

Village Council Acts on Widening Lowell's Main St.

At the council meeting on Monday the Village Council agreed to accept a plan for widening and improving both approaches to the village on east and west Main St. as presented by the State Highway Department at a cost of \$80,000.

The go-ahead on the project depends on the granting of Federal aid. As outlined the project would include curb and gutter and widening to 44 feet from the railroad tracks on west Main Street to the gateways. The same improvement would be made on east Main Street from Jackson Street to Grove Street.

Also included in this project would be widening, curb and gutter on North Hudson Street from Main to Spring St. The village share of these projects would be \$22,000, part of this amount coming from a special assessment on property owners of \$1.75 per front foot.



Dr. Thomas Hill, village officer, reported to the council that there were two cases of rabies found in Lowell dogs, and advised that all dogs be vaccinated for rabies, each year.

Dave Clark reported to the council that the State Fire Marshal inspected Lowell on Monday and many Lowell business places were found with bad fire risks from trash and paper on their property. The council was asked to cooperate for better inspection.

McMahon - Reynolds clothing store closed this week and the stock is being moved to Rockford where a former Lowell man, La Vern Schwab, is opening a new men's wear store. The Betty Kay Shop is moving across the street to the McMahon Building about the first of September.

Lowell's share of the second quarter collections of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund will be \$3,004.78. The portion of fund going to Kent County will be \$372,359.51.

Wheat Referendum Set For Friday, August 14

The wheat marketing quota referendum to be held August 14 will be conducted at 8 voting places in Kent County, advises Chairman John McCabe of the County Production and Marketing Administration Committee. Polling places will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. and each will be in charge of a local referendum committee of wheat growers appointed by the County PMA Committee.

The officially designated polling places in Eastern Kent County are: McCabe School, corner of McCabe and Four Mile rd for Ada Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes, Bowne township hall in Downe Center on M50 for Bowne and Lowell townships, Caledonia township hall, 68th and Thornapple Dr., at Alaska for Caledonia and Cascade townships.

NEW NAZARENE PASTOR MOVES FAMILY TO LOWELL.

The Rev. Ray Sheehy who is the new pastor at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, has moved his family to the residence at 211 N. Washington Street. Besides Mrs. Sheehy there is on son, Ray, Jr.

Cut 6-Inch Water Main for New School



Darold Christopherson and Carl Danike of the Ypsilanti Water Department came to Lowell Saturday with \$10,000 worth of equipment that the Ypsilanti officials kindly allowed the village to use to cut the six inch main on Vergennes Road and put in a valve and T. The job of cutting the main and inserting the valve and T was accomplished with this equipment under pressure and service for the residents was not interrupted. This connection will allow the village to run a six inch line one block west on Spring Street for the new Catholic school. The school group are digging the ditch and laying the pipe, the village is furnishing the pipe, fittings and supervision.

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Bowlers Planning To Greet Season Kick-Off Lunch

The bowlers of Lowell are to greet the new season with a lunch and meeting to be held on August 11 at the City Hall at which the various leagues will be set up and any questions or problems concerning the coming season will be discussed. The time is 8:00 P. M. and both men and women bowlers are invited to attend, as well as any persons who might be interested in bowling but have not previously been associated with any league in Lowell.

Lunch and coffee will be served and door prizes will be given away to those who attend. Some of these prizes are of considerable value and an interesting evening is promised.

Don't miss it, bowlers. Next Tuesday, August 11 at 8:00 P. M. — the Lowell Bowlers' Kick-Off Meeting.

It has been announced, also, that the Legion Bowling Alleys are to open for bowling August 15th, with league competition getting under way about the first of September.

Connect Water Mains Without Interruption Of Established Service

Lowell officials are deeply grateful to City Manager Damoose of Ypsilanti who sent three experienced men with special equipment over here to connect the water and sewer mains for St. Mark's new Catholic school. It took them Saturday and part of Sunday to complete the job and the connection was made without cutting off the service to the established mains in the village.

Municipal Light and Power Superintendent Thomas Moore had tried various other places to get this equipment brought in so that Lowell would not be without water and fire protection at any time while the connection was being made, but had been unable to find any company who would do it until Mr. Damoose came through with the necessary assistance.

Carl Denike, Mr. Warden and Darold Christopherson of Ypsilanti were the men who did the work which saved Lowell labor, time and money, in making this cutover for the school.

