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'61 Showboat a Success!

Light rains marred the opening night run of the Lowell Showboat Monday evening as the gaily decorated Robert E. Lee XXX rounded the bend in Flat River with whistles blowing and twin stacks belching smoke.

Skies soon cleared, however, and the Showboat steamed up to its river-front wharf before a record-breaking audience of 6,000 people in the Showboat stadium. A puffing miniature tug aided the landing of the Showboat after its 133rd voyage down the river.

Headed by Hoosier comic Herb Shriver, the six top professional acts combined with the local endmen and the 80-voice Showboat Chorus and disembarked from the glittering blue and silver boat to launch the maiden performance of the six-night 1961 season.

Dr. Roy Westcott, Lowell veterinarian, welcomed the crowd and began his second year as the singing Interlocutor of "the world's largest minstrel show," which runs this year through Saturday night, July 29.

Besides Shriver, whose homespun humor and artful harmonica playing highlighted the show, the Showboat entertainers included Bobo Barnett, six-foot clown who fascinated young and old alike by squeezing himself, a large suitcase, four trained dogs, and a pet skunk into a tiny four-foot automobile; the fast-stepping Steiner Brothers, a teen-age tap dance trio fresh from an appearance at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas; the fabulous Ferry Forst troupe, Austrian masters of illusion who recently completed a four-month South American tour; the Lenore Sutton line of acrobatic dancing girls; and Jose da Silva and his authentic Southern banjo melodies.

Recording star Jimmy Cook and his band provided background music for the professional acts and the endmen's songs.

Amateur stars for the opening nights were Sue Pierce and Vicki Hampton of Grand Ledge.

Tuesday Night

Tuesday night the Robert E. Lee swung once again around Cat Tail Bend, this time with its calliope repaired and in noisy operation.

On board for this trip were amateur stars Dave Wheeler and Dave and John McIntire, a vocal trio from Coral, billed as the "Coralsaires."

The largest Tuesday night crowd in recent Showboat history was on hand to greet the entertainers as they arrived at docks. The people had come to see a good show—and they got what they wanted. After the opening chorus numbers, "Are You From Dixie?" and "Showboat Tonight," the six endmen, dressed this year in blue and gold, teamed up in a rousing rendition of "My Blue Heaven" to set the show off at a fast pace.

Following the amateur act, the acrobatic Lenore Sutton dancers appeared for the first of their two numbers. Glittering red costumes, precision dancing, and talented

use of batons added much to the sparkle of the show. Forrest Buck, now in his 19th year on Showboat, led off the parade of endmen with his version of "Minstrel Man." "Bucky" also entertained the crowd during his number by performing on the silver spoons.

Next came Ferry Forst and his troupe of performers. Highlight of the act was a cannon which shot a lovely human projectile across the stage into a closed box held by two stage hands.

Southern Minstrel Touch Phil Kropf, backed by the Showboat Chorus, breezed through an eye-catching version of "Happy Days Are Here Again" which gently spoofed the Democrats, and Jose da Silva added an authentic touch of the Southern minstrel shows by ripping off Stephen Foster melodies on his silver-toned banjo.

"Doc" Robert Reagan, assisted by his cohorts in black-face, with endman Dick McNeal on the "rinky-tink pianer," talked about the "Downtown Poker Club" and threatened all bottom-of-the-deck dealers with a giant razor.

Delighting the youngsters and amazing the adults, Chester "Bobo" Barnett appeared in his miniature car and whistled and trumpeted his way through one of the cleverest acts to appear on Showboat in several years.

After Ron Holst had drifted "Up A Lazy River" with the chorus padding right behind him, the Lenore Sutton dancers appeared once more, with special black-light spots bringing out the cold-fire beauty of their costumes on the darkened stage.

The Showboat's Interlocutor, Dr. Roy Westcott, next presented an Anita Walter arrangement of the melodic "Lonesome Road," the kind of song that makes a fidgety crowd sit up, take note, and hold their breath.

Endman Stephen Nisbet then cloaked through a series of disappointing phone calls before making his date for the "Dark Town Strutters Ball."

