciation for their respective departments from the Lowell Veterans of Foreign Wars post and its Auxiliary at an Appreciation Dinner recently.

Members of Lowell's VFW and its Auxiliary hosted an Appreciation Dinner on June 13 for members of the police and fire departments for their service to the community. Past Commander Wes Adriane was Master of Ceremonies.

Past Commander John Stinson and Auxiliary President Marilyn Hendrick presented Appreciation Certifi-

cates to Police Chief Barry Emmons and Fire Chief Frank Baker. In his acceptance remarks, Chief Emmons praised the cooperation of both departments which makes teamwork an every day occurrence.

The dinner and dance for department members and their wives was held to recognize their dedication and loyalty to community.

"Main Street", cont'd.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested Tuesday morning by Lowell officers was Peter Wisinski of Grand Rapids on two warrants issued by the 63rd District Court for receiving and cancelling stolen property over \$100 value, and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

Arrested for auto theft on Friday morning was Timothy Heffron of Ada. Heffron allegedly had stolen a car from N. Broadway St. in Lowell about 2:30 a.m. Friday and was found driving it on Pearl St. in Grand Rapids where he was arrested by Grand Rapids police about 4:30 a.m. Heffron plead not guilty in arraignment in 63rd District Court and demanded examination. He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bond.

Reported on Friday morning to Lowell officers was the breaking and entering of the King Milling Co. on Water St. The investigation of the theft of tools from the business continues.

Involved in an injury accident on Sunday morning June 14, was Daniel Spickler of Lowell when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a utility pole on Main St. near Hudson.

Douglas Vanderloom of Lowell escaped injury Saturday afternoon, June 13, when the car he was driving failed to make the corner at Washington and Fremont St. and went into the Oakwood Cemetery doing approximately \$1,000 damage to cemetery property.

Under investigation is a two-car property damage accident which occurred on Main St. near Washington St. on Thursday evening. Evelyn Moore of Lowell was struck by a car driven by David VanFleet of Kentwood as both vehicles exited Lipperts parking lot.

Glenn R. Wolfington of Lowell was arraigned in Ionia Circuit Court on charges stemming from a May 21 incident. A plea of not guilty was entered for Wolfington who stood mute during his arraignment on charges of larceny over \$100.

Thomas Davis of Lowell stood mute at his arraignment in Ionia Circuit Court on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He will stand trial on the charges, which stem from an April 14 incident.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice (Philippians 4:4).

Did you ever know anyone who habitually did just the opposite of what was expected of him? Some small children are like that. If you tell them to stay out of the mud, as sure as the world they will jump in, shoes and all, at the earliest opportunity. If you tell them to jump in, they will run a country mile to keep from carrying out your wishes.

Usually this trait of character is undesirable. We want children and older people to be cooperative and agreeable. However, for the Christian there are times when it is well to "do the opposite."

It isn't always easy to rejoice. There are times

when we simply don't feel like rejoicing. When these times come, we need to "do the opposite." We ought to disregard our feelings and emotions and praise the Lord anyway. He is worthy of our praise—always.

If I am tempted to be "down in the dumps", then it is well for me to "do the opposite": Instead of thinking negatively, I ought to count my blessings—to "rejoice and rejoice." I'm bound to feel better fast if I "do the opposite."

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thou art worthy of my praise. I thank Thee for my home, my family, friends, and comforts of life. But most of all I praise Thee for Thy full and free salvation and Thy wonderful love. Amen.

Engagement announced



Craig Mulder and Kathi McDonald

Robert and Carolyn McDonald of East Tawas have announced the engagement of their daughter Kathi to Craig Mulder, son of Allen and Annie Mulder of Ada.

Miss Mulder is a graduate of East Tawas High School and Central Michigan University. Her fiancé is a Lowell High School graduate and a 1978 Central Michigan University graduate.

The couple will be married on August 8.

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KEEP COOL!

Work out a schedule to avoid using your range, dishwasher, clothes dryer and other major appliances during the hottest part of the day. These appliances produce heat and can make an uncomfortable day even more so. Outdoor cooking is an excellent way to beat the heat.

"This Week In Outdoor NR Michigan"

Summer is here!—Hot days, heavy rains, and tornado warnings. The fish are heading for deeper water and the sport fishermen are adding more lead and following them down.

Lake Michigan trout fishing has been good. Best fishing has been off Muskegon and Grand Haven in 150 feet of water 40-50 feet down for salmon and deeper for steelhead. Every once in a while, someone will catch a nice brown trout.

Inland stream water levels have dropped and fishing success had dropped off. The water is clean and the fish are spooky. Try the deeper holes or fish with flies after dark.

Panfishing is fair to good. Muskegon Lake continues to be the best area for bluegills and specks. Also try Campau, Campbell, Murray and Wabasis Lakes in Kent County. We are still waiting for some good perch fishing reports.

For bass, try the Flat and Thornapple Rivers in Kent County. We recommend using a big nightcrawler on the bottom with one fishing pole and casting rapallas or Colorado spinners with another pole.

Officers report some fair pike fishing activity on the Flat and Thornapple Rivers in Kent County. We also hear of some out-of-staters fishing the Bay Mills area of Muskegon Lake with minnows and bobbers.

Walleyes stopped biting last week according to most reports. But both Muskegon Lake and Lake Macatawa have a tremendous population of all age class walleyes.

Dog training activities are still a month away. The young-of-the-year wild animals are stumbling their way around now, they are very vulnerable to dog and highway traffic. Be Careful!

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#5 Lowell Engineering	1	1	
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#7 Curtis Cleaners	1	3	
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#9 St. Stanislaus	2	1	
#10 Riverside Fireplace Shoppe	3	1	
#11 Village Inn	2	1	
#12 Wemet Distributor	1	1	
#13 Gary's Country Meats	1	1	
#14 Christoff & Sons	2	2	
"C" LEAGUE			
#15 Twelve Packers	0	2	
#16 Harold Zeigler Ford	1	2	
#17 Lowell Merchants	0	2	
#18 First United Methodist Church	1	3	
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#2 Larkins Saloon	2	2	
#3 Village Inn	2	2	
#4 Pe-pers	2	2	
#5 North Pole Refrigeration	0	3	
#6 West Apparel	1	2	
#7 Alto Angels	2	1	
#8 State Savings Bank	2	0	
#9 Blough Builders	2	1	

New equipment at Alto FD

The Alto Fire Department has recently purchased a 1500 gallon Dump Tank and four new Air Packs plus extra



air cylinders with proceeds from their last two Pancake Suppers in 1980-81.

The Department would like to thank everyone in the community for the continued support they have been given.

NO OVERBOOKING

The first transcontinental airplane service in the United States was inaugurated in July of 1927. Boeing Air Transport Company built and flew 24 Model 40-B biplanes for this first regularly scheduled passenger and mail service across the country.

The planes featured an enclosed cabin for two passengers and the mail, and an open cockpit for the pilot. The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI, exhibits one of the few survivors of that original airline fleet.

Simpson promoted at Amway

Sales gains of nearly 300 percent in the past two years within Amway's Personal Shoppers Catalog Division have led to the creation of a vice presidency for the division.

Robert G. Simpson was promoted from Director of the catalog division to the new post of Vice President, according to Gordon Teska, Amway Executive Vice President for Marketing.

Simpson, an East Grand Rapids resident, joined Amway in 1972 as Manager of Catalog Planning and Development. In 1977, he was promoted to Director of the Division with responsibility for its merchandising, promotional and inventory operations. Before joining Amway, Simpson was vice president of merchandising for John Plain Company, a Chicago mail order firm.