SHOWBOAT GADEN CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The August meeting of the Showboat Garden Club will be held Monday night, August 10 at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Clare Callier with Lucille Dalstra at co-hostess. Roll call will be "How I Am Doing With My Wild Flowers". Jean Watterson is program chairman and there will be a round table discussion with Hulda Finels, our honorary member answering questions. Jean will also present a short program on bird study.

MARY BARBARA PECKHAM LIVES BUT FIVE HOURS

Mary Barbara, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Peckham was born July 23 at Butterworth hospital and passed away five hours later. Surviving besides the parents is a brother, Rickie, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanOosten of Flint, and Mrs. P. C. Peckham of Lowell. Burial at Oakwood cemetery in Lowell.

'Gamest Crowd in the World' Stays at Showboat Watching 88th Performance Through Heavy 'Dew'

The 18th annual Lowell Showboat was a decided success in spite of the unsettled weather which prevailed, off and on, throughout the week though it really rained on only one performance—Saturday night. Even then the belated show was presented in its entirety, and, for good measure, a whole new show was presented Sunday night for all those who did not remain for the Saturday night's late show.

The weatherman heckled the committees and kept them in a dither most of the week with intermittent sprinkles and threatening skies, but each night's show went off beautifully without interruption the first five rights until Saturday when more than 6,000 optimistic and "trusting" spectators filled the grand stands, and while awaiting the arrival of the Robert E. Lee on its 88th trip down the river, the skies opened up and the rain came down in bucketfuls.

The audience, believing that the show was ruined, filed in orderly fashion out of the stadium, which is just one wide stairway, into the street and took cover under awnings, in doorways, into open business places—anywhere to get out of the 'dew'.

Confusion Reigned

There isn't near enough shelter along Lowell's Main street to accommodate 6,000 people even when stores are open, and there was some confusion as everyone was getting drenched, until the public address system at Radio Service Co. was brought into play and the crowd was invited to go to the 4-H Exhibition Building where the show would be given.

The building was quickly filled to its 2,000 capacity and there were still some 1,500 outside who couldn't get in. The ventilation system was inadequate and soon the folks in steaming clothing became very uncomfortable.

Complete Show Given

Around ten o'clock as the weather cleared Admiral Runciman asked the group how many wished to return to the Showboat for the rest of the show and the response was unanimous for the move, and while the crowd walked back to the stadium the stage hands transported the equipment for the acts, the piano, chairs, etc., back to the original stage where the complete show was given even at that late hour, with some 4,500 in the stands.

Special Showboat guests introduced from the stage by Admiral Runciman were Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, representing Governor and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, who were unable to attend; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roth of the Detroit Times, and H. F. Carpenter of Long Island, N. Y., former mayor of New York City.

Thomas Cole of Detroit, guest tenor, who is soloist at St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit, sang, "The World is Mine Tonight". Joan Reis, champion of Michigan baton twirlers, gave an exhibition as the nightly amateur act. Miss Joan had just returned from the national contest in Minneapolis where she won 4th place in the nation.

Later when Admiral Runciman was making his nightly check of out-of-town visitors, he recognized Miss Carole Minor of Detroit, one of last year's talented amateurs, who graciously came to the stage and sang, "Summer Time", on request.

Board Plans New Show

While the Saturday night show was still in progress and many were there to enjoy it, still the members of the Board of Managers knew many more had gone home without having seen the program, and at midnight they went into a session and planned a whole new show to be presented on Sunday night.

It meant work for all. Getting talent to take the places of the professional acts which could not remain for the added night, getting a new orchestra and rehearsing Sunday afternoon to get all acts working smoothly, plus an additional expenditure of \$1,500, but these managers wanted to feel that the Showboat had been a success and that everyone enjoyed it to full measure.