Professional despite their youth, the Steiner Brothers, debonaire, well-tailored, and collegiate, wowed the crowd with a fast-stepping "How About You?" greeting and then moved into a "Tea For Two" soft-shoe. In whatever they did, whether it was singing, playing the bongos, or crack jokes, the Steiners, Rob, Ron and Roy, exhibited a flair which pleased the audience.

Shriver A Hit Dick McNeal then presented "Rockabye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody" before the long-awaited appearance of the star of the show, Herb Shriver.

Describing his Indiana hometown as a burg located between the "first and second lines of a Burma Shave roadside poem," Shriver kept the audience roaring throughout his entire act.

While looking down at his feet and appearing to be searching for the next word, the Hoosier comedian commented on the hot days

and cool nights he was experiencing during his stay at Silver Lake. "I have a bad case of sun-burnt goose-pimples," he cracked.

He then described at great length a beauty contest in his hometown, "which nobody won during the first five years we had it," and followed this up with a harmonica rendering of a tune his grandfather had often played on the fiddle.

"My grandfather's last wish was to be buried with his violin," Shriver divulged, "but we had to give that up because the violin case wasn't roomy enough."

When the last bit of applause had died away after Shriver's act, the six endmen, the Showboat Chorus, and the entire company, under the direction of Bruce Walter, launched into the Grand Finale, "Waitin' For The Robert E. Lee."

It had been a long show, but it was a good one!



Bobo Barnett's truck, in which he transports his dogs, skunk, and midget auto, was hit by a log-loaded truck belonging to Bleher and Sons Tree Experts Tuesday afternoon in front of the Lowell Post office. Fortunately, little damage was done to either vehicle and Barnett's animals, which were riding in the van at the time, were uninjured. Officers Nels Francen investigated the accident.

Old-timers nodded knowingly and called it "typical Showboat weather" as the Robert E. Lee XXX steamed up to the dock Monday evening "in the mist" of a light rain. By the time the record-size crowd had time to slip into raincoats and put up umbrellas, the rain had stopped and the show went on. Stage crews mopped off the stage to prevent the "heavy dew" from slowing down the chorus during their opening dance number.

One half hour after the Monday evening show the rains came down again. Fortunately for the Showboat's dry weather reputation, the stands had been cleared and the crowds were on their way back home.

Amateur winners appeared on several television stations last week, performing before the video cameras and plugging the 1961 Lowell Showboat. Monday night winners, Sue Pierce and Vicki Hampton of Grand Ledge, appeared last Friday on WMSB in Lansing. The Coralsaires, who performed on the Tuesday Showboat, sang on the Buck Barry show Saturday morning on WOOD-TV, and Rida Brice, Wednesday night elocutionist, appeared earlier in the week on WKZO-TV.

Herb Shriver has also been plugging the Showboat on television over WOOD-TV. Monday a taped interview with the headliner was broadcast on the 6:30 news telecast, Tuesday he appeared on the Panorama show and Wednesday morning he was a guest of Don Melvoin.

Guiding the Showboat around Cat Fish Bend each night is a tiny tug operated by the Dry Land Marina in Grandville. A line from the Robert E. Lee XXX is attached to the little tug, which is appropriately named "Annie."

Present at the Rotary Luncheon for the Showboat stars Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Steiner, "producers" of the Steiner Brothers' act. And, in case you're wondering, the brothers may be identified as follows: Rob, who handles the fast draw on the gun, is 16; bongos-playing Ron is 18; and Roy, anchor man on the Steiner totem-pole, is 20. The brothers have been working together for nine years.

Ledger employees beamed with pride when Herb Shriver remarked at the Rotary Luncheon that his hometown didn't even have a newspaper to compare with Lowell's—in fact, they didn't have one at all. "Nobody even subscribed to an out-of-town newspaper," Herb noted, "unless they kept a bird."

Banjoist Jose da Silva appeared Thursday noon before 200 tourists at the luncheon meeting of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club.

Charles Doyle Runs Close Race in Con-Con Vote

In the Constitutional Convention race, Lowell's candidate on the Democrat ticket, Charles Doyle lost to his widely known opponent by less than 200 votes.

