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## 4-H Fair begins Monday

It's Kent County Youth Fair time! Six big days of activities, exhibits and fun for everyone are in store as the 46th annual event begins at the Lowell Fairgrounds on Monday, August 17, through Saturday, August 22.

County 4-H members will climax their year's club work as they enter finished projects and the animals they've worked with.

Most projects will be entered on Monday, with foods, clothing, conservation, crafts and gardening exhibits being judged as they are brought in. Horse and pony projects begin at 10:30 on Monday. The State Entomology Quiz

Bowl is also scheduled for Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Additional horse contests and showmanship classes will be held each day throughout the week.

Demonstrations and Public Speaking will be judged on Tuesday. Sheep, rabbits, beef steer classes and beef showmanship are also scheduled for Tuesday.

Wednesday and Thursday judging programs include swine, poultry, beef breeding animals, dairy cattle and dairy goats.

The annual livestock auction sale of member's project animals will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in

the new show building. (Reath Building)

Thursday evening's grandstand program will feature the livestock parade of 4-H members and their project animals; the presentation of the 4-H Fair Queen; and games and contests for the youngsters.

The parade of horse clubs will be held at the arena beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

A lightweight draft horse pulling contest is scheduled for the arena on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

All are cordially invited to come to the fair, visit the exhibits, and enjoy the rides and concessions on the midway. The Kent County Youth Fair is a free fair with no admission or parking charges.

The fair is planned and administered by a volunteer board of directors including: E.L. Phelps, John Brower, Marsha Wilcox, Russ Barkow, Tom Briggs, V.C. Fairbrother, Marvin Bunn, Keith Caldwell, Gene LaBelle, Jim Newman and Corneil Pauauwe.

For more information about the fair or other 4-H activities, please contact Sara Paton or Patricia Tolle, Kent County 4-H youth agents at 774-3265 or 836 Fuller Avenue, NE, Grand Rapids, Mich 49503.

## Above the board

# Still no settlement

Lowell Board of Education members received an update on the status of negotiations with the Lowell Education Association at their regular meeting Monday night.

Difficulty in reaching a settlement in expedited bargaining last May and through the summer led the Board to request a mediator.

Expressing the board's position, President Roger Kropf stated he felt that the board had made every attempt to settle the contract early starting with the request for expedited bargaining. "Without a settlement," Kropf continued, "budget figures cannot be finalized nor can reinstatement of any staff or student programs be considered."

Rumors of a teacher strike vote being set for August 20, three days after the next mediation session, were discounted as totally unfounded by LEA President Gail Lycos. A meeting of teachers is set for the 20th, but is planned as an update session for LEA members on the outcome of mediation, "hopefully, to consider a final agreement," according to Lycos. "There are no plans for a strike," continued Lycos. "That would be premature. We see

no reason why it (contract agreement) can't be settled."

According to LEA spokesmen, teachers and the board are "close" on salary and fringe benefits. Cited as areas of disagreement are: layoff and recall language, notification of layoff, class size language, and transfer language.

Superintendent Don Kelly expressed concern and displeasure over a report that the teacher union had contacted other employee bargaining units, meeting with representatives from the units, and stating that the board was refusing to meet with the teacher union and continue bargaining, urging them to support any strike actions and to consider joining the MEA counterpart--MESPA--at the end of their contracts. Kelly said he felt this was inappropriate since the board had requested mediation which was scheduled for the next Monday morning.

LEA President Lycos stated that there had been a meeting with representatives of other school bargaining units but that it was an attempt to keep them informed of negotiations progress. Those units had expressed a

need to be kept informed during negotiations two years ago (when teachers went out on strike).

Kropf commented that the board's Personnel Committee would stay on top of the situation and asked board members to keep August 24 open for a possible special board meeting.

A school calendar was adopted, subject to negotiation, with a starting date of August 31, ending with half days for students on June 9 & 10.

The debt tax was lowered to 4.45 mills--over 2 mills less than the previous year. The operational levy, however, totalled 27.5396, the highest operational millage possible with the required roll-back. Kelly explained that the coming year's expenses would far exceed income, and therefore the highest possible levy was necessary. Still, the total levy this year is over 1 1/2 mills less than last year.

Kropf commented that he felt good management practices were responsible for the millage reduction and complimented Superintendent Kelly and his staff for the fine job they are doing.

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### LOCATED

Both Thelma Hahn and Lester Stauffer called the Ledger to tell all newcomers that the old post office pictured in "Looking back" last week was located where the Fischer Piano Co. is now, on West Main Street.

### AUTO LAUNDRY

Relieve your automobile of dust and grime on Saturday, August 15. Those energetic Lowell Jaycees will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Zephyr gas station on W. Main. All proceeds will go to help fund various Jaycee projects. The exterior of your automobile will be carefully "laundered" for the mere sum of \$2. Vans and motor homes are also welcome for a slightly higher price.

### X-C RAIN OR SHINE

Any Lowell high school student interested in being a member of this year's cross country team should report to the K-Quad of the high school on Monday, August 17 at 9 a.m. Practice will be held, rain or shine.

### WEST MICHIGAN FESTS

If your weekend plans are kind of ho-hum, think about heading for Greenville and the 17th annual Danish Festival. The two-hour long Grand Dansk Parade begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15. Another possibility is the 12th annual Antique Auto Show and Swap Meet at Charlton Park Village & Museum in Hastings on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 adults and 50c children.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested by Lowell police on a warrant issued in Grand Rapids was Debra Groenweg last Wednesday evening, Aug. 5.

Kenneth Sandy was involved in a property damage accident on Thursday, August 6 when he backed into a parked vehicle owned by Martin Schneider of Saranac on Main Street near Center.

Arrested on a felony warrant held by the Michigan State Police in Manistee were Lawrence Steffee of Wellston, MI and Phillip Day of Woodward, OK last Tuesday evening. Day was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and giving false information to a police officer. Both were held in the Kent County Jail.

Lowell officers are investigating the breaking and entering of The Feed Place at 126 Hudson on Wednesday evening, Aug. 5. A small amount of cash was taken.

An undetermined amount of cash was stolen from a locker at the King Memorial Pool last week. Investigation was closed after \$90 was recovered.

Kent County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the attempted breaking and entering of the Lowell Lanes on E. Fulton St. early Wednesday morning. Thieves attempted to gain access through the roof of the establishment.

## Retiring after 15 years with Ledger



Marguerite MacNaughton

This Friday will mark the end of over fifteen years that Maggie MacNaughton has worked at the Ledger. Maggie will be joining her husband Don "Mac" MacNaughton in retirement and is no doubt looking forward to life at a bit slower pace than a newspaper office.