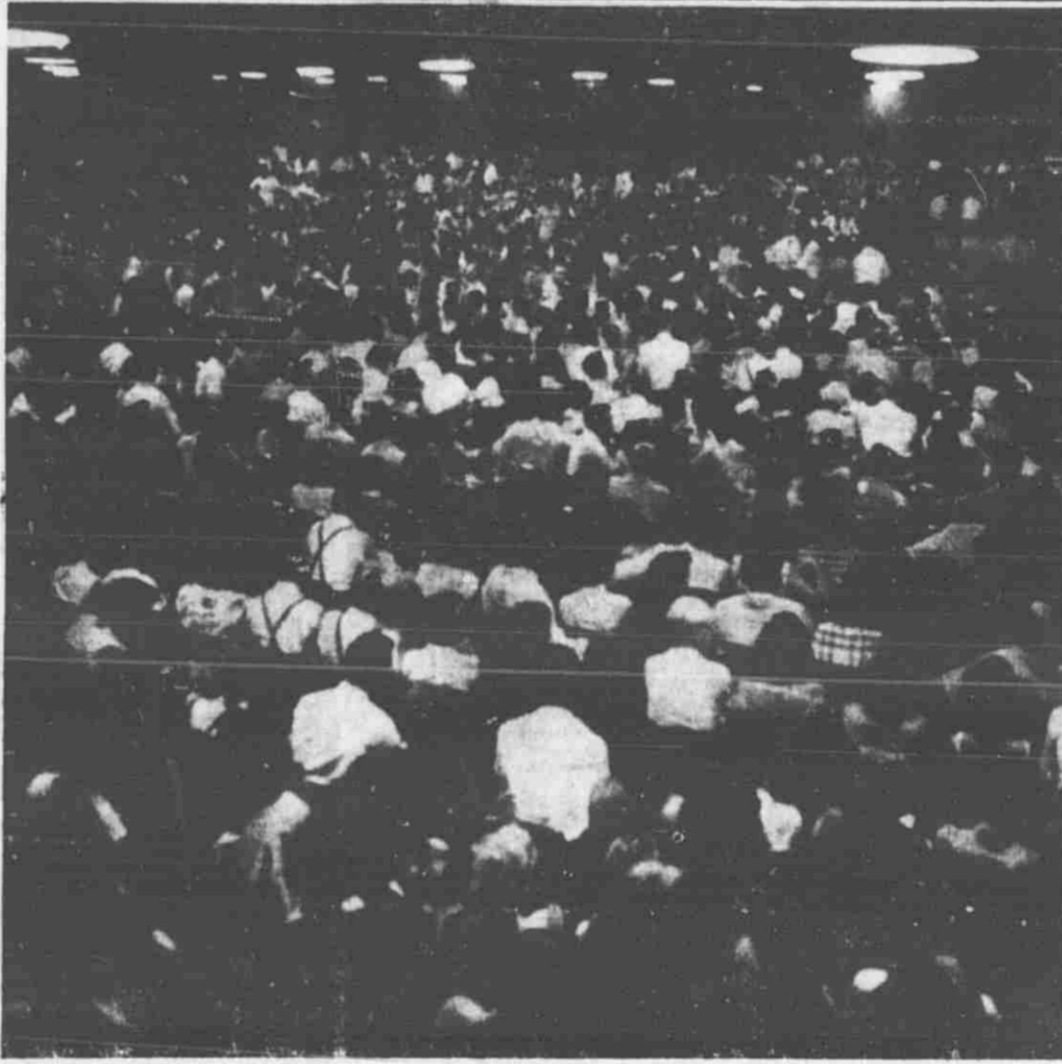
Sunday Night's Show

The Woodsons, the Langs, and the Borrelli orchestra were unable to stay over because of their next bookings. Another group of musicians were engaged for the Sunday night show and a musical comedy act by Robert Clippers and Frank Parks were hired to replace the Langs.

Gross Showboat income is expected to pass the 1952 figure of \$37,033.

More Showboat News on Back Page

A small town is where the neighbors watch your wife for you.



Main street in Lowell on Saturday night was one of wild confusion. Above is a view of the Showboat crowd at 8:30, standing under awnings and in doorways awaiting the decision of whether to go home or wait for the show. The second view is one of the 4-H Exhibition Building packed with 2,000 people and the other 1,500 milling around outside at 9:30 waiting for the show to start. A few minutes after this picture was taken Admiral C. H. Runciman came to the packed, hot, steamy building and took a vote of the crowd on staying in the 4-H Building or going back to the Showboat Stadium and taking a chance on the rain beginning all over again. The crowd voted overwhelmingly to go back and they streamed through town to take their seats and watch the boat show up for the 88th performance at 10:20 p. m. When Interlocutor Runciman got off the boat he was introduced to the audience by Norman Borgerson who said: "Admiral Runciman, meet the gamest crowd in the world."

B&PW Clubs of State Enjoys Showboat Program On Thursday Evening

Officers of the Michigan Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and the members of many clubs throughout the state thoroughly enjoyed the Thursday performance of Showboat, Commodore Runciman, graciously welcomed the group and introduced State officers who were present, Helene Rawling, Junior Past President; Virginia Allan, 2nd Vice President; Grace S. Barnett, Chairman of District No. 5; and the local President, Muriel Abraham. A welcome guest was Helen Eyke, President of the Hastings, Florida B & P W Club.