In other action, the council agreed to sell supplies to the Saranac Public Library, to pick up its refuse and to provide a bicycle rack.

Need to be self-supporting?

Let's face it, the lazy hazy days of summer do mean vacations, and "time to take it easy" for some. But many others need help, support, and employment, but don't know where to turn.

The Displaced Homemaker Program of the Women's Resource Center is now taking applications for their July Workshop. If you have lost your source of support through death, divorce or disability of your spouse and need to be self-supporting, you might be eligible.

The Displaced Homemaker Program is geared toward individual needs of the client in locating a job. For more information please call 458-5443 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

START OF A LOVELY LADY

While few ladies of high fashion get away with a metal robe, not many argued with the beauty of a certain miss who had her first rivet fastened July 12, 1886. The etydy in question, the Statue of Liberty, still stands in New York Harbor, a gift from the people of France.

Outgoing board member John Smith was presented with a commendation from the Michigan Association of School Boards for four years of service. Letters of commendation to staff and teachers were sent to: Roxanne Goff, Letha Ferguson, Joyce Yaw, Larry Tiejema, Mike Olmstead, Nancy Dausman.

Saranac Doin's

Council studies street repairs

In a busy meeting of the Saranac Village Council last Tuesday, June 16, a study was presented to members listing streets suggested for improvements, and the cost estimate by Williams and Works of Grand Rapids.

Councilman Phil Denny noted that \$56,000 has been earmarked in the current budget for street repairs and the amount would repair a few of the streets named. Members met on Thursday evening to review the study and prioritize the recommended improvements.

In other action, the council agreed to sell supplies to the Saranac Public Library, to pick up its refuse and to provide a bicycle rack.

Disgruntled neighbors of a Main St. residence damaged by fire several months ago again complained to the council but were told that, at least for the present, nothing could be done. According to President Max Tullis, both the health and building code inspectors have indicated there is no reason why the family living in the house cannot stay.

In a related matter, the abandoned creamery building will be the subject of discussion at a meeting set for August 11 between the council, its attorney and the county commissioners.

The latter two issues underscored for council members the need for a general

review and update of all the village zoning ordinances. No timetable was set for the review by the council.

Councilman Bob Lake reported progress in devising a formula for dividing the \$42,000 cost of a sewer replacement between Universal and the village. The replacement was made necessary when acid was dumped into the system in 1975. Prior to the actual replacement, Lake suggested Fuller and Main Streets should be televised to see if the acid damage had spread further.

26 straight As at SHS

4th Quarter 1980-81 Twelfth Grade

All A's
Mike Benz, Brenda Bignall, Jamie Clover, Melinda Coble, Norm Denny, Janet Kneale, Randy Murphy, Barb Mutschler, Chris Powell, Ryan Simmons, Rob Wolbers, Roxanne Wright.

A's & B's
Lori Bolke, Rick Borup, Geoff Doty, Cheri Gage, Brenda Grummet, Diane Hubbard, Maria Lopez, Dale Pitchford, Debbie Schneider, Debra Stuart.

A's & B's
Sue Warner, Judy White, Donna Chase, Margie Mason.

A's, B's & 1 C
Bob Ainsworth, Gilbert Coronel, Mary Fielden, Tanya Hardy, Sheila Patrick.

Eleventh Grade
All A's
Monty Jo Hayden, Carol Mutschler, Melody Stahl.

A's & B's
Carrie Bush, Duane Butcher, Sherie Canfield, Joe Ellen Carigan, Chris Gates, Art Hotchkiss, Jane Ida, Stephanie Kimball, Stacy Metternick, Rob Simpson, Martha Smith, Barb Spay, Janet Wisner.

A's, B's & 1 C
Julia Coulier, Polly Emelander, Dawn Leaf, Penney McRoberts, Pam Sprague.

TENTH GRADE
All A's
Laura Rickert, Jean White.

As & B's
Becky Borup, Kris Cantu, Kim Coulson, Cindy Geiger, Becky Jorgensen, Allison McPherson, Marilou Mulder, Don Shoen, Dan Simmons, Heidi Smith, Kim Sweet.

Contract settled with Saranac staff

A nine percent increase for support staff salaries and benefits was approved at Thursday's meeting of the Board of Education for Saranac schools. The meeting was the last of the 1980-81 school year.

The increase compares with the recently negotiated teacher contract. The major change in the benefit package deals with the definition of those eligible for the school's dental insurance plan. Previously an employee qualified if 1240 hours per year was worked. Now an employee is eligible if 32.5 hours per week minimum are worked.

In other action, the board awarded the school's insurance contract to the Frazier Agency of Grand Ledge, the low bidder at \$12,742.

The board acted to hire several maintenance and repair people for the summer and a supervisor. Bruce Chadwick, middle school principal, will supervise the work of the summer crew of six people. Herald's Painting of Muir was awarded the contract to paint the exterior of the elementary school at a cost of \$3,006.

Off The Blotter
Penny L. Pressnel, 35533 Peck Lake Rd. was ticketed for running a stop sign which resulted in an accident in Ionia. City police report that her car collided with one driven by Kathleen Voot in the intersection. No injuries were reported in the accident.

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Attends 4-H Exploration Days

Becky Coulier of Saranac was one of 44 Ionia County 4-Hers who attended Exploration Days June 18-20 at Michigan State University.

The three-day event taught young people new skills and gave them a chance to experience college life and to meet other youths from across the state. Participants took part in a variety of learning options ranging from mountaineering and archery to TV production and Navajo weaving.

Enter photo contest, exhibit

"Budding young photographers interested in showcasing their work should enter the 1981 4-H Photo Exhibition," says Julie Drake, Ionia County 4-H Youth Agent.

The purpose of the program is to encourage young people to exhibit their photographic skills and to solicit entries for the 8th National 4-H Photo Exhibition to be held during the 4-H Congress in Chicago in November.

To participate in the program youths should select their best slides or prints—no larger than 8 x 10—

illustrating proper focus, exposure and color balance. All prints must be mounted, and the pictures must have been taken after June 1, 1980. A 4-H orientation is encouraged but not required in the photos. Exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program. Their photos should be submitted to their county Cooperative Extension Service office by Aug. 14.

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Selected for CMU Mortar Board

Laura Lee McMahon of Lowell was inducted into Mortar Board at Central Michigan University in April. Laura, the daughter of Bruce and Margaret McMahon, is a speech and dramatic arts major at CMU.

To be eligible for Mortar Board, a student must be a member of the junior class with at least a B average. Membership is based on scholarship, service, and leadership. Senior class students select members of the junior class for membership in Mortar Board.

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Ruth Reagan, Phil Richard, Bob Ritterdorf, Angela Ritzema, Dale Rogers, Scott Roth, Ken Schoenborn, Roxanne Seese. *Leslie Serne, MaryJo Serne, Sarah Shalander, Brad Shamblin, Mike Shaw, Kathy Sitzer, Mark Smith, Brian Spencer, Annette Sterling, *Dawn Swan, Steve Thomet, Lori Thompson, Debbie Timinskas, Tracie Turnes, John VanderLaan, Kim VanderMeulen, Michelle Vredenburg, Sandy

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Teresa Heintzleman, Beth Hendrich, Chris Hobbs, Rhonda Holton, Lisa Huver, Lisa Justifer, Brenda Kleiman, Kim Klifman, Brenda Klink, Scott Leasure, David Lehigh, Tom Lenneman, Stacy Lippert, Jackie Malone, Ray Marshall.

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Mindy Walling, Sue Weeks, Pam Westcott, Kerry White, Angie Yates, Shawn Yeiter, Tenley Yasseldyke.