Maggie has been the Ledger's principle typesetter during her years here with her experience dating back to keypunching ticker tape to be fed into the old Linotype's teletype system. From there she became the principle typesetter on the Ledger's IBM composing equipment when the paper went offset in 1968 and in 1975 Maggie

was trained on and has since operated the business' Compugraphic computerized typesetting equipment. Some of Maggie's other duties have included secretarial work, bookkeeping and being a receptionist. To say she is going to be missed here is putting it mildly.

The Ledger will be hosting an Open House in Maggie's honor from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and it is hoped that her many friends and acquaintances from over the years will stop by.

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# Obituaries

**ANDERSON** — Josephine F. Anderson, aged 94, of 820 East Clinton, Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday, August 8, at the Barry County Medical Facility, Hastings.

She was born in Kent County March 27, 1887, daughter of John and Margaret (Driscoll) McCarthy. She attended Harris Creek High School in Alto, graduated from St. Alphonsus High School. She worked for the Globe Knit Co. in Grand Rapids. She was married October 1912 to Joseph Anderson. He preceded her in death in 1957. She moved to Hastings in 1942, and was a member of St. Rose Church, St. Rose Guild, St. Rose Altar Society.

She is survived by two sons, Lawrence of Scottsdale, AZ, and Gerald of Alto; one daughter, Mrs. Clifford (Monica) Finkbeiner of Hastings; ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday 10:00 a.m. from St. Rose Church. Father Robert Connsani officiating. Burial will be held at St. Patrick Bawne. Arrangements by Girrbach Funeral Home, Hastings.

**EVANS** — George T. Evans, aged 76, of Ada, passed away Saturday, Aug. 8, 1981. He is survived by his wife, Cathryn (Kay); his children, Thomas H. and Kathleen Evans of Stockton, CA and

Jerry L. Evans of Ada and two grandchildren, Julie and Dan.

Mr. Evans had retired after 26 years in Sales at Sears Roebuck Co. and was a lifetime member of the Masons.

Private Family Funeral Services were held Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**MC GLAMERY** — Donald McGlamery, aged 50, of Lowell, passed away August 5, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta; mother, Mrs. Ketchie McGlamery of Lake Odessa; father, Mr. Lee McGlamery of Lowell; children,

Mrs. Donald (Mildred) Wireman of Lake Odessa, Lucy Osborne of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Richard (Jean) Conrad of CA, Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Payne of Kentwood, Charles McGlamery of Lowell, Judy, Donald Lee and Michael Scott at home; brothers, Ronnie, Clide and Andy McGlamery; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Sheldon, Mrs. Wanda James, Mrs. Louise Marcie, Mrs. Onnie Gibson and Mrs. Christine Max; four grandchildren.

Funeral Services were Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Dr. Darrell Wilson of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

She was preceded in death in 1965 by her husband, Charles Radford, and is survived by her daughter, Helen Camp of Rowland Heights, Cal; 2 grandchildren, Karen Gesdahl of Sacramento, and Jerry Camp of Belair; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Desert Lawn, California.

**MORRIS** — Mrs. Martha M. Morris, aged 66, of 1925 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, passed away Wednesday morning, Aug. 5, 1981, in Butterworth Hospital.

She is survived by two sons, William L. Covell of Lowell and James T. Covell of Grand Rapids; one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Comer of Orleans, MI; ten grandchildren; one brother, Gilbert VanGessell of Grand Rapids; one sister, Mrs. Katherine Bogas of Newaygo.

Funeral Services were held Friday afternoon. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

**RADFORD** — Mrs. Ruth Radford, aged 81, formerly Grand Rapids, passed away July 28, 1981 in Redlands, Cal. She was also a former resident of Hastings and Lowell, and moved to Yucaipa, Cal. in 1960.

Mrs. Radford was a former Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and Past Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine of Grand Rapids.

She was preceded in death in 1965 by her husband, Charles Radford, and is survived by her daughter, Helen Camp of Rowland Heights, Cal; 2 grandchildren, Karen Gesdahl of Sacramento, and Jerry Camp of Belair; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Desert Lawn, California.

**SPIESS** — Emma M. Spiess, aged 88, of Grand Rapids, passed away at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elinor M. and Edgar M. Foster of Ada; grandchildren, Mrs. D.J. DeLong of Weston, CT and Edgar M. Foster Jr. of Chicago, IL; also three great-grandchildren.

Private Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home. Rev. Maurice Petty, of Mayflower Congregational

Church, officiating. Memorials may be made to the United Way Memorial Fund.

**WINGEIER** — Miss Anna Wingeier, aged 83, of Alto, passed away Saturday, Aug. 8, 1981. She is survived by her sisters, Margaret and Christine, with whom she made her home. Mrs. Elmer (Della) Schrenk of Lake Odessa; Mrs. David (Hulda) Flechter of Bluffton, IN, Mrs. Gerald (Clara) Kimble of East Jordan; a brother, Phillip of Sarasota, FL and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Apostolic Christian Church, Alto. Interment Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Church or the Kent County Cancer Fund.

## Kendall show ends summer term

Kendall School of design will close their June and July adult Art Programs with a reception and show, August 12, 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student's Lounge. Kendall's Continuing Education Program is developed to encourage adults to participate in programs of personal and occupational development in many areas of the visual arts.

Attending from Lowell were: Carole and Paul Horton, Art Forum; Thane Young, Comic Book Production; Kathy Walter, Drawing Techniques.

Fall P.A.C.E. classes will begin in September, offering a broad range of courses from Calligraphy to Furniture Detailing. Further information may be obtained by calling Kendall School of Design, (616) 451-2787.

## August means peaches, pears, plums

Due to adverse weather conditions, this year's peach production is forecast at 12 percent less than last year. Peaches are picked when 'firm-ripe'. Because of this, they're very perishable and require special handling.

Unlike peaches, Michigan pears are picked when not quite fully ripe and still firm. To ripen pears, store them in a dark place at 60 to 70 degrees for two to three days. Our state's pear production is forecast to drop 10 percent, with an estimated 18,000,000 pound harvest this summer. Michigan was fifth in the nation in total pear harvest, according to MDA.

Most of our state's pears, primarily Bartletts, go to canners; however, fresh Michigan pears are available mid-Dugust through October.

Prune plum production in Michigan was fourth highest in the nation in 1980, despite an 11 percent crop decline. Growers harvested 25 million pounds with a total market value of about \$2.6 million.