In Lowell, Doyle got more votes than any other candidate on either ticket.

Winning in their respective parties were John Martin in the 17th Senatorial District, and Mrs. Ella Koeze in the 2nd Representative District on the Republican ticket.

The Democrats nominated Stanley Walsh in the Senatorial District and George Wiest in the 2nd Representative District. In the 3rd Representative District the Republicans nominated Mrs. Dorothy Judd and Democrat Heinz was not opposed.

FRI. & SAT. BAKERY SPECIALS Free package hamburger or hot-dog buns with \$1 or more purchase. Fluger's Lowell Bakery.

Read the Ledger Want Ads!

First Pistol Match Success

Rawson R. Weaver of Grand Rapids, nationally prominent pistol shooter, won Lowell's first 1800 point approved "Flat River" Tourney with an impressive score of 1688-42X over a field of thirty competitors from Detroit, Flint, Jackson, Lansing, Ionia, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon.

Next in line was Master Joseph Schultz of Ionia with a fine score of 1647-44X. Total results are as follows:

Winner, Rawson R. Weaver, Grand Rapids, 1688-42X; 1st Master, Joseph Schultz, Ionia, 1647-44X; 1st Expert, Thornton J. Oostra, Grand Rapids, 1603-28X; 2nd Expert, George Dickerson, Jackson, 1601-31X; 1st Sharpshooter, Norman C. Colter, Jackson, 1582-23X; 2nd Sharpshooter, Howard J. Cassell, Jackson, 1575-24X; 1st Marksman, Paul F. McGuire, Grand Rapids, 1451-15X; 2nd Marksman, Eleanor Bradley, Detroit, 1440-10X; 1st Unclassified, Tilden Pinckney, Lowell, 1028-7X.

Course of fire consisted of 20 shots slow fire at 50 yards with each of three guns, .22 Cal., .38 Cal., and .45 Cal.; 20 shots with each gun timed fire at 25 yards, 20 shots with each gun rapid fire at 25 yards.

High woman in the match was Mrs. Eleanor Bradley of Detroit.

Area Students Receive Summer Degrees at WMU

A summer graduating class of 500 persons, with a heavy concentration of this receiving degrees will be presented their diplomas by President James W. Miller at services Thursday evening (tonight), July 27, in the University Field House.

Those from Alto receiving their degrees are Mrs. Sara M. Clinton, 14050-64th Street, Alto, obtaining her M.A. degree; Larry C. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman, Route 2, Alto, receiving his B.S. degree; and an elementary certificate will be presented to Alberta S. Kauffman, 13738-84th Street, Alto.

Miss Constance Place, of Lowell, received her M.A. degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Place, Route 2, Lowell.

Dr. Samuel L. Brownell, superintendent of schools at Detroit will be the guest speaker, and the degrees will be conferred by Mrs. Cornelia Robinson, a member of the State Board of Education.

Once again let's try to straighten it out! Why, people ask, is the Robert E. Lee numbered "XXX" while the official program calls this the 26th year of Showboat? To further complicate matters, subtracting 1932, the year of the Showboat's birth, from 1961 leaves 29 years. But it must be remembered that the Showboat dates are inclusive. If you have enough fingers and toes, you'll find that this is actually the 30th, or "pearl anniversary" edition of the Robert E. Lee, and finally, five years of inactivity during World War II explain why Lowell is only celebrating its 26th summer of actual showboating.

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Bowne 4-H Members at M. S. U.



The Bowne Center 4-H Club was well represented recently when three members joined eleven hundred other Michigan 4-H'ers for a four day visit to Michigan State University campus July 11-14.

Those attending from Bowne Center 4-H were June Bowman 14, of Alto, Pam Klahn 16, of Lowell, and Tom Van Heyningen 15, also of Alto.

June is well known for her accomplishments in the clothing and dairy projects. She molded at the Kent Co. Style Show this year by being picked as one of 50 out of 1,500 girls. She will be a Sophomore at Caledonia High School this fall.