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Red Cross has CPR on NBC

In a major effort to make lifesaving training more accessible to the public, the Kent County Red Cross Chapter has joined with NBC-TV, Channel 8, to present special programs on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) during the month of July.

The special half-hour programs will be aired on WOTV Channel 8, on July 5, July 11 and 12, July 18 and 19, at 1:30 p.m.

According to Harry ("Bud") Baxter, chairman first aid services for the Kent County Red Cross chapter, the need for CPR training remains strong. The public is becoming aware of this and is increasing its demand for opportunities to learn CPR. Through the powerful medium of television, great numbers of people can become familiar with the basics of one-rescuer, adult victim CPR, and can even follow-up by attending special Red Cross CPR training centers during July and August to increase their skills and earn a Red Cross CPR certificate.

The Grand Rapids Junior College Ford Fieldhouse will be a site for a large Red Cross CPR training center from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22. Other centers will be set up in a variety of locations throughout Kent County.

Shiel Sabri, Susan Sarniak, *Debbie Schab, Art Schmidt, George Schoolmaster, Becki Seese, Carol Serne, Michelle Serne, Beth Shart, Robert Shelby, *Angie Slagh, Jennifer Silker, Jeff

Calkins Law Office open to public



The Calkins Law Office of the Grand Rapids Public Museum is now opened each Sunday afternoon, 2:30 to 4:30, through September. This completely restored 1836 Classic Revival frame building, is located adjacent to the Public Museum in Lincoln Place Park in Grand Rapids. Admission is free.

the oldest frame building in the city. After having had a checkered existence, the building was donated to the City and the Public Museum by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stiles. Moved to its present site, Lincoln Place Park, in December of 1971, the building was restored by the Museum and opened to the public in 1976 as part of the City's Bicentennial celebration.

Each summer the Calkins Law Office is staffed on Sunday afternoons by volunteers. For the past two years the volunteers have been members of the Grand Rapids Historical Society. The Calkins Law Office is only opened for these four months each year. Admission is free.

KEEP COOL!

If you have central air conditioning, conserve energy by setting your thermostat at the warmest comfortable temperature. Raising your thermostat by five degrees can cut air conditioning energy costs by as much as 13 percent. If you have a portable room air conditioner, prevent cooler air from escaping to your basement by closing off hot air register.

Amway underwrites Ada Park



Amway Corporation's contributions to Ada's Bicentennial Park during the past four years have passed the \$100,000 mark. With the recent presentation of an \$18,000 check by Public Relations Director Casey Wondergem (right), the total donated to the park during the past four years reached \$107,000. Amway's latest contribution presented recently to Ada Township Supervisor Paul Nelson (center) and Park Committee Chairman Bud Locke was for bleachers, fences and parking areas at the park's two softball fields.



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OPEN LETTER

Dear friends,

It is wise for the head of the family to prepare a list of pertinent information needed at time of death, including: persons to be notified, cemetery lot information, where to locate wills, insurance policies, savings and checking accounts, safe deposit box, investments, documents and social security number.

Respectfully,

David Gerst

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Wilcox to tour Europe with dairy team

Lynn Wilcox of Kent County is one of four members of the Michigan 4-H Dairy Judging Team who will be participating in the International Dairy Judging Competition in Scotland this summer.

The Michigan team, which won the National Dairy Judging Competition in Madison, Wis., in October, will be meeting other dairy and livestock judging teams at the International Young Farmer Competition in Edinburgh on June 24.

After the competition, the group will be touring farms and living with farm families in Scotland, London, Paris and Switzerland and on the Isle of Jersey.

"The purpose of the tour will not only be touring farms in the competition," says Gale Baumgardner, Michigan 4-H youth dairy specialist, "but also to learn more about the lifestyles and farming techniques of our European neighbors. The team will have a unique opportunity to explore the rural areas of Europe and see parts of the country that many tourists never experience."

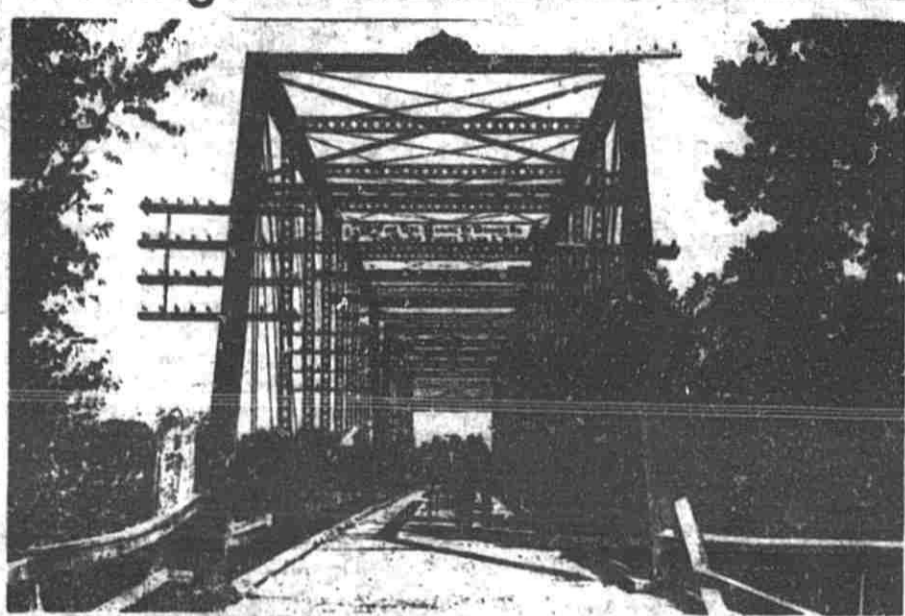
The opportunity is being made possible by donations through the Michigan dairy industry. The team has already received approximately \$10,000 to cover the expenses of their two-week trip, from June 20 to July 5. "The support we have received has been tremendous," Baumgardner says. "We're happy to know so many people share our pride and confidence in this outstanding group of young people."

VACATION TIP

Unplug televisions and stereos to reduce the risk of damage from lightning due to sudden electrical storms.

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Looking back



Obviously, the gentleman crossing the Grand River Bridge in this old postcard photo was heading the sign above which warns "85.00 Fine For Riding Or Driving On This Bridge Faster Than A Walk". The postcard is undated and labels this the "Grand River Bridge at G.T. Depot, Lowell, Mich." That probably means this is the predecessor of the South Hudson St. bridge. Anyone know for sure?

To The Editor...

Dear Mr. Brown:

There has been a lot of comments lately about price increases that will be affecting Consumers Power Company's natural gas customers this coming heating season. Despite what some might think, these increases are not an attempt by the company to wring excess profits out of its customers... rather the increases are the result of the increasing cost of locating and producing natural gas.

The amount Consumers Power charges its customers for natural gas must cover our operating costs, which have risen at a rate well below that of inflation, and the cost of obtaining gas from pipeline suppliers. This second cost, which we pass directly on to customers through the purchased gas adjustment (GA) clause, accounts for some 77 percent of our residential customers' monthly bills. The PGA reflects the effects of the deregulation of domestic natural gas prices by the Federal government and, later this year, will also reflect the addition of imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the gas we provide to our customers. It is important to point out that we make no profit on the PGA—we merely collect the money from the customer and pass it on to our pipeline suppliers.

There have been several questions raised about the LNG issue. These include: Why is Consumers Power buying expensive liquefied natural gas from Algeria? The answer is that we are not buying the LNG but that Trunkline Gas Company, one of our pipeline suppliers, is. Faced with a steady decline in domestic natural gas production through the end of this century, Trunkline found a long-term source of gas overseas.