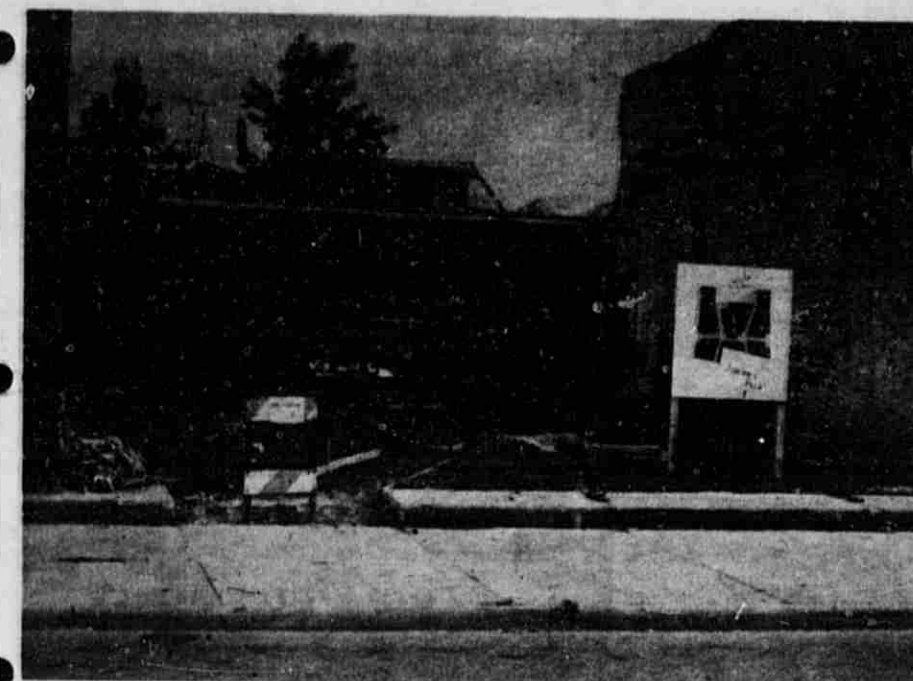


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## Jaycees make progress on park



After work sessions last week, Lowell Jaycees are two weeks ahead of schedule on completion of the "pocket park" on East Main Street. The work crew removed all of the old plaster from the walls and washed them down. The Lowell Fire Department provided the pressure hoses for the washing. The completion date goal is mid-October.

## Research starts at Clarksville ag station

Taking a university's experts into the state to do research where it's needed is one way to keep a good—and profitable—thing going. In Michigan, it's happening in horticulture at the Michigan State University Agricultural Experiment Station site at Clarksville. There agricultural scientists from several MSU departments are working individually and together to improve Michigan's fruit, vegetable and other horticultural crops and industries.

The Michigan horticulture industry has an on-farm value of more than \$200 million annually. Michigan ranks first in the nation in the production of red tart cherries, pickling cucumbers and blueberries and is among the top five in several other fruits and vegetables, including rhubarb, apples, asparagus, celery, carrots, prune plums, sweet cherries, grapes, pears, snap beans for processing, strawberries, fresh sweet corn, tomatoes and cauliflower.

The Clarksville station, 440 acres located in Ionia County about 18 miles from Grand Rapids, was purchased by the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1974 as a part of the long-range plan to make more and better research in horticulture and soil sciences dealing with fruits, vegetables and ornamentals. Research conducted in cooperation with the MSU departments of horticulture, entomology, botany and plant pathology, food science and human nutrition, agricultural engineering and agricultural economics will also be handled at Clarksville, says John F. Kelly, chairman of the MSU horticulture department.

Plans for Clarksville are taking shape. Kelly says. An equipment repair and maintenance facility now being built will be completed in October. In addition, the station will be equipped with a \$1.1-million irrigation system that will make it possible to control the amount and timing of water supplied to each research plot and minimize the labor required for management of the system. This additional control over the irrigation equipment has increased the cost of the system, but it is essential for

research in which field trials may require different amounts of water for various sites.

The Clarksville Station replaces the former South Haven Station, which was closed in 1980 because it was not suitable for the interdisciplinary research that is now so important for further progress, Kelly explains.

Research from another Agricultural Experiment Station field research site, the Graham Station in Kent County, will be moved to Clarksville

in the future. Like South Haven, Graham is likely to be overtaken by "urban sprawl"—this time from Grand Rapids—and eventually might have to be closed.

A Frenchman, Etienne Brule, was the first known white man to reach Michigan territory. Although the exact date of his trip through the straits is unknown, it is believed to have occurred within several years of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

# Coming Events

**AUG. 10-14:** Daily Vacation Bible School for children age 4 years through 6th grade at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church from 9-11:30 a.m. Bible stories, songs, snacks, crafts and a picnic. For information call 897-9836 or 897-6215.

**WED., AUG. 12:** Children's Theatre Party at Circle Theatre in John Ball Park, "Marmalade Gumdrops", at 9:30 a.m.; lunch in the park to follow. Cost is \$1.75. Includes play and lunch, children must be accompanied by an adult. For reservations, call Diana Fulkerson 897-7325.

**FRI., AUG. 14:** Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. will hold a monthly meeting and initiation ceremony at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

**SUN., AUG. 16:** LHS Class of '33 potluck picnic at 1 p.m. at home of Evelyn (Cramton)

Jansma, 2066 Dunnigan St., Grand Rapids. (Take E. Beltline to Knapp Ave., turn east 1 block to Dunnigan—first house on right.) We will be planning our reunion. Bring spouse, table service and dish to pass.

**MON., AUG. 17:** Members of the Clark Ellis Post #152 American Legion and members of Post Auxiliary and families, pot luck picnic at Bob and Doris Ellis home, 2719 Bewell, at 6:30 p.m.

**WED., AUG. 19:** Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Priscilla Lussmeyer with Eva Nelson as cohostess. Program by Priscilla Lussmeyer. Mini report on birds by Irma Richmond.

**TUES., AUG. 25:** Marriage Encounter: What It Is and Isn't! At 7:30 p.m., Catholic Information Center,

246 Ionia N.W., Grand Rapids. Free parking, air conditioned. \$1 offering.

**THURS., AUG. 27:** The Breathing Club, a support group for people who suffer from lung disease, will meet at 6:30. The topic to be discussed will be "The Use of Breathing Machines and Oxygen". The meeting will be held at the office of the American Lung Association, 1331 Lake Drive. Members should enter through the front door to avoid a flight of stairs. For more information, call 459-5441.

**SAT., AUG. 29:** Ada County Fair, 10-3 at Ada Township Park. Buttrick and Grand River. Local craftsmen will demonstrate, music, homemade pies & coffee. Call Ann Redd 676-1583 if you can help demonstrate, make pies etc.

## Could you help?

Do you know someone in the Lowell area with a few hours to donate once or twice a month? Perhaps that someone is you.

Volunteers are needed at the Health Clinic which is held in the Lowell City Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Kent County Health Nurse Dorothy Monsma, R.N. hopes to find someone to act as sort of a receptionist. No special skills are necessary. Those who could volunteer for a three-hour period once a month should call City Hall, 897-8457.