Pam is active in clothing and beef. She is a member of the Jr. Press Corp., Service Club. She has also molded at the county style show, and at Herpolsheimer's during the Harpolsheimer's Simplicity Contest.

Tom is active in the vegetable gardening, crops, photography,

Bevy of Beauties On Board Tonight

A bevy of beauty queens will be on board the Robert E. Lee XXX this evening to ride down the river to attend Showboat's Thursday night performance, traditionally designated as Queens' Night.

Preparing the way at the Wednesday night performance were Karen Jean Southway, the new Miss Michigan, and Jane Ann Loken, the current Miss All-American City. Both girls, who hail from Grand Rapids, represented the Furniture City at the annual Grand Rapids' Night festivities.

Appearing at the Thursday performance will be Elsie Margaret Potter, the reigning Miss Grand Rapids, and Bonnie Lee Wilson, recently named Miss Grandville.

Showboat Queen Karlene Detmers and the members of her court, Sandy Rose, Elsie Backstrom, Karen LaDue, and Phyllis Rose, will be on hand to welcome the visiting royalty.

Among the visiting dairy princesses will be Nancy Lee Dinkel of Sparta, Kent County Dairy Princess; Dorothy Nelson, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County Dairy Princess; Marie Ann Robinson, Grant, Newaygo County Dairy Princess; Barbara Jean Hoover, Delton, Barry County Dairy Princess; Beverly Bonteko, Marion, Osceola County Dairy Princess, and Sheila Tyndall, Branch, Mason County Dairy Princess.

List Other Beauties

Other royalty includes Donna Sprick, Lake City, Missaukee Mt. Ski Queen; Carol Wallen, Ashley, 1960 Saginaw County Bean Queen; Shirley Hall, Ludington, 1961 Pereh-Queen; Karen E. Brown, Scottville, Mason County Harvest Festival Queen; Diane Slater, Bridgeport, Bridgeport home coming Queen; Mary Ellen Yaklin, New Lothrop, Miss New Lothrop of 1961; and Judy Hahn, Marcellus, Marcellus Blue Gill Frolic Queen.

Also indicating that they will be present at the Showboat festivities Thursday were Sally King, Hastings, Hastings Homecoming Queen; Karen Van Leeuwen, Fremont, Miss Newaygo County; Bonnie J. Ingraham, Homer, Cereals City Festival Queen; Kathryn Sue Langley, Dowagiac Queen; Linda Allen, Ithaca, Gratiot County Bean Queen; Susan Joy Friday, Coloma, Berrien County Cherry Pie Baking Queen; and Mary Jo Hermans, Ionia, Miss Ionia County.

Also attending will be Lowell's own Judith Hadden, West Michigan Garden Queen; Carol Ludtke, Sand Lake, the reigning Miss Sand Lake; Darleen Rose Torres, Wyoming, Queen of the Wyoming Amvets; Post No. 35; Carol Glasser, Verona, Miss Shiawassee County; Leona Warner, Ovid, Clinton-Ionia-Montcalm County Apple Queen; and Joyce Ann Reed, Vermontville, Maple Syrup Queen.

L. H. S. Class of '36 Hold 25th Anniversary Dinner, 27th Attend

The 25th Anniversary banquet of the Class of 1936, Lowell High School, was held at Ramona Banquet Room, Grand Rapids, on Saturday evening, July 22.

A wonderful chicken dinner was enjoyed by the 27 people who were present, as were the games and visiting which served as the entertainment for the evening.

Robert Ellis, chairman of the banquet, introduced Gerald Rollins as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Rollins called on the following people to read from the 1936 annual: Mrs. Catherine Hoover Powers, Class History; Mrs. Margaret Cote Vincent, Class Will; Kenneth Plecher, Class Prophecy.

Mrs. Madeline Kyser Vickery was in charge of the games and awarded prizes to the various members present. Madeline was chosen by ballot to be Queen of the Anniversary. (They said as long as she made and fitted the crown, they knew she wanted to keep it!)

Other members of the banquet committee besides Mr. Ellis were: Madeline Vickery, Gerald Rollins and Pauline LaDue.