Refreshments were served in the City Hall following the show. Mrs. Orrin Sterken made the decorative and delicious open-faced sandwiches. The food and table arrangements were in charge of Cora Stormzand and Rosemary Fonger and their committee. Lydia Johnson was general chairman of the local club's B & P W Night at Showboat.

The Lowell Showboat is a king-size entertainment, magnificent and unusual, and the Lowell B & P W Club is happy to help make it known to the far corners of the state, and to shine in its reflected glory.

American Legion meeting on Monday night, August 10. Reports from Showboat committees. Sunday, August 9, we need help on concessions for Horse Show.

Neighbors Invited to Cedar Springs Aug. 13

Cedar Springs is inviting all its neighboring communities to attend its Annual Farmers' Day Thursday, Aug. 13, with a program starting at 9 a. m. and continuing all day into the night. Horse pulling, tractor pulling, parade, contests, games and sports including ball game under the lights will be featured. A public wedding in the evening sponsored by merchants of the village will be another highlight.

Snow Methodist Church Drive-in Service Popular

Again for the benefit of those churches who do not have services on Sunday evening in the vicinity of Lowell, Snow church is featuring another Drive-In service with special music consisting of instrumental duets, accordion and saxophone numbers. The public is invited to worship with us as we sing some old familiar hymns led by Sid Baarda, pastor of the church. Services at the Snow church which is located 3½ miles east of Cascade off US16 on Snow Ave., begin at 7:15 P. M.

VERGRADA 4-H CLUB

The Vergrada 4-H club held their bi-monthly meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Richmond. Plans were discussed for the exhibits at the 4-H fair, the 18th and 21st. Refreshments were served. Reporter Betsy Byrne.

Rotary Club Host To Showboat Cast At Luncheon Meet

The Lowell Rotary Club holds its usual Wednesday meeting at the City Hall and at these meetings they usually have a very usual luncheon. Last Wednesday however, everything was unusual. As a matter of fact, the meeting was just out of this world.

Under the direction of C. H. Runciman, program chairman, the entire professional cast of the Showboat extravaganza was present to enjoy a Rotarian luncheon and to contribute their charm, comedy, music and dancing to the activities of the day.

A special act was put on extemporaneously by several of the "younger" members of the club assisted by eight dancers from the Showboat program who overflowed with such things as pulchritude, grace and terpsichorean ability. The act will long be remembered by the Rotarians as one of the outstanding performances of the age.

The meeting was duly adjourned by Pres. Ed. Kiel but few heard the sounding of the closing bell.

Mrs. Maude Lawyer Dies After Short Illness

Mrs. Maude Lawyer passed away at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home in Cascade, following an illness of over six months' duration. She is survived by her husband, Harley Lawyer, and one daughter, Dorothy, of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at ten o'clock at St. Mary's Church in Cascade. The body is at Cross-Miller Funeral Home at Caledonia, where friends and relatives may meet the family Thursday evening. The Rosary will be recited at 8:00 Thursday evening. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery at Cascade.

C. H. Runciman, M. C. at Farmers' Day Program At Ionia Fair Friday

The Farmers Day program at the Ionia Free Fair Friday morning, Aug. 14, will be one of many highlighted features, and is presented by the Ionia County Pomona Grange.

C. H. Runciman will be master of ceremonies; Saranac School Band will open the program at 9:00 a. m. Other features are the Needmore Kitchen Band, Junior Farm Bureau presenting folk dancing, the Farley Brothers of Clarksville, accordion music; the crowning of Cinderella of Ionia County Pomona Grange, by Wm. J. Brake, Master of State Grange; winners of 4-H Talent Find; the Plainsmen of Station WION, and two surprise numbers.

Name Speakers for Kent Annual School Meeting

Annual meeting of the Kent County School Association will be held August 11th at 8:00 p. m. at the Grand Rapids Township Hall, on the East Belt Line. Speakers will be as follows: Sid Fixma, Executive Secretary of State Association, "State School Affairs"; "Audits, a New School Law," will be explained by Mel Anderson, President of the Kent County Board of Education; "Music Shall We Teach It," presented by Rex Adams, newly elected Vice-President of the Kent County Board of Education.

Lowell Beer Store open every day and evening, Sundays till 7:00 p. m.