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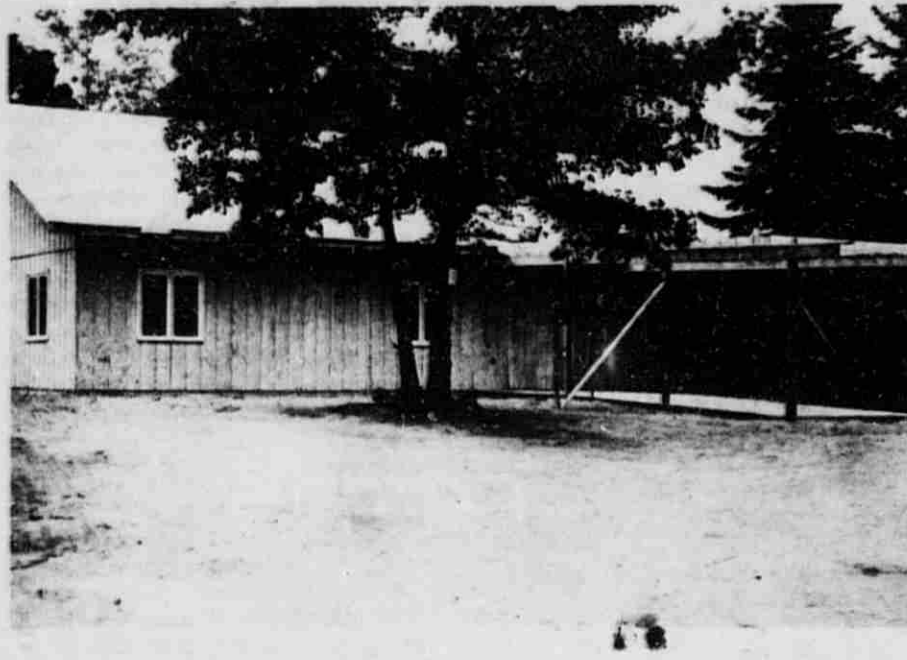
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# Church News

## Helping hands erect church



The new Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Drive, became a reality in just one weekend. Volunteers began construction of the building last Friday night at 7 p.m. Forty men and their families were able to complete enough of the building that services were held in it for the first time Sunday evening. Pastor Glenn Marks was pleased by the progress and enthusiasm for the old-fashioned Building Bee. The church was officially organized in November, 1980, meeting in the high school until now.

## IN THE SERVICE

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Edward D. Whyte, son of Nelson E. and Florence F. Whyte of 9710 84th SE, Alto, Mich., has completed recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees study general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-

job training leading toward their qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 basic occupational fields. Included in their studies were first aid, seamanship, Coast Guard history and regulations, close order drill and damage control. A 1980 graduate of Caledonia High School, Caledonia, Mich., he joined the Coast Guard in March 1981.

## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12)

Homemaking experts tell us that the best light comes through the upper portion of the window. That's why cafe curtains are popular. They let in light from above.

Naturally, every housewife needs light in her kitchen if she is to successfully perform her household duties. Spiritually speaking, we need the light which comes from above, too. The philosophies of great men are interesting; many are inspirational and enlightening. Professional counselors have their place in our scheme of living; many have achieved a measure of success in helping people solve their problems. But Christ is the only true answer to every need of humanity. He is our "Light from above."

The Psalmist declared that the Lord was his light and salvation.

Isaiah promised: "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light..."

Former U.S. Prisoners of war—there are nearly 95,000 alive today, mostly veterans of World War II—can develop physical and mental disabilities in later life from dietary deficiencies or harsh treatment during their time in enemy hands. The Veterans Administration recognizes certain chronic and progressive ailments of ex-POWs as service-connected and Congress is considered easing the eligibility rules.

"A joy that's shared is a joy made double." John Ray

## Births

Sam and Kelly Sutherland of Alto are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sasha Lynn on July 27. Grandparents are Jim and Peggy Shade of Lowell, and Janette and Merle Sutherland of Lade Odessa.

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## Reflections

### From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

June is the month of weddings (and brides) — so I've been told (nobody says anything about grooms) but recent experience just does not seem to carry that out. In recent years I have had more weddings in August. June will see me having two to three weddings and August really hits a peak of six to eight and sometimes even more. Of course that's the way with crops, it takes a while to mature. In the spring, the seed is planted. We say, "In spring a young man's fancy turns to what he has been thinking about all winter." And recognize that that is love.

So the young man starts to look for someone to love, finds someone and the seed bears fruit in August — weddings. Now you know that I have somewhat simplified the above. We all know that the girls run so fast that the boys catch them. Most of us men will not admit that we asked our wife to marry us, we laugh and say that she asked us.

In fact we do a lot of laughing about marriage and many of our jokes are not very complimentary about marriage. We men really tease a young man about his coming marriage, talking about a "ring in his nose", a "ball and chain", "another good man bit the dust" and so on. But deep down we know that we would not change our state of married bliss for anything else.

We tend to laugh and tell jokes about the things that are most dear to us. For instance, get a group of men together to watch a TV program. Just let the program get serious and touch the men and one of them will tease another about the tears in his eyes, which is to say that the program is getting through to him, too.

And thus it is with marriage. We do not want to let another person know how much our husband or our wife means to us, so we cover it up with a lot of jokes and laughter. But we actually don't feel that way. Most of us are deeply committed to our marriage and really to not want to change our marriage partner or the relationship that we have established with that person.

This brings us to the very core of the matter. Though it is important who we marry, the most important thing is the relationship that we are able to establish with that person. It's the relationship that is important. I am sure that there are some people with whom no one could establish a good relationship or maybe between two persons that marry there is a basic personality clash. But usually if we really work at the relationship of marriage with our mate, a good relationship develops.

Notice that I said work at the relationship. If you want to develop a business you work at it. If you want to do good at a job, you work at it. The same is true of marriage. If you want a good relationship of marriage, you have to work at it. No doubt you are on the river of time in a canoe with another person, but no one is floating, each of you have a paddle and you're paddling upstream. And both of you have to be working at it.

So keep on paddling... Jerry



## cozy corner

Roger Brown

Hi, we're back from our vacation, and if I can just think of something to write about, there will be a column in this space. Write about my vacation you say? I'm afraid I'd have trouble filling this space by detailing how I floated on an air mattress for most of a week. Unlike some other vacations we've taken, our main goal on this one was to relax, and that's exactly what we did. Trouble is, I'm having a problem getting all wound up again, and I'm not at all sure I want to.

While I was gone the Ledger staff did a great job of getting out a paper without me, but even more importantly, they were able to meet some pretty tough deadlines that had been put on several printing jobs in our shop. When I found out how well they had done I suggested that I go on a permanent vacation and just have them send money. That idea went like a peanut butter pizza.

All of this has been just leading up to what I had in mind to write about, but didn't think I could stretch the subject far enough to call it a column. Oh, you could tell that. Well, here we go.

While I was gone, some of the staff had to fill in for me doing certain jobs that only I do. Most of these, such as making coffee, sweeping floors, and washing dishes in the break room were handled quite capably or could be put off until my return. One job did present a bit of a problem, and that was selling the ads for the paper. I dumped it on Melinda.