It was decided to hold another anniversary in five years, besides the annual picnic reunion, which is an affair attended by the whole family. Everyone enjoyed looking at old pictures, annuals and reminiscing about high school days and each classmate got up and told of some interesting experience that had happened to him since graduation.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pinckney, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas LaDue, all from Lowell and surrounding areas; Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent of Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tronsen of Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Powers of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bartels of Muskegon Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dempsey and Mrs. Russell Anderson, all of Grand Rapids.

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"Hullo, Folks!" Shriver Family Met Sunday by 100



Herb Shriver, star of the 1961 Lowell Showboat, pauses after his arrival Sunday at the Kent County Airport to say "hullo" to "Mr. Showboat" himself, long-time Interlocutor C. H. Runciman. Runciman, now retired from his duties as Showboat admiral but still active as chairman of the professional entertainment committee, headed a delegation of Showboat officials meeting the Hoosier comic's plane. Also pictured are Harold Ball, Showboat Director; Theron Richmond, President of the Lowell Showboat, Inc.; and (partially hidden behind Runciman) Steve Nisbet, Showboat endman. Others in the crowd of 100 people welcoming the Shriver family to Michigan were Dr. Roy Westcott, the present Interlocutor; the six endmen and their families; the Showboat directors; and members of various Showboat committees.



Arriving with Herb Shriver by commercial air-liner Sunday were several members of his family, including his wife, Pixie, and his twin sons, Kin and Will. During Showboat Week the Shriver family, like other members of the Showboat cast, will vacation at a cottage which has been reserved for them at Silver Lake. Guest privileges at the Silver Lake Country Club and the use of a car and a fibre-glass cruiser complete with motor and skis have been arranged for the family's enjoyment. Shriver, an Americana enthusiast, hopes to find time during his Michigan visit to talk with old-timers and to visit and photograph any authentic, old-fashioned business establishments available in the area.

Former Resident Passes

Miss Vivian Eddy, former Lowell resident and recently of Meridan Township in Ingham County, passed away Monday at the age of 50 years. She was born on March 17, 1912.

Miss Eddy is survived by two brothers, Raymond Eddy of Pontiac and Royal Eddy of Grand Rapids; and one sister, Mrs. Gerald Bainbridge of Grand Rapids.

Miss Eddy resided at the Roth Funeral home in Lowell, where friends met with the family Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p. m.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) with the Rev. J. Marion DeVinney officiating. Interment will be made in the Alton Cemetery.

Police Help Woman Caught in Wringer

Mrs. Gladys Janes, 413 1/2 Kent St., suffered serious hand bruises Monday afternoon when she caught her hand in the wringer of a washing machine and was trapped for over half an hour.

Neighbors heard her screams for help and called a doctor and the police department. They were unable to pry the wringer apart or to cut it off with a hack saw so the police secured a welding torch from West Side Garage and cut the wringer apart.

Mrs. Janes was treated at the doctor's office and returned home.

LOWELL LOYALTY CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC, AUGUST 2

The Lowell Loyalty Club will hold their annual picnic at the shelterhouse at Fallsburg Park, on Wednesday, August 2.

The shelterhouse has been reserved from 5 o'clock until 10:30 p. m. Each member is asked to bring sandwiches, a beverage, and a dish to pass.

You and your friends are welcome... so let's make this a real get-together. Dinner is scheduled to start at 6 p. m.

VISIT WMU CAMPUS David Davis and Judith Strand, 1961 Lowell High School graduates are among 2,200 freshmen who plan to enter Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo this fall. They spent two days visiting the campus, recently.

Lowell Beer Store open every day and evenings until 10 p. m. Sunday until 7 p. m.

A bullfight is the only place where a horn commands respect.