Why doesn't Consumers Power go to another supplier for cheaper gas? There is no large volume of domestic gas available on a long-term basis for sale which could replace our present contracts. Also, assuming gas was available on a long-term basis, a new supplier would have to build pipeline facilities to get the gas to Michigan. The capital cost of a new pipeline today would result in much higher pipeline transportation rates than currently exist and would increase the cost of a new gas source.

Why doesn't Consumers Power use more gas from Michigan and why aren't you doing anything to find new sources of gas? At the present time, about 16 percent of the natural gas that we provide to our customers comes from Michigan wells. The volume of gas that we require is not available from Michigan alone and consequently we must utilize supplies of natural gas from many locations. In addition, Consumers Power has a subsidiary, Northern Michigan Exploration Company, that is actively exploring for oil and gas in Michigan as well as in locations elsewhere in the United States and the world.

Finally, if you are having problems meeting utility expenses contact us. There is no reason for anyone to have their service curtailed with the various assistance programs that are available today. But we can't help unless you ask for assistance. Sincerely, Charles W. Miller

Of all this won't make higher prices for energy any more pleasant when it comes time to pay your utility bill. However, it is a fact of life that natural gas prices, held down artificially by Federal price controls for years, are now being allowed to reach their natural levels in the market place.

To deal with these increasing costs, Consumers Power recommends that its customers strongly consider several actions that will help reduce the strain of energy prices. The first and most important is conservation and the second is to join our Equal Monthly Payment Plan. The plan does not save you money but it does let you spread your annual energy costs evenly over 12 months. It provides you with 12 manageable monthly bills instead of 3 or 4 possibly unmanageable wintertime bills.

Twenty-nine members of Ferris State College's Class of 1931 attended the Spring Reunion Banquet on May 15 and were personally awarded the honor of the Golden Eagle, the title bestowed upon alumni who graduated from Ferris fifty years ago. Joining his classmates in accepting the honor was Orville B. Jackson of Lowell, second from left in the second row.

LOWELL TWP. NOTICE

Synopsis of minutes from Regular Meeting - 15 June, 1981.

Call to order at 8 P.M. Present: Four Board members and Deputy Treasurer; absent, Treasurer.

Minutes of 18 May, 1981 meeting approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time on follow-up on mobile home ruling.

County Road Commission to improve driveway into Roth & Coons Cemetery on M-21.

Huver gave a report on Northeast Gravel operations.

NEW BUSINESS

Board approved renewal on Seeley's building permit for 10474 38th Street; approved DeVoe's application for P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement.

Report given on Bowne Fire Department. Policy adopted for loaning out folding chairs.

Discussion held on possibility of charging for fire runs where burning permits were not obtained; on permits and inspections required for permanent swimming pools; the 911 emergency number system; the library meeting at City Hall on the 18th.

Adjournment at 9:40 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Lowell Township Clerk 897-7800

Public Hearing NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at or about 8:00 p.m. on July 6, 1981 for the purpose of considering the following requests: P.A. 188

1. Request from C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc. for a Certificate of Exemption on a proposed plant expansion on Feroman Street adjacent to the existing facility. P.A. 255

1. Request from John Curtis and Kevin Smith for Establishment of a P.A. 255 Exemption District on property located on M-21. (Behind Sandy's Kitchen)

2. Request from John Curtis and Kevin Smith for a Certificate of Exemption on a proposed new laundromat to be located on the above described property.

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

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Amateur Night continued

Lowell's lone contestant is "Shy", a disco dance routine given by Tabora Bellomy and Kathy Irving.

Queen, cont'd.

If you have been dragging your feet about entering your mug in the Beard Contest for Lowell's Sesquicentennial, you'd better get a move on. According to Chairman Charles Doyle, July 5 will be the cutoff date for entering the contest which will take place Saturday morning, July 18.

The most recent new members bring the total signed up to 128. They are: Charlie Marshall, Jim Speerstra, Dr. Bob Kyser, Ernie Kauffman, David Devine, Mark Powell, Kevin Smith, Ival Paulsen, Duane Lamberts, Daryl Kuller, John Wilder Sr., Bill Nowak, Phil Schneider, Dave Jensen, Gary Eickhoff, Larry Beides, Jim Pfaller, Who is #128? Why it's Chairman Doyle himself! Claimed he overlooked signing up him-

self until the Ledger editor pointed out the oversight. Categories for the Beard Contest have been announced. They are: Grand Prize for the Most Handsome Beard; Longest Beard; Fulliest Beard; Bushiest Beard; Burnside Beard; VanDyke Beard; General Grant Beard; Neckwarmer or Chin Curtain Beard; Pancho Villa Beard; Santa Claus Beard; Longest Mustache; Fullest Sideburns; LaMouche (the grandest mustache); and last (of course) Poorest Excuse for a Beard.

TWO-STORY STORY

The first patent taken out on a carousel in the U.S. was far from simple. Issued July 25, 1871 to Wilhelm Schneider of Davenport, Ia., Patent No. 117,336 was for a two-story carousel with more than 50 animal figures to ride. Unfortunately, the two-story version was neither practical nor successful.

Lowellite honored at FSC



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Orville B. Jackson of Lowell was one of 130 Ferris State College alumni from the Class of 1931 who was recently awarded the honorary status of "Golden Eagle", the title given Ferris State alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago.

The honor of the Golden Eagle was bestowed personally upon 29 members of the class of '31 who returned to FSC during commencement activities to receive their certificates. They were honored during the Spring Reunion Banquet on May 15.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Remember the old three-cent stamp? A review of the history of first class letter rates show the cost has climbed at a steady rate. They started out at 2 cents in 1885, went to 3 cents in 1917, back to 2 cents in 1919 (the last time in history they went back), and up again to 3 cents in 1932.

In 1958, it cost 4 cents; 1963, 5 cents; 1968, 6 cents; 1971, 8 cents; 1974, 10 cents; 1975, 13 cents; 1978, 15 cents; and 1981, the year of the 18 cent first class "B" stamp.

Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



We've covered drought in this column before but as we approach summer, it remains a prominent subject in many people's minds. The southern states are wondering if the coming summer will bring a heat wave and drought like 1980.

Last year's summer weather was abnormal. High pressure in the upper atmosphere established itself over the southern states in late June and the hot air mass which developed kept reinforcing itself as the summer wore on. The enormous mass of scorching tropical air pushed the jet stream patterns further north than usual, and the normal storm tracks along with it. This resulted in a stormier-than-normal season for the northern states, including Michigan.

The forecast for this summer, issued by the National Climatic Center in Washington, does call for above normal temperatures for much of the southern half of the country. As I write this, the upper air weather patterns show high pressure over the Southwest and Texas which is associated with clear skies, dry weather and heat. Amarillo, Texas has set a new early season record with 106°, and the temperatures in that area have been edging upward over the last few days. This is an indicator that the ridge is building. The maps also show a strong west-east flow over the northern states which brought the first June rains to West Michigan. You can be sure that meteorologists will be watching that upper high, for if it becomes anchored, this summer may wind up similar to 1980.

Legals...

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT WANDA MARIE LOGAN, Plaintiff,

VS. MERRILL DEAN LOGAN, Defendant.

File No. 81-44272 DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 3rd day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 3rd day of June, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 4348 Richwood Avenue N., El Monte, Calif. 91732 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 4th day of September, 1981.

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

George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Sandra Czewski, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A True Copy. S. Czewski, Deputy Clerk. 6/24-7/15

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT LYNN VENITA COBBINS, Plaintiff,

VS. LAWRENCE COBBINS, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 19th day of May, 1981.

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

On the 23rd 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 for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 1305 Sylvan SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 18th day of August, 1981.