Melinda Blough is 22 years old and has been at the Ledger for the better part of a year now. During that time she has been willing to tackle most jobs that I give to her and the ad sales assignment was no exception. When I made my rounds this week I received several complimentary remarks about Melinda's work the previous week. But, there was one comment that didn't do much for my ego.

One of my customers, who will remain nameless, told me what a fine job Melinda had done and that he had enjoyed meeting my daughter. Either Melinda is an awfully young 22 or I'm a very ripe old 31 for him to make that misjudgment. As much as I'd like to think otherwise, I suspect that the latter is the case.

I guess it's time to break out the Grecian Formula, lose weight, shave my mustache, and update my wardrobe. Either that or get some Geritol, bone up on my shuffleboard, buy a condo in Florida and have the Ledger send money. Which brings us back to the peanut butter pizza.

In 1823, a Briton named Macintosh first used rubber to make overcoats waterproof. Because of what he did, raincoats are still known round the world as mackintoshes.

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Todd Gillan, D.D.S.

A new dentist office will open its doors soon on Lowell's Main Street. Dr. Todd Gillan, D.D.S., formerly of Montague, Michigan will open his practice on August 25 in his new office located in the Old Town Mall, 109 W. Main.

Gillan is a graduate of Ferris State College with his Bachelor of Science degree and is a registered pharmacist. He graduated in April of this year from the University of Michigan with his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Gillan practiced pharmacy full time for two years in Gladwin, MI and in Mt. Pleasant, MI. While attending dental school, he worked as a relief pharmacist in several Michigan communities, most recently as relief pharmacist for Lippert Pharmacy Inc. stores in White Cloud, Greenville and Lowell.

Appointments can be made starting August 13 by calling 897-8491 or 897-8492. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1-8:30 p.m.,

and Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gillan moved to Lowell in June and is looking forward to providing his professional services to the community.

Understanding the metric system shouldn't be a problem at the gasoline pump. Under Michigan law, if gasoline is sold by the liter, the price per gallon must also be prominently displayed on the pump. Look for the Michigan Department of Agriculture inspection seal.

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<b>SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI DIAL-A-PRAYER - 642-9659 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL 642-6322	<b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity FR. THOMAS SCHILLER, PASTOR NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 9 & 11 a.m.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA)</b> Rev. Dr. James G. Cobb, Pastor 2700 E. Fulton Family Worship Service 9:30 A.M. Nursery Provided - Barrier Free	<b>VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST</b> Corner Parnell & Bailey Drive Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. DR. STANLEY H. FORKNER Ph. 531-7942 Little White Church On The Corner



# Society Notes

## Newlyweds reside in Mt. Pleasant



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leasure

bride, and Sue Baerwalde, friend of the bride. Groomsmen were Mike Dey, brother of the bride, and Scott Leasure, brother of the groom.

Jenny Afton was flower girl and Randy Averill, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Ushers were Steve Wittenbach and Dave Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Porter, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, were Master and Mistress of Ceremonies at the reception which followed at Shady Acres.

After a Northern Michigan honeymoon, the new Mr. and Mrs. Leasure are residing in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Laura Charlene Dey became the bride of Frank Charles Leasure on June 6 in a nuptial Mass in St. Mary's Church of Lowell celebrated by Fr. Thomas Schiller.

The bride is the daughter of George and Dolores Dey, 404 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. The groom is the son of

Robert and Dorothy Leasure of 2880 Pratt Lake Rd., Lowell.

Attending the couple were Maid of Honor Pam Heemstra, a friend of the bride, and Best Man Terry Jandernoa, a friend of the groom. Bridesmaids were Kathie Dey, sister of the

## Pet show is Thursday

The last two summer programs at the Lowell and Alto libraries this week and next will tie up a busy summer schedule.

The children of Lowell and Alto will show off their pets at the Combined Pet Show tomorrow morning, Thursday, August 13, at 11 a.m. in the Alto Park, Linfield and 60th Sts. Children ages 6-10 are invited to attend. Pets can be any age. In case of rain, the pet show will be postponed until Thursday, August 27.

On Wednesday, August 19, children ages 3 through 5 will have a pre-school story hour at the Lowell Library at 10:30 a.m., according to Librarian Ellen Eddy.

Alto Librarian Vivian Mulder invites all children to take part in the summer wind-up event on Thursday, August 20. At 11 a.m., the library will host a Grand Finale Summer Reading Party and Magic Show featuring Christy Mellon.

Alto Library hours are: Tues. 1-8 p.m.; Thurs. Noon-5 p.m.; Sat. 9-Noon. Lowell Library hours are: Mon., Fri., & Sat. 12:30-5:30 p.m.; Wed. 12:30-8:30 p.m.

## Local News

Robert Moore of Lowell is recovering from a second surgery on his ankle which was injured in a car accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rinard and sons Joshua and Matthew are making their home at 237 San Bay-O-Circle, Newport, Oregon 97365.

Elof Erickson of 709 Fairview NE, Grand Rapids, formerly of Alto, will be celebrating his 86th birthday August 16. Friends may want to remember him by sending cards to the above address.

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

## Wedding vows spoken



Mrs. Charles W. Keyworth

Della Jane Rogers and Charles Wesley Keyworth were united in marriage on August 8 at First Baptist Church in Alto by Dr. Darrell Wilson and Rev. Harvord Warren.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Keyworth of Yale.

Maid of Honor was Marsha Hillaker and Best Man was William Keyworth, brother of the groom. Bridesmaids were Suzanne Sinke, Debra Nobliski, and LuAnn Stafford, sister of the groom, with Groomsmen Jeffrey TerBush, Jeffrey Conway, and Charles Stafford, brother-in-law of the groom. Diana Rice and Chris Stafford were Flowergirl and Ring bearer. Ushers were Thomas Keyworth and Glenn Keyworth, both brothers of the groom.

The reception was held immediately after the ceremony with Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sinke.

The couple will be living in Dayton, Ohio.

## Cubs reunite

The Fallasburg Park Cubs will hold their reunion at Fallasburg Park near the arch on Sunday, August 23 starting at 11 a.m. Members and wives are invited. Jim Topp will do the cooking. A tape will be played of last year's players interviews plus a short film will be shown of the old team members. Roman Maloney will get the refreshments.

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## Celebrating golden anniversary



On August 17, Emerson and Beathes Stevens of Lowell will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to an Open House to be held Saturday, August 15 from 2-6 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alyn Fletcher, 12632 Grand River Drive, Lowell. Their children are Alyn and Gladys Fletcher, Ronald and Jeanene Stevens, Charles and Janet Boerema and the late Roger Stevens. They are the grandparents of five and great-grandparents of four.