Con-Con Election Results

	Lowell City	Lowell Twp.	Bowne	Cascade
Total Vote	271	133	179	319
Martin—R	85	57	48	191
Welsh—R	24	16	27	82
Berends—K	34	36	51	82
Koeze—R	70	29	21	178
Lucus—D	47	18	4	21
Walsh—D	65	26	11	21
Doyle—D	135	41	13	26
Wiest—D	8	8	4	14
Vergennes				
Total Vote	123	316	75	
Martain—R	61	158		
Welsh—R	34	111		
Anderson—R	12	24		
Judd—R	16	145		
Maynard—R	66	63		
Weeda—R	2	8		
McClouth—R	0	5		
Lucus—D	7	20		
Walsh—D	12	22		
Heinz—D	14	33		

Unload First 1961 Wheat Crop Monday



Albert Zigmont and son Bill, 11010 Grand River Drive, were the first to bring in 1961 wheat to the King Milling Co. They appeared early Monday morning with wheat that was combined on the day before. The 40 bushels were from a 5 acre planting on high sandy ground which will run about 36 bushels to the acre. The wheat tested 57 lbs. to the bushel with a 16% moisture content.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to our relatives, neighbors and friends for the many deeds of kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and at the death of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mary A. Rittenger. We also are grateful for the cards and lovely flowers sent. We especially wish to thank Dr. Dudley A. Smith for his care, Rev. Leonard Rowell for his words of comfort and the pallbearers, the ones who sent food and the South Lowell Circle who served the delicious lunch at the home of Harold Rittenger, afterwards.

Frank Rittenger and Family
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MISS FAWNLEE HERSHA WEDS DONALD ERWIN SHEPARD

Miss Fawnlee Hershah of Ada and Donald Erwin Shepard of Rt. Lowell, were united in marriage July 15 by Justice of the Peace, Ernest H. Clark of Cascade at the Clark home.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kohlbeck of Ada.

The bride was beautifully attired in a white fallie shirtwaist dress with three quarter length sleeves, white accessories, a halo clip with nose veil, her flowers were pastel blue carnations.

Mrs. Kohlbeck's dress was same design as brides but of mint green with green shoes. Her flowers were pink carnations and she wore a pink flowered hat.

Others attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sauser and daughter of Ada, Miss Hershah's sister, Lorraine and the Kohlbeck children.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard will make their home on Fulton Rd. in Ada.

Metternick-Shade Engagement Told



Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shade, Route 2, Lowell, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ann, to Harold Metternick, Jr., of Alto.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Metternick, sr., of 6974 Bancroft Avenue, Alto.

Miss Shade and her fiancé are both 1955 graduates of Lowell High School.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Diamond VW Wranglers
Two of our members who were honored with receiving the Club Week Trip at Michigan State have returned, tired but full of knowledge and with happy memories.

They are Pam Klahn and Terry VanderWarf. Welcome home Pam and Terry!

District 4-H Horse Judging
July 15, 1961, Kent County 4-H was host to the district 4-H Life Horse Judging Contest held at the Lowell Fair Grounds.

Many countries participated in this event. Members from Kent County were Sherrie VanderWarf, Maynard Baer, from Diamond VW Wranglers, Ada; Carrie Albus from the Caballeros, Lowell; Cory Powell, from Cascade; Dan Christie, from Foxville in Sparta.

Congratulations are in order for these members as they received first place team and had three members placing individually. Dan Christie first, Maynard Baer fifth, and Sherrie VanderWarf, sixth.

This team will now go to Michigan State and compete in the state finals, July 31 and August 1, 1961.

To complete the program after lunch, demonstrations were given by Tom Frieeling in Pleasure and Showmanship; Terry VanderWarf in Working and Horsemanship; Doug Christie in Trail Class; and Mary Jo Horton and Sharon Tingley in Horsemanship.

Iona Fair Show
On August 9, 1961, nine 4-H Horse Project members will represent Kent County at the Iona Free Fair in the seven-county 4-H Horse Show.

They are as follows: Pleasure Class, Sherrie VanderWarf, Betty Grigsby, and Susan Crowe; Working Class, Terry VanderWarf, Clare Silva, and Priscilla Fredrickson; Trail, Mike Dunneback, Cory Powell, and Carl Craner.

Honey Bears
The Honey Bears 4-H Club held a meeting on July 10. At this time it was planned to hold a swimming party, but, due to the weather, this had to be cancelled.