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

Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk. 6/24-7/8

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT PEDRO VAZQUEZ, Plaintiff,

VS. RONETTA JEAN SWIFT, Defendant.

File No. 81-33720 DC

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 4th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 14th day of May, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was General Delivery, Guernsey, Wyoming 82214 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 4th day of September, 1981.

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

George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Sandra Czewski, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A True Copy. S. Czewski, Deputy Clerk. 6/24-7/15

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the items listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office, Room 222, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. The bids will be publicly opened in the Purchasing Office at the time designated below. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interests.

Bid for: Renovation - Republic Airlines Office. Must be received by Tuesday, June 30, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid for: Communications Equipment - Sheriff Department. Must be received by Tuesday, July 7, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid for: Cable Link Fence - Mt. Kent Human Services Center. Must be received by Wednesday, July 8, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Jack Stanley, CPO Director of Purchasing

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

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the 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 neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center at 1501 Cedar S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said child (ren) being made a temporary ward of the court.

Child: Tan Van Phan Hearing: July 10, 1981 at 11:00 a.m. Petitioner: Paul Brinks

Child: Robert & Suzanne Bacher Hearing: July 20, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. Petitioner: John Scheid

Child: Lori & Pamela Smith Hearing: July 21, 1981 at 11:00 a.m. Petitioner: Renee Kasprzak

Child: Tammy L. Zauger Hearing: July 7, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner: Leon Hale

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

Date: June 17, 1981 JOHN P. STELETTE JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Child: Donald Lee Corwin Petitioner: Officer Wojnacki Hearing: July 8, 1981 at 3:00 p.m.

Child: William Mark Hall Petitioner: Officer Kostrza & Officer Laug Hearing: July 10, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Child: Shelly Page Harmon Petitioner: Officer Bruce O'Connor Hearing: July 27, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.

Child: Joseph Brown Petitioner: Officer Klooster Hearing: July 27, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

June 17, 1981 JOHN P. STELETTE JUDGE OF PROBATE

VFW wins for charity

Results of the doubleheader for charity last Saturday, June 20, shows the Lowell VFW with one win and one loss, and the summer school program for the severely handicapped a winner all the way.

In a Slo-Pitch face-off, Larkin's Saloon beat the VFW team 15 to 10 at Alto's Bancroft Field. In the Fast Pitch game, Lowell VFW beat Freeport Businessmen 4-1.

The two games raised \$95.25 for the summer school program through the efforts of the players and the fans. A free pamphlet, "Veterans Benefits for Older Americans," highlighting available services and benefits for senior citizens, is available at all VA regional offices.

Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting of Monday, June 1, 1981.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the roll called.

Present: Councilmen, Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins, School Representative, Duke Burdette.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the Minutes of the May 18 meeting be approved with the addition on page 6, to include the passage of the resolution authorizing approval of the Richards Park Plan, supported by Councilman Maatman.

Carried.

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

Yes: Councilman, Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$21,946.67
Major Street Fund	186.35
Local Street Fund	186.35
Sewer Fund	334.47
Water Fund	1,514.80
Equipment Fund	7,875.34
Various Funds--(Investment Fund)	150,000.00

Mayor Collins then opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Water Rate Ordinance, #81-3.

Manager Quada gave a background on the need for the increase in rates to be set aside and earmarked for repairs and replacement of equipment at the Water Treatment Plant. He stated that with current rates, bond payments are being met, and operating expenses are being met, but that there is no allowance for the setting aside monies for a repair or replacement program, and that it is inevitable that equipment and parts, etc. do wear out. This amendment to the Water Rate Ordinance would then establish such a fund for that purpose.

There was no public comment, and the hearing was closed by Mayor Collins.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE was offered by Councilman Christiansen for adoption, supported by Councilman Maatman.

City of Lowell Ordinance #81-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #84 "WATER RATES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. (Commodity Charge) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Effective July 1, 1981 Commodity Charge. All users located within the City Limits shall pay .54¢ per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and .45¢ per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per month. All users located outside the City Limits shall pay \$1.08 per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and .90¢ per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per month.

Effective July 1, 1982 Commodity Charge. All users located within the City Limits shall pay .51¢ per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and .51¢ per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per month. All users located outside the City Limits shall pay \$1.22 per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and \$1.02 per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per month.

Effective July 1, 1983 Commodity Charge. All users located within the City Limits shall pay .67¢ per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and .55¢ per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, per month. All users located outside the City Limits shall pay \$1.34 per thousand gallons per month up to a usage of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons, and \$1.10 per thousand gallons in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per month.

This ordinance shall be published in a manner prescribed by law and shall become effective on July 1, 1981, at 12:01 a.m.

Yes: Councilmen, Fonger, Maatman, Schneider, Collins and Christiansen.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Mayor Collins then opened the Public Hearing on the proposed C.A.T.V. Ordinance.

Manager Quada introduced City Attorney, Dick Wendt, who explained the ordinance, stating that it provided for three things: 1. to set up a procedure for applications to supply C.A.T.V.; 2. to provide the method for holding public hearings for applications to supply C.A.T.V.; 3. to establish a C.A.T.V. Review Board.

A discussion followed on services to be offered and the City's being able to control what is offered. Councilman Schneider also suggested that a provision be made allowing Council to appoint a Review Board of persons other than Councilmembers if they so desire. Council concurred.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS offered for adoption by Councilman Maatman, supported by Councilman Fonger.

CITY OF LOWELL ORDINANCE NO. #81-2

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION OF CATV OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE. No person shall install or operate a Community Antenna Television System within the City of Lowell, without having first obtained a formally executed Consent Agreement between the proposed installer or operator and the City of Lowell.

Section 2. DEFINITION. Community Antenna Television System or "CATV" means a system of coaxial cables or other electrical conductors and equipment used, or to be used, primarily to receive television or radio signals directly or indirectly off the air and to transmit them via cable to subscribers for a fixed or a variable fee, including the receipt, transmission and distribution of voices, sound, signals, pictures, visual images or any other type of close circuit transmission by means of electrical impulses.

Section 3. APPLICATION. Any proposed installer or operator of a Community Antenna Television System shall make formal application in writing to the Lowell City Council. The application shall include the following information:

- The name, mailing address and telephone number of the proposed operator.
- The Corporate Charter, Partnership Agreement or other similar document which sets forth the legal status of the proposed operator.
- A list of the owners and officers of the proposed operator.
- The most recent annual financial statement of the proposed operator.
- A list of the proposed television and/or radio signals to be carried.
- A statement of the estimated cost of providing service to the City and how the proposed operator will bear this cost.
- A detailed description of the method of installation of cable and other electrical conductors and equipment.
- Evidence of all necessary easements or agreement to use or go upon the property of another for installation, operation and maintenance of the system.
- Evidence that the operator can obtain performance and labor and material bonds.
- A schedule of all rates and charges to subscribers and users of the system.
- A specific timetable for providing services to residents within the City.
- A description of services other than existing television signals which the proposed operator intends to offer subscribers. Such services may include two-way communication, public access channels, educational access channels and local government access channels.

(m) A statement that the operator will comply with all existing Federal Communication Commission Rules and Regulations related to CATV.

(n) Any other information as may be requested, by the City Council.

Section 4. PUBLIC HEARING. The City Council shall hold a public hearing prior to selecting an operator to provide CATV services within the City. At such public hearing, the applicant(s) shall make formal presentation(s) describing the services it intends to provide. Citizens of the City of Lowell shall be permitted to comment on the application(s).