## Keep cool in August

Whether it's the heat or the humidity or both, it's hot in almost all of the United States in August.

You can't do anything about the outside temperature. Today, many of us are fortunate to live and work in artificially cooled atmospheres, but it's still hot outside.

The American Medical Association points out that there are some things you can do to be more comfortable.

Stay out of the sun as much as possible, especially during the middle of the day when rays are hottest. Wear light, loose clothing. The ladies have an edge over the men in this respect. Drink more liquids than usual, but take extra salt only on your physician's advice, particularly if you have liver or kidney trouble or a heart condition. Most Americans already get more than enough salt.

Take a shower or dip in the pool once or twice a day to cool off. Get plenty of rest and sleep. Eat your regular diet and don't go overboard on cold cuts and salads, unless you like them anyway.

Get up early in the morning to do your heavy work on the lawn or garden. Or work at dusk in the evening. Try to avoid heavy exertion during the hottest hours of the day. There is a sound physical reason behind the siesta custom of the tropics.

You need exercise in the summer as well as in the winter, but don't overdo it, especially on extra hot days. Don't overdo physical exertion, whether at work or at play.

The more relaxed outdoor life of the summer months has many advantages to compensate for the heat. Stay relaxed and use common sense and you can beat the heat—at least somewhat.

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## Royal reunion at Free Fair



Caron Cook Stetler of Lowell (fifth from left), Queen of the 1971 Ionia Free Fair, returned with other former queens to visit the fair. The others are (left to right): Gloria Brand Vourink of Grand Rapids, 1965; Esther Negy Kibbey of Richland, 1967; Audrey Furman Watson of Nashville, 1968; Janey Croel of Ionia, 1970; and Tina Carten of Ionia, 1980. The fair drew more than 500,000 fairgoers during its July 31-Aug. 9 run.

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# Legals

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT**  
File No. 81-44583-DM  
NANCY LYNN JONES, Plaintiff

**VS. FRED JONES, Defendant.**  
At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 8th day of July, 1981.

Present: The Honorable Woodrow A. Yared, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 8th day of July, 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 526 Addison, Chicago, Illinois 60607 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 8th day of October, 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.

Woodrow A. Yared  
Circuit Court Judge  
Examined, Countersigned & Entered: Susan Atkinson, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A True Copy. S. Atkinson, Deputy Clerk.  
8/15-8/26

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT THE COUNTY OF KENT**  
LEISA MARIE FINK, Plaintiff

**VS. LAWRENCE EUGENE FINK, Defendant.**  
File No. 81-44582-DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 8th day of July, 1981.

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

On the 8th day of July, 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 3440 S. Bryant St., Englewood, Colorado 80110 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 8th day of October, 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  
Acting for Judge Roman J. Snow  
Examined, Countersigned & Entered: M.A. Diedrick, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A True Copy. M.A. Diedrick, Deputy Clerk.  
7/22-8/12

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the (1x) listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office Room 227, 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.

**Big For:** One Part Continuous Payroll Checks & One Part Continuous Invoice Forms. Must be received by Wednesday, August 19, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

**Big For:** Application of Floor Finish. Must be received by Friday, August 21, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

**Big For:** Consulting Services. Must be received by Tuesday, September 1, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.

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## Five firemen honored

Five volunteer firefighters were commended for completion of formal training by the Lowell City Council last week. Assistant Fire Chief Frank Martin, Robert Adrianse, Frank Wright, Dale Finkler and George Watson recently completed 240 instruction hours in firefighting.

The instruction in all phases of firefighting, including CPR and First Aid, is conducted by the Firefighting Training Council of the State of Michigan. The classes are offered once a week during the six winter months of the year. It took four years for the five firemen to complete the course on their own time. Classes were held in Wyoming one year and in Rockford the past three years.

Martin, Wright and Adrianse have been Lowell firefighters for approximately 10 years. Finkler and Watson have been with the department for about five years. Each fireman received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Council. The Lowell Area Fire Department has 19 volunteer members.

The cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is unknown. SIDS strikes at random, killing over 7,000 infants in America alone each year. Help combat this disease by supporting the Grand Rapids Area Chapter of the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation. With your help, this killing disease can be conquered.

## NOTICE

### SALE OF SURPLUS GOODS

The City of Lowell will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing an obsolete wood frame garage.

- Structure - Wood Frame/Shingled
- Size - 20 x 22
- Roof Type - Patched
- Color - Green

The garage is currently located on the southwest corner of Avery and Washington Street.

Bids must be sealed and mailed to City of Lowell, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell - Mich. 49331 and clearly marked "Garage Bid" on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened at 2:00 P.M. on August 17, 1981. Highest bidder will be awarded the bid.

Garage must be removed from the premises by purchaser before August 28, 1981 or purchase price shall be forfeited and the next highest bidder shall be awarded the bid.

Ray Quada  
City Manager

## Michigan bridges in rough shape

A third of Michigan's 4,000 bridges are obsolete and should be rebuilt or replaced, according to a study released recently.

The study was part of a national survey of highway bridges done by the Road Information Program of Washington (TRIP), an organization financed by the highway construction industry.

Its results were similar to a recent study submitted to Congress by the U.S. Department of Transportation which said more than 35 percent of Michigan's bridges were deficient or obsolete.

Michigan's bridges are no worse off than those in other snow-belt states but they are "bad and getting worse," said Lawrence Martin of the Michigan Road Builders Association, which released the TRIP study.

TRIP estimated the cost of rebuilding, replacing or rehabilitating Michigan's deficient bridges and roads at \$671.5 million a year for the next decade.

The State Department of Transportation has been hit by declining revenues from fuel and vehicle-weight taxes as the price of gasoline rises and drivers switch to lighter, high-mileage cars. Those revenues finance road construction and maintenance.

## Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



Weather freaks take note! Something new is coming to television designed especially for you. An all-weather cable TV channel is going to be coming soon, following in the paths of the popular all-news and all-sports channels. This ambitious venture will be headed by John Coleman, most recently of ABC-TV. Exactly how the channel will fill 24 hours a day with weather information is open to some question. Original plans are for the weather information to be locally-oriented to each participating cable system, with hookups via satellite. Such a device could include frequently revised local forecasts and severe weather information. In this writer's view, it would be difficult to provide the extensive local weather coverage now received during local television newscasts. There's a distinct advantage to living in the city and area for which you are forecasting.

But an all-weather channel could be successful only during "off" times between local newscasts, when a particular viewer may have a need to receive a quick forecast. Early morning, between a station's normal sign-off and sign-on, would be one such time.