On July 20, Mrs. B. Baer, Mrs. Provoche, Mrs. Myaard and Mrs. DeGood were the chaperones at a swimming party held by the club members. The club extends a special thanks to these ladies.

Also at this time we would like to say that the Junior Leaders of our club, Ron Phonte, Linda Olmsted, and Carolyn Farlee, are doing a fine job in helping the leaders.

Jo Provoche, reporter
Bowne Center Club
The Bowne Center 4-H Club had a family picnic at Caledonia Park Sunday, July 23. Members of the Outdoor Meals group under the leadership of Mrs. William VanHeynigen had the following duties:

Invitations, Sandy Aldrich and Pat Forward; Reservations, Sally Aldrich and Sue Anderson; Tables, Kathy Gwin; Punch, Cynthia Thiabeaux and Tom VanHeynigen; Games, Maurice Pitsch, Tom Munger, Pat Forward and their mothers.

Members received their blanks for project reports and fair books. June Bowman gave a report of her stay at Michigan State University for 4-H Club work.

It was the first opportunity to use the coffee maker that the mothers and members of the Bowne Center 4-H received when they appeared on the Don Melvoin show on July 17.

Our leaders were given recognition by receiving a corsage from members of the Flower project group.

Carol Posthumus, reporter
The Caballeros 4-H Horse club held their annual Horse Show last Sunday afternoon, July 23, in Curley's arena at Recreation Park.

A group of gala events were held despite the attempt of the rain to run them off and the limited amount of time.

Many horsemen of other troops from the surrounding communities were on hand to participate and take in the days' events.

Members of the club and their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Webb, wish to extend their thanks to Curley for the cooperation they received from him and the use of the arena.

Sherrie VanderWarf and Maynard Baer were the judges. A special thanks to these two persons is extended by the club.

at the Tracks

Speedrome
Thursday night the action was red-hot at the Grand Rapids Speedrome as Wayne Landon a popular and well-liked modified driver in this area was barred from the Speedrome track in a very hasty decision by track officials.

The argument which seems to have stemmed-up from the past few weeks of racing also ended in the barring of Don House of Lansing from the track.

The modified feature win went to Art Bennett, when the race was called at the end of twenty-one laps.

Larry Lawrence of Lowell drove his '48 Ford coupe around the asphalt oval to place second in a heat race for sportsmen.

On Saturday night, Jackie Lindhout put on a spectacular show as he drove his Buick powered modified to victory in all of the 5 events for super-modifieds.

Bob Mellema, current point leader in the sportsmen class won the 50-lap mid-season championship in his class. He was awarded two trophies for his racing fete.

Larry and Ralph Lawrence both placed second in heat races for the evening. In the 50-lap feature, Larry Lawrence finished in 7th position. Jim Thompson was also entered in competition.

Plans are being made by the racing officials at the Speedrome to tear down the retaining cement wall around the 1/4-mile track and re-open the 1/2-mile which existed a few years ago at the Grand Rapids track.

Berlin Raceway
Defending point champion, Bob Knight of Grand Rapids, forged past race leader Wally Sanders at the midway point of the 10-mile feature event for super-modified cars at the Berlin Raceway, Saturday night, to pick up the win and add more points to his credit. Dick Carter was the program's fastest qualifier and copped the dash event.

Seeing action for the first time in the past several weeks, Ed Marshall placed third in a heat race in the modified sportsmen class and drove hard in the semi-feature event to place second.

In the 50-lap mid-season championship, Nelson Storzand and Hugh Linkfield circled the 1/4-mile oval at a fast pace to place 10th and 8th, respectively. Ray Flannery capture the feature event.

Due to the muddy condition of the track, the drivers drew for their positions in the start and had to work their way through the congested and accident-prone track.

Name Winners of Clarksville Hobo Day
The winners of the Hobo Day held at the Clarksville Playground were Pat Hunt, Mike Hunt, Chip Livingston, Barbara Livingston, Robert Livingston and Terry Martinez.

Joel Pepper was selected King of the Hobos and Loretta Mathis reigned as Queen of the Hobos.