Section 5. CABLE TELEVISION REVIEW BOARD. A Cable Television Review Board is hereby created which shall evaluate, monitor and review the performance and service of CATV operators. The City Council may act as the Review Board, or may appoint a five (5) member Review Board and said Board shall meet as often as necessary to carry out the duties herein described.

The Review Board shall have the duties of:

- Holding public hearings on all aspects of a CATV operator's performance at three (3) year intervals following the formal execution of a Consent Agreement;
- When applicable, reviewing the effectiveness of an operator in insuring public access to the CATV medium;
- Providing the appeal and hearing mechanism for customer complaints which are not resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the customer or the system operator. The procedures established by the Review Board shall be consistent with the City and shall at all times insure and preserve the full measure of due process of law; and,
- Any additional responsibilities which may from time to time be necessary to assure a CATV operator is performing consistent with the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lowell.

The Review Board shall have complete access to any and all records, documents or information of a CATV operator and to resolve customer complaints.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication.

Yes: Councilmen, Maatman, Schneider, Collins, Christiansen and Fonger.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Council then discussed the setting of a date for holding a Public Hearing on the request of C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc. for a P.A. 198 Exemption Certificate for an addition to their building on Foreman Street.

Councilmember Christiansen, supported by Councilmember Maatman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this City Council has, by resolution, established an Industrial Development District as set forth more specifically in the resolution adopted by the City Council on September 6, 1977; and

WHEREAS, C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc., the owner of land and facilities within the established district, has filed on June 1, 1981 an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate: and

WHEREAS, Act 198, Public Acts of 1974, as amended, requires that the City Clerk shall notify the assessor of the City and shall also notify the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City; and

WHEREAS, Act 198, Public Acts of 1974, requires that the City shall afford the applicant, C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc., the City Assessor and a representative of each taxing unit an opportunity for a hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOVED AS FOLLOWS:

- That the application of C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall remain on file in the office of the Lowell City Clerk for review by the public.
- That the City Council shall meet in the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, on Monday, July 6, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. in the evening; at which time and place the City Council shall afford the applicant, the City Assessor and a representative of each of the taxing units an opportunity to be heard on

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the question of the approval of the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for C.J. Christoff and Sons, Inc.

3. That the City Clerk shall notify in writing the Applicant, the City Assessor and the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of the receipt of the application and also the date, time and location at which the City Council shall afford the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of each affected taxing unit an opportunity for a hearing.

4. That the estimated cost of the project, excluding land and inventory, is estimated at \$350,000 (SEV \$175,000).

Yes: All present.
No: None.
Absent: None.

Council then discussed the recommendation by the Planning Commission to close Beech Street at Godfrey Street, and a moratorium on future parking lots within the City, pending revision of the zoning ordinance.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen for adoption, supported by Councilman Fonger.

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Planning and Advisory Commission has recommended the closing of the North end of Beech Street to all traffic; and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed that Industrial Tool and Machine will provide the necessary screening for said area and maintain same; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood unanimously approves of said closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of the Lowell Planning Commission and authorizes the closing of said Beech Street at the intersection of Godfrey and Beech.

Carried.

The following resolution was also offered by Councilman Christiansen, and supported for adoption by Councilman Schneider.

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Planning and Advisory Commission has recommended that the City Council approve a moratorium on industrial and commercial parking in residential areas pending zoning ordinance revisions; and

WHEREAS, said moratorium is in the best interest of the City of Lowell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby approve a moratorium on the construction of industrial and commercial parking lots within residential zones, except those currently pending and under consideration.

Carried.

Council then discussed the necessary raise in tie-down fees at the Lowell Airport, to a comparable rate to other area airports.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Fonger for adoption, supported by Councilman Maatman.

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase tie-down fees at the Lowell City Airport in order to generate sufficient revenue to maintain said airport; and

WHEREAS, current tie-down fees are not in keeping with fees at other area airports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby approve an increase of airport tie-down fees from \$8.00 per month to \$20.00 per month, effective July 1, 1981.

Carried.

Under Citizen Input and Suggestion, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Isenhoff, residents of Lincoln Lake Avenue were present to discuss the holding of the "Macker Tournament," a "three-on-three" basketball game which for a number of years was a local neighborhood event, but has now gained notoriety as an annual event in this area of the State. Other neighbors have complained about trampled lawns, flower-beds, parked cars blocking driveways, etc.

Manager Quada stated that he had talked with the people involved with the holding of the tournament, about off-street parking at the Bushnell School, insurance against damage to

neighboring properties, and control of crowds to keep them off neighboring properties. He stated also that he was considering the possibility of closing a portion of Elizabeth Street, and possibly Amity, but that would depend on the number of teams competing this year. In 1980 there were 150 teams that competed, a very large jump from previous years, which added to the problem. At this meeting date only 30 teams have registered, and the closing date for registration is June 8. He assured that the City and the Macker people would cooperate to protect the rights of the neighborhood, and added that should the tournament continue to grow they would consider moving the event to another location in future years.

Under the Manger's Report, Manager Quada stated that a new "rubberized" rail road crossing for Hudson Street and Foreman Street would cost approximately \$26,000; that ambulance service for this area has been lost altogether, and the City will have to update the rescue service. The Lowell Rotary Club will donate enough money to provide for 15-20 E.M.T. courses. (Emergency Medical Training).

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Maatman cited the stop sign at the corner of Washington and High Streets is blocked from view by a tree limb which needs to be trimmed. He suggested that there might be others around the City which need checking.

Mayor Collins then asked if any of the City's signs could be combined on one pole, where possible at intersections, eliminating three or four poles on each side of the street for twenty feet or more. D.P.W. Director Siciliano replied that traffic signing is regulated by State law, and that stop signs must be a certain number of feet from each intersection and cannot be attached to light poles, or combined with other signs.

Councilman Fonger asked about the status of the tennis courts at Recreation Park. Manager Quada stated that the new nets are here, and will be put up soon. We usually wait until after June 1st, after Memorial Day.

Mayor Collins asked about the maintenance of the ball field at Recreation Park, is it City's responsibility or the "Y". Manager Quada replied that the City was doing the spreading of the stone dust and the grading for the change over from baseball to a softball diamond because the "Y" does not have access to the heavy equipment needed to do the job, but that "Y" people would be keeping it up when finished.

IT WAS THEN MOVED to adjourn by Councilman Christiansen at 9:50 p.m.

Approved: June 22, 1981
DEAN E. COLLINS
Mayor

RAY E. QUADA
City Clerk

State Fair entry forms available

More than 10,000 Michigan residents displayed their culinary, agricultural and artistic talents at last year's Michigan State Fair. The 1981 Fair's line-up of new and expanded contests is expected to attract an even greater number of exhibitors vying for blue ribbons, cash prizes, trophies, gifts and plaques.

Entry forms are now available to anyone who wants to submit a homemade/home-grown/home-bred exhibit or showcase at the 1981 Michigan State Fair.

The return deadline is August 1 for all entry forms except those for the horse show, which has a July 21 deadline. The 1981 Michigan State Fair opens Friday, Aug. 28 and runs for 11 event-filled days through Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Entry forms and premium books—outlining contest fees and rules—can be obtained without charge by writing the Entry Department, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit 48203, or by calling (313) 368-1000.

Six premium books are available: "Community Arts" (baking, canning, crafts); Fine Arts (paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures); "Horse Show; Youth Division" (ages 8 thru 18); "Livestock" & Poultry"; Rabbits, Pigeons, and Cavies" which also covers agriculture, floriculture, horticulture and wine show categories).

When writing or calling for registration material, please specify the premium book desired.

Anyone who has entered an exhibit during the past five years of the State Fair will automatically be sent a premium book.