## Happy Birthday...

- August 15: Arla Hoover, George Alchin, Bill Barber, Patrick McCormick, Susie Kooiman, Bernice Eckman, Arla Bartholomew.
- August 16: Helen Vezino, Terri Jones, JoAnn Wierenga.
- August 17: Bonnie McNeal, Ida Carlsen, Robert Kemp, Pearl Poe.
- August 18: Dora Isler, Arline Soyka, Nella Sterling.
- August 19: Peggy Idema, Sharon McFall, Heather Abel.
- August 20: Page Lombardo, Emory Bowen, Evelyn Boyce, Walter VanLaan, Edna Covey, Doris Scott.
- August 21: Alice Steeman, Alice Murray, Mark Hines, Cathy Ritzema, Mark Dibble, Kathie Abel.

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# Saranac Doin's Village to crack down on traffic

The Village Council served notice this week to those responsible for increased traffic violations, residential noise disturbances and property damage. An all-out attack will be made to rid the village of these aggravating problems.

After discussion of several strategies with Ionia County Sheriff William Bensinger and concerned residents, the first step in solving these problems was agreed to, that is, an increase in sheriff patrol time and ticketing for traffic violations. Another important part of this phase of the attack will be citizen involvement to identify persons and cars habitually involved.

Trouble spots were pinpointed in the meeting as Pleasant and Parsonage Streets, the high school and Baptist Church parking lots, and Scheid Park. These three areas have the highest incidence of excessive noise, drag racing, and broken glass and debris.

Scheid Park will be cabled off and hours will be posted as soon as possible. Councilman Phil Denny advocated cabling off the school parking lots as well, although nothing definite was decided. Denny volunteered to look into effective ways to physically alter the village streets plagued with traffic and noise problems.

In other business, the council declined to sell or give an extended lease to village property currently leased by Sara-Snac. Duane Downs expressed an interest in purchasing the property or opens its gates to the public on Friday, August 28 and continues daily through Labor Day, September 7. Admission is \$4, with children 11 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

In addition to receiving the traditional Queen's crown and a bouquet of roses, the 1981 Miss Michigan State Fair will win a round-trip ticket for two to Florida's Disney World. She will also be showered with a royal array of gifts ranging from cash to a basket of Michigan's prize-winning farm products.

Pageant rules stipulate that all contestants be winners of county and local beauty contests held in Michigan in 1980 and 1981. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 22 and single.

Prior to the pageant, contestants will attend a Queen's Dinner and also ride in the State Fair's Grand Opening Parade on Thursday, August 27.

Pageant preliminaries will take place on Tuesday, September 1, with ten finalists competing for the Queen's title on September 2 at the Fairground's Music Shell.

Entry forms are available from and should be returned to Arnoldi at Queens Headquarters, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit 48203. Information can also be obtained by calling (313) 368-1000.

The entry deadline is August 31. The nation's oldest state fair, the Michigan State Fair

at least obtaining a five-year lease. However, the property is part of a current study on fire department expansion. The village will study the feasibility of adding fire bays and the option of granting an extended lease.

Horizon Cable of Charlotte made its presentation to the council regarding cable TV services in the village. No action was taken. Saranac Chiropractic Life was denied a tax relief request. Herb Pratt was appointed Supervisor of all village employees.

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## Off the Blotter...

There were no injuries in a minor two car accident last Wednesday afternoon near the intersection of Morrison Lake Rd. and M-21. State Police report that Donald Jackson of Lake Odessa was stopped behind a vehicle driven by Marcia Lynn Dalton of Saranac who was stopped for a stop sign. Jackson told officers that he was checking traffic, thought Dalton had driven on, released his brakes and struck her vehicle in the rear. No citations were issued.

Shirley M. Pohler of Grand Rapids was involved in a one vehicle motorcycle accident last Friday afternoon on M-21 near Pinckney Rd. Pohler was westbound on M-21 when the rear tire of her motorcycle went flat causing her to lose control, leave the roadway and roll over.

State Police are investigating the theft of several items from Morrison Lake Country Club last week. A golf ball washer and three hole balls valued at \$200 were stolen.

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## New pool hours set

The Lowell YMCA has announced a new schedule at the King Memorial Pool which will take effect on Monday, August 17. Please clip and save for future reference.

The pool schedule is: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. local swim lessons; 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Open Swim; 3-5 p.m. Adult & Family Swim; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open Swim. The weekend schedule remains the same: Saturday 9-11 a.m. Free Swim; 12:30-2 p.m. Adult & Family Swim; 2-5 p.m. Open Swim; Sunday 1-3 p.m. Open swim and 3-5 Adult and Family Swim.

There is room left in local swim classes and those interested should contact the YMCA, 897-8445. Anyone interested in a one-week Water Baby course should also contact the YMCA.

## Blue Jays end season on top



Lowell Blue Jays finished the 1981 summer season as champions of the Lowell YMCA Senior League. Pictured are [L-R]: Front Row -- Bob Essex, Brent Noskey, David VanderMeulen, Greg Zimmerman, Mike Raymor; Second Row -- Adam Thaler, David Duma, T.C. Debold, Todd Noskey, John Gorney; Coaches -- David Thaler, Jim VanderMeulen, Ron Zimmerman. Missing from picture are Marty Vredenburg, Rod Bowen and Jon Hadwin.

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## if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

An old friend of mine was thrown overboard during this year's Port Huron to Mackinac Island sailboat race.

Ordinarily, nothing about that race excites me much. In fact, it has become a family tradition for me to ignore it, even though I grew up in Port Huron. The tradition was begun by my late father, who lived close enough to the water to be splashed by the start of over 40 Port Huron-to-Mackinac races but never looked at one.

His explanation was simple: "I can't get excited about a race that begins here on Saturday and ends 300 miles away next Tuesday."

That is the tradition to which I was born, and to which I remain faithful. The ponderous start of the Mackinac race may be a thrill for the participants, but for me, watching from shore, it's more boring than sitting on the curb waiting for Prince Charles and Lady Di to clip-clop by. And those two darlings have been so over-hyped they would be boring as nude participants in a three-legged race at an IRA picnic.

Of course, that's just my opinion, and it's never been difficult to find someone to disagree with me. James (Blackie) Elliott, for instance. Blackie also grew up in Port Huron, and he always thought sailboat races were the greatest thing that ever happened. He never understood how I could live beside a river without loving boats.

Blackie moved into my neighborhood from California when he was maybe 11 years old and I was a couple of years younger. He was just plain James then, and he had a little brother named Charles. James was dark and Charles was blonde. My much older sister, Terrible Jean, immediately dubbed them Blackie and Whitey and the two names stuck tight for life. No one ever argued with Terrible Jean.

Blackie and Whitey rode silver, balloon-tired bicycles with wide handlebars. They had seen live movie stars in Hollywood, and they called their mother by her first name. That was pretty exotic stuff for Port Huron, and I can remember expecting them to be bored by life in a small Michigan town. Not Blackie. He was enchanted because the St. Clair River was in his front yard and Lake Huron was just a short sail away.