Next week will climax the playground activities with a Sports Day on Thursday, August 3. There will be ten events which will range from bike races to sack races.

The Clarksville playground is being sponsored by the Clarksville Lions Club.

Servicemen
John A. Atchinson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Atchinson, 8517 Cascade rd., Ada, Mich., was promoted to specialist four July 13 in Germany where he is serving with the 78th Engineer Battalion.

Specialist Atchinson, a heavy equipment operator in the battalion's Company B in Karlsruhe, entered the Army in January 1960 and arrived overseas the following June. He received basic combat training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

IRENE HAYWARD TO WED AUG. 19; FETED AT PARTIES
Miss Irene Hayward is being honored at several parties prior to her marriage on August 19, to Jack Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash of Lowell.

The future bride is the daughter of Mrs. Irene Hayward of Grand Rapids.

A miscellaneous shower was given last Thursday evening, July 20, by Mrs. Judi Henderson and Miss Judy Buyer at the Nash residence. She received many lovely gifts.

coming events

Lowell Library Hours—Tuesday, 9 a. m. to noon; 1 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. **Friday—1 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.; and Saturday afternoon** from 1 to 5 p. m. c28T

Merriman Farm Bureau will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shade, Sunday, July 30 at their cottage at Myers Lake. Potluck dinner.

The VFW Auxiliary is serving dinner and lunch before and after Showboat at the VFW Hall during Showboat week.

Fifty-fourth annual Snow School reunion will be held in Snow Community Hall, Saturday, July 29, Picnic Dinner at 1 p. m. Coffee furnished.

The Lila Group of the Congregational church will meet with Miss Hattie Lynn at her home on Murray Lake August 3 at 1:30.

The Joseph Wilson Women's Relief Corps supper night, August 2, at the American Legion Hall. Bring your own service.

The Sweet school reunion will be held Sunday afternoon, August 3, at the home of Mrs. Irma Richmond.

Lowell Loyalty Club picnic, Fallsburg Park shelterhouse, August 2. Dinner at 6 p. m. Bring sandwiches, beverage and dish to pass. You and your friends are welcome.

The annual meeting of the Alton Cemetery Association will be held Tuesday evening, August 1 at 8:00 at the Alton church, Cora E. Ford, Secretary.

Lowell Girl Scout Troop 511 will meet at 1 p. m. at Mrs. Dunlap's for a trip to the zoo at John Ball Park, Wednesday, August 2. Consents slips must be signed. Girls will be returned to the Dunlaps at 4:30.

Garden Lore Club Holds Successful Morning Coffee
On Tuesday, July 18, the Garden Lore Club held their annual "Morning Coffee" and white elephant auction sale in Mrs. Peg Gerhart's beautiful yard.

Mrs. Bonnie Chrouch acted as auctioneer, and the affair was both a financial and social success.

Among those present were charter members, Mrs. Hulda Finels of Clermont, Florida, and Mrs. Mary Warner of Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. Mildred Potter, president of the Alto Garden Club, was also present and invited the ladies to help her club celebrate its "Silver Anniversary," the following afternoon.

Ten ladies of the Garden Lore Club were able to attend and enjoyed a very interesting program.

Refreshments suitable to the occasion were served by the hostess.

CARD OF THANKS
We are very grateful and do wish to say "thank you" to each one to and to Island City Rebekah Lodge No. 282 for the many kindnesses during the illness and death of our sister-in-law. Again thanks. Melvin and Henrietta Boerma p15

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those who sent cards, pastoral calls, prayer, and basket of fruit received during my illness in the hospital. Also for the calls during my convalescence at home. c15

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all who contributed bake goods to our yard fair last week Friday and Saturday at Ada. Mrs. H. Messmore c15

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Main at Division—Lowell, Mich.
J. MARION DE VINNEY, MINISTER
9:45 A. M. Church School
8:45 and 11 A. M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "Ways and Ways"
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Sermon: "We Have This Faith"
Guest Minister: REV. ALVIN C. BREWER
Pastor, Ada Congregational Church
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See also: Mark 16:15; John 3:16; Romans 1:16; Acts 15:7.
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