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Minority Report Of Equalization Tax Committee

Members of the Equalization Committee for Kent county make the following minority report: The State Tax Commission report was not received in time for thorough consideration and the Commission's work papers were not available to a sufficient extent for the committee and supervisors to make recommendations for the current year's rolls nor for action in next year's assessing. Further, the Commission's basis for assessing has not been explained satisfactorily to the Kent county members.

It is our opinion that the State Tax Commission is not a disinterested party. We believe that the Commission does not have an adequate knowledge of local values and individual circumstances to make a survey that would be so accurate as to result in decimal fractions of the City and Township ratios. It is neither satisfactory nor sound that the State Tax Commission should have powers which are not subject to court or administrative review.

After a preliminary study of individual parcels, it is our opinion that there are errors in the State spot check. We consider it a major error to assess at 1952 values and add a flat 10 percent to every category of property in order to determine the 1953 valuations. The total Kent County valuation for 1953 as determined by the State is too high unless practical aspects of assessing are ignored. We believe that an independent survey by appraisal experts would not support the total determined by the State for the City as compared to the Township ratios and percentages.

Opinions expressed by various supervisors indicate that very few members outside of the City are convinced that the State report is acceptable in its entirety. Many supervisors have confidence that their assessing is not generally as low as the State report would indicate.

Believing that the majority report has the acceptance of a majority of the Board of Supervisors as a practical solution for this year, we do not intend to offer a substitute Equalization formula.

Signed by Louis Vos, Jake Van Houten, Fred M. Pattison, Clayton C. Davies, committee.

Frank Houghtor, supervisor of Lowell township, also voted for the minority.

Women Bowlers Note Season Opens Early

The bowling season opens early this year with open bowling the middle of August, league bowling the first week in September.

A get-together meeting will be held at the City Hall Tuesday, August 11, at eight o'clock, for men and women. Lunch will be served, and there will be door prizes.

Organization plans for both leagues in the Women's Association will be completed at this meeting. All women bowlers are urged to attend, whether or not you have previously bowled in Lowell leagues. Some additional bowlers are needed. If you wish to join up with a team for Tuesday night bowling, please contact Esther Clemenz, President of the Lowell Women's Bowling Association, telephone 9304, or register at the bowling meeting.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Lowell Public Library will be closed two weeks in August for the annual vacation, the period being from August 11 to August 22 inclusive.

Inez Rutherford, Librarian.

New York Man Dies of Crash Injuries



August Jutze, 52, of Buffalo, New York, died Sunday morning in Butterworth Hospital from injuries received Saturday morning when he apparently went to sleep, crossed the road and crashed into a tree on M21 east of Lowell near the Kent-Ionia line. Jutze who was alone in the car, was on his way to Grand Rapids to visit friends. He was pinned in by the crash which drove the motor and dash into the seat of the car. It took nearly twenty minutes of work to extract him from the car, he was treated at the scene of the accident by Dr. McKay and later removed to the hospital where death resulted from shock. He suffered two broken legs along with head and internal injuries. His brother and sister came to Lowell Sunday and were taken to Grand Rapids. Jutze has one son who is in Korea.

Electric Paint Remover
A new electric radiant-heat paint remover is available which substantially speeds paint removal without the danger of an open flame.

Pleasant Home Among Christian Surroundings



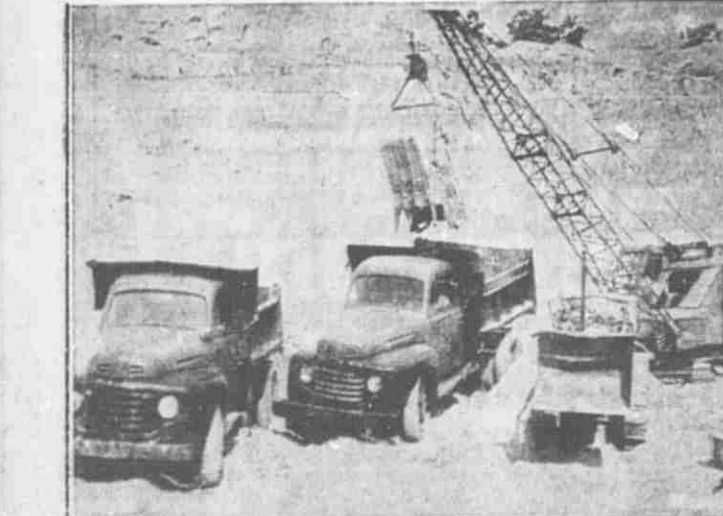
The private hospital has undoubtedly contributed much to combating disease and has been indispensable to the medical profession in precipitating the cure of many ills.