Right from the start, Blackie hung around the local boat club. He bummed rides on members' boats, and soon he built his own sailboat in his backyard. I don't remember once seeing him play baseball or football. Every year of our youth, Blackie sailed from May to October and spent the winter getting his sailing equipment in shape.

Naturally, Blackie eventually began to participate in the famous race to Mackinac. We grew apart as the years passed, and I don't know how many times he made that long run on Lake Huron. I do know that several times he crewed on the Tigress, owned by George Lyon of Rochester.

The Tigress won its division in the Mackinac this week but could be disqualified for breaking the rule saying nothing may be thrown overboard during the race, thus lightening the load.

"That's ridiculous," a veteran sailor told me. "All George threw over was some ashes. Most of those racing guys puke and urinate overboard all the time and no one cares, so why beef about a little ashes?"

The ashes were the last remains of Blackie Elliot. He died of cancer last February and left behind a request that his ashes be scattered into Lake Huron.

"We sprinkled his ashes into the water as we kept sailing along," Lyon said. "We also threw some flowers and a little pin of an American flag."

A committee will decide if Blackie's burial at sea will cost George Lyon his Mackinac victory. Lyon said he doesn't care what the decision is. I shouldn't care either. I never care anything about the Mackinac race. It's a family tradition.

But I was there when Blackie got his name from Terrible Jean, and I remember how much he loved sailing. It would be a lousy crime if Blackie lost his last race and, worse yet, it was his fault. If that committee doesn't agree with me, I am finally going to get excited about a Mackinac race.

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# School Board, cont'd.

In line with the board decision to continue activities that are self-supporting, the board passed a motion to operate the following activities this fall: varsity football, JV football, girls' tennis, cross country, golf, girls' basketball, girls' JV basketball, JV and varsity cheerleading, debate, marching band, and the all school play, with a separate motion on coaches for the activities.

Kelly provided an update on Lowell Area School's Association activities, stating good progress had been made, with favorable community support from business, community groups, and individual citizens.

The board took action to purchase six new buses, awarding the low bid to Hoekstra who sells Thomas

built buses. Kelly explained that the Transportation Committee had thoroughly investigated costs involved in running old buses and felt that the policy of six bus purchases per year saved money in the long run. Because of budget cutbacks, no buses were purchased last school year. This purchase will probably be made before December so that the buses would qualify for this year's depreciation which is on a 7-year schedule.

The board also passed motions authorizing further blacktopping at the garage site and installation of electrical outlets to accommodate 20 heaters for buses.

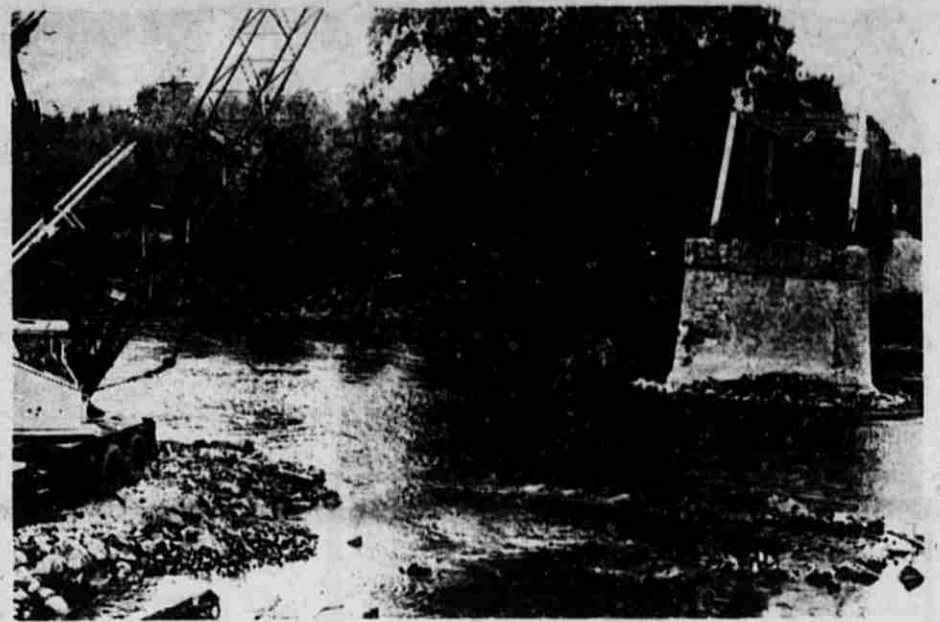
Marilyn Bovee, hot lunch supervisor, was present to explain why price increases for milk and hot lunches are

necessary. She listed reasons as: no reimbursement for milk; less federal reimbursement for the lunches; increased costs of products and labor. New prices are: elementary lunches 70c; middle and high school lunches 75c; adult lunches \$1.25; milk 20c.

Shortly after 9 p.m., the board adjourned to closed session to discuss negotiation strategies.

Upon return to the regular session at 10 p.m., board members seemed hopeful that the upcoming teacher mediation would be successful as was last week's mediation with the custodial association. Table agreement with that group was reached during a six-hour session with the state mediator.

## Two spans down; one to go



As of Monday, Aug. 10, only the north one-third of the Division St. bridge remained standing. Fill work along the paths of the new approaches to the bridge is also taking place. Bridge construction should be complete by early next summer.

## LHS registration starts Aug. 25

The opening of school is just around the corner, August 31. In order to set up schedules for students in Lowell Senior High School, special registration hours have been set for the week of August 24.

The 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who made course selections last spring will be scheduling classes in a college-type registration.

Ninth grade students will have schedules arranged from their course selections and ready for them to pick up in the high school cafeteria as soon as they arrive at school for the first day of classes on August 31.

Upperclassmen should come to the high school to

schedule classes at the time listed below. For those who do not attend registration, a schedule will be worked out for the classes selected last spring. Those schedules will also be handed out the first morning of school in the cafeteria.

### REGISTRATION FOR CLASS SCHEDULES

Mon., Aug. 24: SENIORS	
Last Name	Time
A-G	9 a.m.
H-R	10 a.m.
S-Z	11 a.m.
Tues., Aug 25: JUNIORS	
A-G	9 a.m.
H-R	10 a.m.
S-Z	11 a.m.

### Wed., Aug. 26: SOPHOMORES

A-G	9 a.m.
H-R	10 a.m.
S-Z	11 a.m.

All high school students who did not select classes last spring at either the middle school or the high school are asked to come to the Student Service Center of the high school during the week of August 17. Students new to the Lowell area should have a parent with them when they enroll.

Questions regarding enrollment and/or registration for classes should be directed to the high school office, 897-9202.

Veterans can get more information and assistance from any American Legion Post or Veterans Administration Office.

## Sawyer sponsors D.C. bus trip

Fifth District Rep. Hal Sawyer reported that he'll be sponsoring a constituent bus trip to Washington, D.C., Sept. 8-13.

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