Admission prices for the 1981 Michigan State Fair are the same as last year: \$4 for those 12 and over, with children 11 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The nation's oldest state fair, the Michigan State Fair celebrates its 132nd anniversary this year. The State Fair is administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross, will offer a babysitting course for young people ages 11 to 14, on Saturday, July 18. The course will be held at the Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, NE, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

It used to be widely believed that children are a comfort to parents in their old age. But recently, the National Opinion Research Center made an extensive study that indicates that people over 50 with children aren't any happier than those without children.

I am a parent over 50 with three grown children. My friend Ralph is the same age, and he has no children. I asked him if he were as happy as I am.

"No, you must be happier because you laugh more, and usually you're laughing at something your kids did," Ralph answered. "I can only laugh at things my goldfish do, and they're not very funny."

It is true that I laugh at lot at my children. The youngest, for instance, is 23, presently attending his fourth college and planning to transfer to his fifth next fall. It is taking him a long time to complete his education because he doesn't believe in skipping classes—he skips semesters instead.

Once he quit school to spend the winter in Minneapolis, where he worked from 11 to 7 in a 7-Eleven Store because he liked the sound of it. One spring, he said he was going mountain-climbing in Oregon. He returned home several months later with many photographs of the trip, all taken in a Chicago motel.

And I thought I'd never stop laughing one morning at a Kentucky motel when I overheard the people next door exclaiming about the incredibly weird thing they'd seen in the motel pool late the night before. There was no water in the pool, but there was a body lying stiffly on the bottom, at the deep end, and on the diving board there was a camera on a tripod. My son was taking his own picture by moonlight.

I explained to my friend Ralph that parents sometimes laugh to keep from crying. But I didn't deny that, despite the wear on my nerves, there is something funny about a son who is totally incapable of remembering to take his house keys with him, so he is perpetually locked out. This never bothers him, because he usually resides in three towns at once, so he simply goes from one place to another until he finds someone home to open the door and let him in.

I would never advise a couple that marriage without children is no fun. To each his own. There may be many childless couples who'd be happier with kids, but I don't worry about them. A person who'd rather vacation in Bermuda than change diapers can't be all wrong, or terribly pitted.

The couples who worry me are those who shouldn't have children but do. Recently I read about a Southfield woman and her boyfriend who allegedly tortured her sons, ages two and five, beating and burning them. A neighbor reported the two little boys were in such bad shape they couldn't play in their yard: "They just squatted there together and would hold their heads."

Whenever I read something like that, I have to stop and grab hold of my emotions. I don't want to continue reading. The idea of adults beating on defenseless children is beyond understanding. I know it happens all the time, but I can't accept it. I don't know how the authorities who must deal with such situations retain their sanity or resist striking out at the parents who abuse the kids.

Who cares whether elderly people with kids aren't happier than elderly people without kids? Maybe they don't deserve to be happier. Or maybe the childless couples have really funny goldfish.

People shouldn't have children as a hedge against an unhappy old age. They should have children because they want to make the kids happy, or forget it. I don't need the National Opinion Research Center to tell me my friend Ralph can be happy even though he doesn't have a son who floats in dry swimming pools.

In my old age, I would be greatly comforted if someone would tell me there never again would be two little boys so terribly abused they couldn't play; they could only squat together in their yard and hold their heads.

Be a summer donor

"Don't save it for a rainy day... Be a summer blood donor," is the theme of the 1981 summer blood donor recruitment campaign launched by the Grand Valley Blood Program.

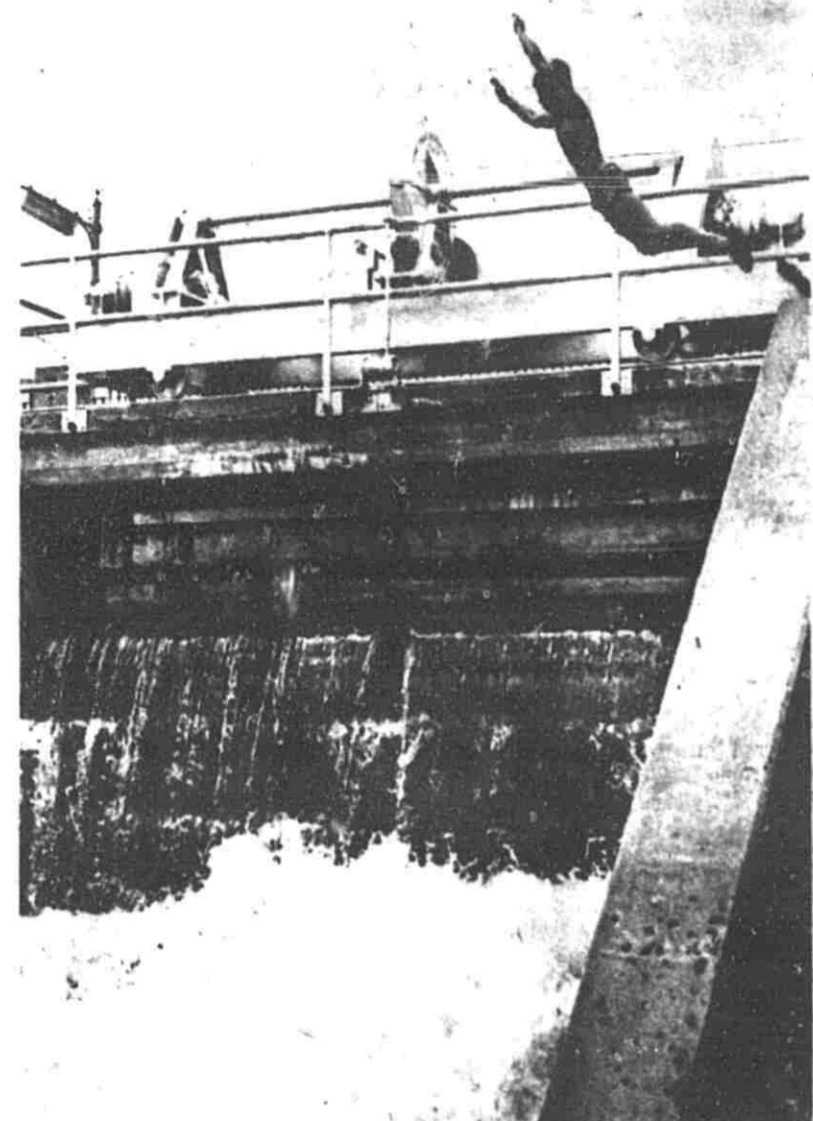
The campaign to recruit blood donors during the summer has been initiated in response to the high usage of blood and blood components by Kent County hospital patients.