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In a review of the outstanding business and service concerns in this trading area, it is of special interest and importance to the prospective builder that we include a leading progressive firm as the Belding Gravel Co.



Washington Review

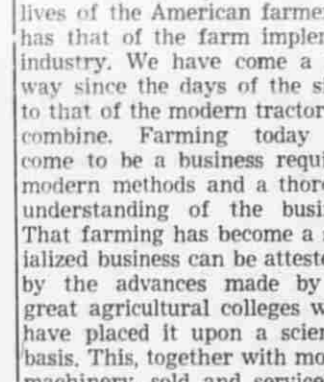
By Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

Advances made by President Eisenhower toward reorganization of our excessively cumbersome Federal Government have put a new spark of life into governmental processes.

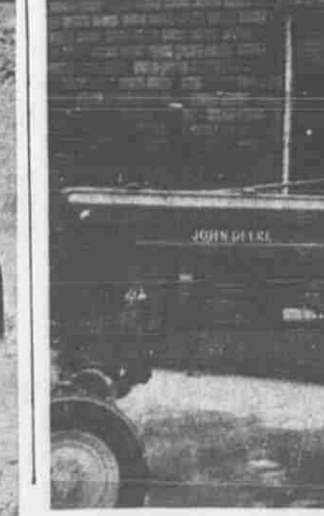
In the Post Office Department experiments are under way to accomplish more effective operation of this vital activity of our Federal government.

The Mary Gullick Convalescent Home located at 7 Elmer court at rear of 838 Sheldon St. E. in Grand Rapids, has taken its place among those homes which promote better health and through its activities has received wide acclaim by many notables in the medical profession.

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My Neighbors

By Mrs. Zimmon



A protective material made of neoprene for structural steel-concrete, wood and other surfaces does not require elaborate surface preparation and though it cures at normal temperatures, it will not set in the contact.

Pruning and cultivating a garden, long overgrown with weeds is no easy job. But once the weeds have been eliminated, the garden is restored, and the sunlight permitted to reach the roots of the plants, the garden is again in blossom.

The Department of Defense while the Congress exists its economy stones downtown in the direction of the Executive Agencies it would be wise to inspect the budget of the Executive Agencies.

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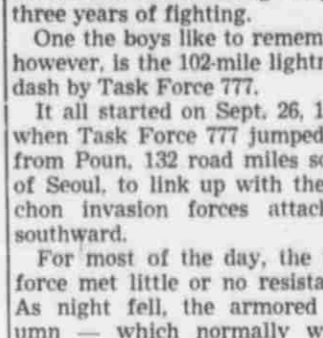


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U.S. Army Tanks Put Blitz in War Proven In Korea

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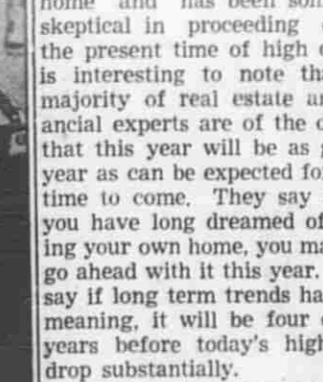


SEKOL—Patton-like dashes by American tanks were few and far between in Korea during the past three years of fighting.

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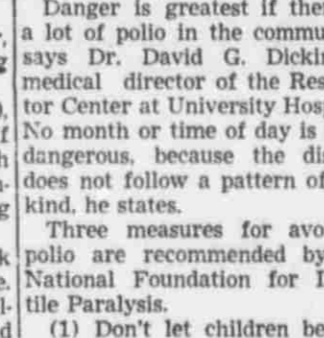


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Medic Outlines Simple Precautions Against Polio

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Ann Arbor—Although a few simple precautions are suggested, parents are urged not to become hysterical and thus overly restrict their youngsters' activities.

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MICHIGAN POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 6,708,000

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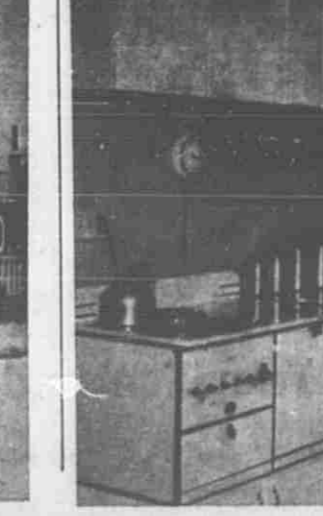
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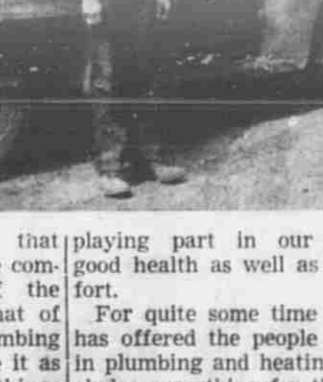


Memorial Bridge at Clay's Ferry, Ky., which was started in October, 1941 and completed in August, 1946, is said to be the highest continuous steel deck bridge in the United States.

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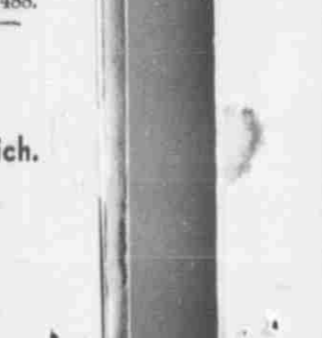


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Mrs. Edmund Clark, great-grandmother; Frances Lloyd of Los Angeles, California, and her daughter, Mrs. James J. Nix, of Hawthorne, Calif., Marilyn Nix, Janet Nix, great-granddaughters. Mrs. Clark has never seen the great-grandchildren until this visit.

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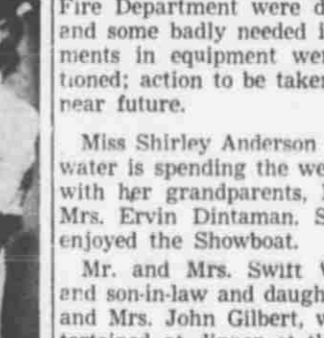
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Alto Community News

MRS. CLAUD SILCOX—PHONE ALTO 4531

Swimming Lessons Close
The last swimming classes for the season were enjoyed Wednesday and Thursday.

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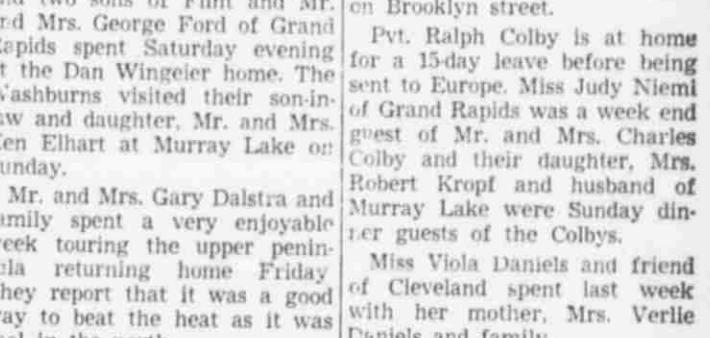
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- 1 teaspoon Cloves
- 1 teaspoon Ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt

Mix well, let cool in refrigerator. Make into balls size of a walnut. Dip into granulated sugar. Place on baking sheet at least 2 inches apart with sugar side up. Bake at 400° F. They will be all cracked and krinkley. Makes approximately 3 dozen cookies.

King Milling Company

Lowell, Michigan

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I wish to thank my many friends, neighbors and the Cheerful Doers for the flowers, cards and phone calls during my illness. Also my thanks to Bernie and Owen for their services.

Lyle Webster c15

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Light Bills to Come by Mail with New Installation



Lowell Municipal Utilities bills for electricity came by mail to customers on Monday morning this week for the first time in the history of the plant. Tom Moore, Superintendent on the left is shown making a last minute check with Mrs. Thelma Kingsley, operator. The billing is done with a Burroughs Machine that will take over the entire bookkeeping job for the Municipal Plant and in time for the entire village operation. Bills for both the lights, water and sewer will be made up on this machine which has been several months in process of being set up. The plant will be able to keep a very close cost accounting system for all the lines and departments with this new equipment which cost \$5,000.

Showboat Echoes and Raindrops

Uncle Sam's boys at Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek were made happy Thursday when Admiral Runciman and his Showboat people went over there and put on some real good entertainment for them.

A number of parties and dinners were put on by Lowell people during the past week, some of them honoring Showboat entertainers.

Curly Howard and his trusty 125-year-old barometer came up Saturday with the second miss in 18 years. Not a bad record at that when one stops to consider how badly he wanted to see fair weather all week.