The summer season is a particularly difficult time to recruit blood donors. Many people take vacations and their changing schedules can

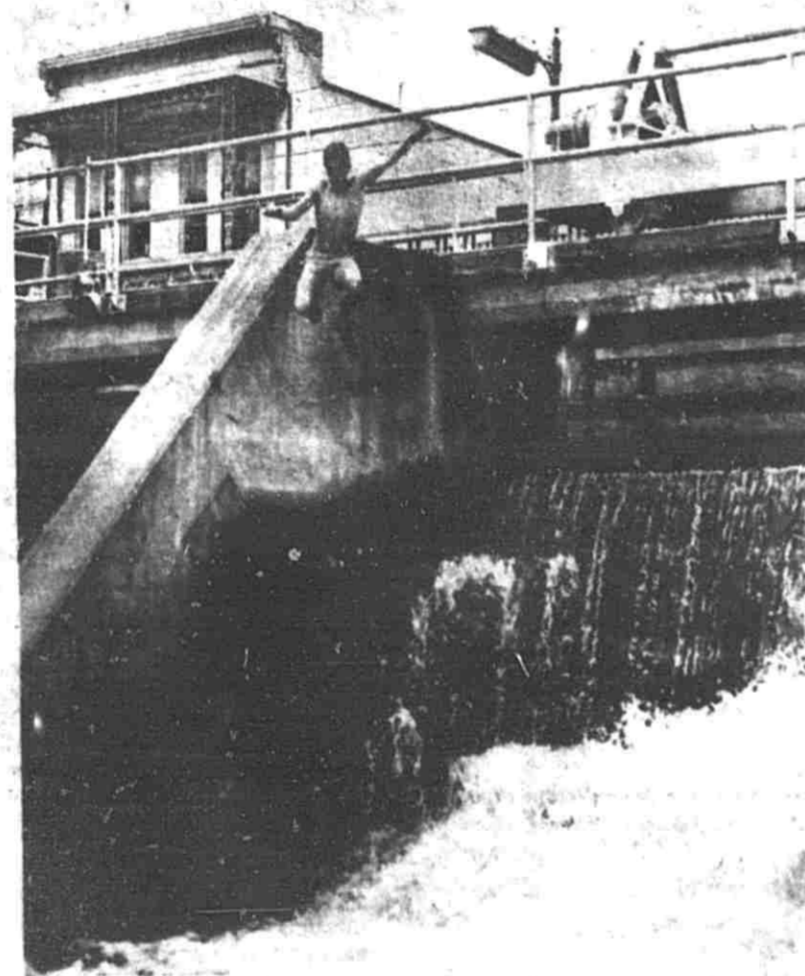


The most long-lived animal is the giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands. Specimens have been estimated to be as old as 190 years.

Yahoooooooooooooooooooo



Jerry Adams, 15, Brian Adams, 12, and Tony Stepek, 11 (clockwise in the accompanying photos) have discovered a rather dangerous means of keeping cool this summer. The threesome was photographed on Monday while leaping from the Flat River Dam on Lowell's Main Street.



Jerry explained that the water is only about four feet deep at the base of the dam, so the divers go in feet first and wear tennis shoes. It was reported here at the Ledger office that there is an old photograph floating around that pictures some youngsters doing

the same thing back around the turn of the century. So, the practice of diving off the Lowell Dam is nothing new, and it certainly isn't as awesome as the cliff divers of Acapulco, but we thought it was at least worth a few pictures in the Ledger.



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The Captain's Quarters

by Forrest Buck

I am very surprised at the response to last week's Show-And-Tell article. Many have expressed interest in some of the behind-the-scenes activities. Some of these are unprintable, however I may drop in a few now and then.

First of all, I think everyone joins me in congratulating all the people in the Lowell school system for the excellent job they did at the Box Car Willie show. It was a job well done under trying conditions. One thing brought home to me is the importance of the sound system in show business. The first part of the program was so loud that you couldn't even understand the words. Over the years, the Showboat has gone all out to get the proper sound equipment and

then it sometimes gets out of hand.

Box Car Willie stated, "I love music, I like pretty girls and I like boats. Boats and trains have much in common. They are a means of transportation, source of entertainment, have many bells and whistles, and have belching smoke stacks.

Over the years, I have read everything on boats that I can lay my hands on, especially the Mississippi riverboats. The Lowell Showboat covers a mere mile, but in the measurement of time it represents many trips down memory lane and life on the Mississippi.

Stories of the original riverboats describe an orchestration of creaking cargo, noisy roustabouts and splashing paddle wheels, along with an aroma of new-sawn lumber, bales of



cotton, stacks of produce and perhaps a few domestic animals. However, when the sun went down and a harvest moon cast a golden glow over murky waters it was a different story. The sounds of labor were replaced with mirth and laughter supported by the barker's call and a carnival atmosphere. The high and low toots of the whistle brought people rushing to the riverbank to enjoy an old-time Minstrel Show. The next day brought a new bend in the river and new adventures.

I really enjoyed Minstrel Days with such endmen as Frank Newell, John Roth, Bill Jones, Walt Gumser and Chris Burch, just to name a few. This year the 1981 Showboat will take on a new look. Previous years we have had either six, five or four endmen. This year we will go back to six. Dick McNeal, Terry Fenech and myself will be joined by Terry Buck (a past endman of three years)



Endman Terry Buck

and two newcomers, Randy Adams, and Steve Dickerson.

Terry has done well with his recording of the Auctioneer Song. Randy has had five years of voice training and

has performed in the Civic Theatre, W.M. Opera Co.



Endman Steve Dickerson

and Civic Ballet. His brother and sister are members of "Alive and Well," who will appear nightly on this year's Showboat. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and is now attending Junior College.

Steve, was born in California, and came to Lowell at the age of six. He is a sophomore in Lowell High School and has appeared in the Arts Council Play, and in many school plays and musicals.

These three all have fine entertaining abilities and will help carry on the Lowell Endmen tradition.—Bucky.



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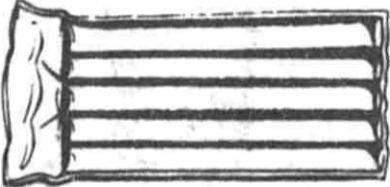
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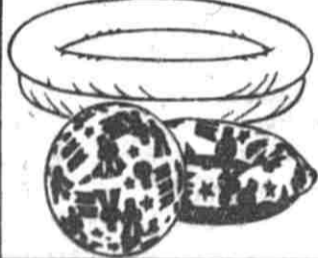
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The Lowell Area Arts Council will be presenting ribbons to all who ride a decorated bike, tricycle or other such ride-on in Lowell's 4th of July parade.

The parade, which begins at 12 noon near the Methodist Church, will proceed down Main Street and end at Recreation Park. As the riders arrive at the King Memorial Pool parking lot, they should group for ribbons.

Two special categories will be judged for top parade honors. These categories will be for decorations using one of two themes: a patriotic 4th of July theme and an old-fashioned theme.

Those not wishing to enter the special categories will be divided into several groups according to type of vehicle and age. Ribbons for the best decorated bike in each of these categories will be awarded.

All other participants will receive a ribbon to commemorate their ride in the parade.

The annual parade will kick off the day-long festivities for the Fourth of July celebration in Lowell. New this year will be a reviewing stand in the City parking lot on Main Street. Each unit will be announced by loudspeaker as it passes. This year, there will be no parking allowed before and during the parade to allow for passage of emergency vehicles.

There will be bands and floats galore.

At 1:30 there will be a Canoe Race on the Grand River. Entrants must contact Mike Roth at Roth Rental & Storage on W. Main St. 897-5934. There will be a drawing for a hot air balloon ride at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and

available the day of the celebration. At 3:15 p.m., the waterball face-off between Alto and Lowell Fire Departments will be staged. This has become an annual event which delights and cools the crowds. At 4:14, a new water contest has been added. The Alto department has challenged the Lowell department to a Bucket Brigade contest. At 5:30 p.m. there will be Earthball fun and competition for kids 6-13 and a Volleyball Tournament for those 14 and up.

Daylong events are: the VFW Bingo in the Foreman Building; the Free "Glue-In" for children by the Lowell Area Arts Council; entertainment of all kinds starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. There will be enough food booths at the park to eat something different all day. The YMCA Pool will have a free swim from 9 to 11 a.m. and a water carnival from Noon to 3 p.m. (25c per event entry with prizes and ribbons given. There will also be an open swim from 3 to 5 p.m. (45c for members and 80c for non-members.)

The festivities will end with the traditional fireworks display around 10 p.m. With all these activities, why go anywhere else???

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