The Smazels of the St. Louis Leader-Press write: "Thanks for another delightful Show Boat experience. It was the usual pleasant success and we still thrill that a community like Lowell can stage such a gigantic event."

Curly Howard says if they try to out him as rain predictor for the Showboat he will fight it. He has already retained R. M. Shivel, George Cook and Roger McMahon. He says the Showboat still retains its record of having been rained out only once in 18 years.

Norm Borgerson's only comment on the weather was "Hot dang you all, I swear it was too darn dewey."

Harold Bozong was the man of the hour when the downpour came on Saturday night. He rushed over to Bob Chrouch's and induced Bob to broadcast instructions to the Showboat patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence who continued the broadcasting on Sunday deserve the warmest thanks from every Showboat fan.

Only two people in Lowell seemed to know what the rain check on the showboat tickets said. They were Norm Borgerson who wrote it and Harold Jefferies who has printed it 300,000 times.

Rain Check
"If the performance starts and continues until 9:00 P. M. this rain check is void. In case of rain or storm before that time this ticket will admit any person to a dance and Showboat acts in 4-H Exhibition Bldg. the same night or will be good at a special Showboat performance on Sunday, August 2."

Attendance was down Thursday night since it rained in every town around Lowell including Lowell Corners, on highway 16. It actually sprinkled a little four nights during the performance.

C. H. Runciman is now the only man in Lowell who has never seen the Showboat.

Many people wonder if Michigan's next governor was present at the Showboat, either in person or by proxy. Among potential candidates were D. Hale Blake, Lieutenant Governor, Clarence Reid, John Martin and Owen J. Cleary and Police Commissioner Don Leonard.

There is no way of knowing how large the receipts were Saturday night, of the taverns, restaurants, theatre, doctors and dry cleaners, umbrellas and raincoat store, baby sitters and news stands.

When the rains came Saturday night it was realized that the whole grandstand is one broad stairway and can be emptied promptly without confusion.

Nelson Brown of the Ingham County News, Mason, writes:

"The GM Parade of Progress was educational and entertaining. The circus was more entertaining than educational. Then on Monday night I went to Lowell to see the 18th annual showboat. It's no less than sensational. Every act is tops, the best that Broadway, Hollywood and TV offer. Clever dancing, wonderful acrobatics, roaring comedy. Every act is good and the setting is beautiful indeed. Take it in, if you can, and see what I mean about the need for raising the county fair horizon."

With 750 people on committees working to make each year's Showboat bigger and better than any previous number, it was discovered on opening night that the whole 750 had each and every one forgotten the helm and the Robert E. Lee was brought to the dock without the usual steering gear. Admiral Runciman was first to miss it.

Nina Babcock, editor of Cedar Springs Clipper, gives her opinion on the Showboat which we quote in part:

"Always the Lowell Showboat is a thrill, and this year an extra one, because The Clipper editor was asked to make the initial trip down the river in the pilot house with Commodore Carlton Runciman Monday night as the Showboat docked for its 18th annual opening. A great show it was, and each year we marvel at the community spirit behind the Showboat. It takes team-work, not by 15 or 20 people, but by hundreds. Lowell is an example of community spirit that many other towns could well emulate."

CUTLER-SAYLES 4-H SUMMER CLUB

The club met at Mrs. Paul A. Smith's on July 23, 1953. They talked about the fair and about the projects. Thirty-one were present. They also talked about the 4-H members camp trip. The camp was held on July 26 - 29 at Bostwick Lake. All had fun. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Wayne L. Schroder's August 4. Also at 3:00 that day the club will tour some of the best gardens of the members.

Harvey Noon, Reporting

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Approaching Marriage Announced by Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Miller announce the marriage of their daughter, Suzanna, to Mr. Delbert E. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Almen Erickson of Grand Haven, this Friday evening, August 7th, at 8:00 o'clock at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Roy Sheehy will perform the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Marcus Lemunyon of Grand Haven.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone for the flowers and many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of our loved one, I. W. McFall.

Florence and Jimmy McFall
Mrs. Nancie Gillette
Orlo and Maryann Gwatkin.
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SNOW 4-H COOKING CLUB

The Snow 4-H Cooking Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lester Antonides, their teacher. Soups, salads and cookies were made by second year girls; third years girls made meat dishes, salads, and cup cakes; bread and rolls were made by 4th year girls; pies by fifth year members, and the sixth year girls made cakes and coffee cakes.

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