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## Showboat Ideas

I was greatly tempted to respond to your kind invitation to present suggestions for future Showboat productions. However, after reading your report on William Doyle's well-developed succinct plans, I wonder what more Showboat could possibly need to be rescued from the rocks. If there are people this well-informed and capable, a vote of confidence should put these proposals into immediate effect and these people listened to and respected. If, however, this is to become a civic enterprise and the management is taken from the hands of the present Showboat officials, the same should be reimbursed for their investment and the entire town should always feel a deep debt of gratitude for bringing Showboat this far along the river. Some of the proposals may seem drastic to the well-meaning people who have tried to keep the show local and make it big at the same time; but now is the time for some sincere soul searching. It should be obvious that the present course is not worthy of Lowell or up to the capabilities of Showboat.

I sincerely feel the people of Lowell have not responded to their civic responsibility simply because they have not been challenged. The people of Lowell are capable of great strength if given the proper guidance and encouragement. I have only these timid suggestions to add to those already mentioned by Mr. Doyle.

The charm and nostalgia of the traditional deep South Showboat is something so precious it would be well worth preserving. However, this need not be done at the expense of a worthwhile modern show. In our sophisticated TV age a summer production must present entertainment comparable to that which can be viewed at home plus an extra something to make the trip out of the easy chair worthwhile. Certainly then, a top professional family show is needed, sans all amateur efforts except those to provide the "extra something". Those who first conceived the Showboat have presented Lowell with a perfect "extra something". Therefore the local cast should have as assigned required winter reading accounts of the original and traditional minstrel and showboat performances. Somewhere along the way the end men have gotten the idea that to be minstrels they must force a trite raw patter that is very unbecoming to the show. In the South the endmen were dearly beloved and very respected by white and colored families alike. After all, the original endmen were talented colored folk and when the white actors began to develop their acts into a professional style, the imitation was the highest form of flattery to the beloved "Southern Darkies". The tradition should not be sold short—it should be enhanced and enlarged upon by endmen who are willing to work and study if necessary to achieve the highest traditions of the Southern minstrel.

Secondly, perhaps because I am an outsider looking in, I will dare to mention a fact that I'm sure many of those responsible for Showboat have secretly worried over. The flagrant abuse of special privilege at the gate is appalling. I know I am treading where angels fear to go, but I truly believe the people of Lowell are being underestimated. I believe that out of civic pride they would whole heartedly support a move next year to drop all free passes to the Showboat—not just to a few groups, but to each and every man, woman and child occupying a stadium seat. If a special courtesy is to be shown to Lowell City Civic groups (Scouts, Camp Fire, etc) at least a minimum charge of some sort should be required. And this should be reserved for Lowell City groups only. After all, these organizations are trying to teach civic responsibility, civic participation, and a code of morals which derides the policy of "something for nothing". Troops training. Let's keep our kids busy for years to come so even their children can experience the same enjoyment.

So, Lowell, don't be a sit behind, leave it to no one but yourself. Get your two cents worth in. No matter how silly an idea may seem to you; to another person it could be great. Remember a lot of great things came from a so-called silly idea.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Patricia Bulk  
A former sit behind

**SQUARE DANCES WEDNESDAYS**  
Western-style modern square dances are being held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Lowell City Hall.

The dances, opened to the public, and instructed by Lloyd Balderson of Ionia. Mr. Balderson also calls.

I have been told that Monday night is only a dress rehearsal and the free admissions weren't hurting the gross profit. But that is

the world's most expensive dress rehearsal—and one Showboat can ill afford. The show should be polished and professional enough to the first night to warrant every seat sold.

It was pointed out to me that the doctors at the children's hospitals regard the trip here for their charges as fine therapy. If this is so, there are many fine hard working women's guilds interested in these children. These groups have many ways of earning proceeds all year long to finance special needs. Perhaps a special low rate should be offered for a set number of seats, but I honestly don't feel that Showboat should bear the expenses when there are other groups set up for such purposes.

It comes down to the hard cold fact that either the show be worth time and money, or it may eventually be lost for all time.

For a stranger in town or a new resident, nothing is as inspiring or calls forth as much real civic pride in local achievement, as a town of 2500 playing host to almost three times its population each night for a Showboat performance. For a town of this size, Lowell has a great reserve of capability. The people should be neither underestimated nor sold short. They should be challenged to give generously of their time, talent and money to make the next Showboat worthy of the highest traditions and ideals.

Sincerely,  
Carol Dunlap

What is to be done about the Lowell Showboat next year, and years to come?

People of Lowell, wake up, this is our problem and what is going to be done? Tom says that is none of my concern let Dick handle it. Dick in return says let Tom worry about it, and what happens—nothing—because we push it off on someone else. Don't be a sit behind, get out in front and shoulder some of this responsibility. The Showboat idea started here in this small farm village, so let's keep it here in our own city.

If we all work on those ideas in last week's Ledger we could really have something big. It is not just for a few people to worry or be concerned about, it belongs to each and everyone in the community. To put an end to its' life would truly be a shame. The receipts helped to build Lowell, and it can go right on building, if we all do our share and become a successful team.

The town has benefited from its proceeds but what about the Showboat and its' environment. Look at the river, it is a mess—bugs, smell, yes, and dangerous to boaters and skiers. People come from all over the country and expect to see the "Greatest Show on Earth" something extraordinary, and what happens—they are let down to find they have the same swamp in their own home town. If all forty-nine states were the same as Michigan, there would be no point of going on a vacation, now would there? It our turn to do something to put the Showboat back on course, not dig her grave. Now is the time to start putting some of her earnings back into rehabilitation and make the Showboat ship-shape. The garden has to be weeded before it chokes all the roots. We are not just re-incarnating the Robert E. Lee for the advancement of our city, it is also for our children. Have you, when in a crowd, watching the Showboat come down the river, seen in the eyes of a small child, the amazement and excitement on their faces? They would surely miss the wonderment of it all. The children of our community have nothing to keep them busy when school is out, they hang around in pool rooms, and go hot rodding down streets, then trouble occurs—people condemn and point fingers—but they did nothing to prevent these things from happening.

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## Heart Attack Fatal To Cecil Bibbler

A heart attack early Monday evening in a downtown retail business establishment was fatal to Cecil E. Bibbler, local new and used car salesman, and resident of this community most of his life. Cecil E. Bibbler was born March 9, 1900, and has been selling cars in this area since 1929. He was employed by the local Ford Agency.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 a. m. in St. Mary's Church with interment being made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Bibbler is survived by his wife, Mable; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bunn of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. John Thomas; and two brothers, Sylvester and Otis Bibbler, both of Lowell.

## Mrs. Ethel Story Passes; Services Held Wednesday

Mrs. Ethel Story of 1839 Nelson Street, S. E., Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, August 4, in Blodgett Memorial Hospital, at the age of 75. She was born August 27, 1887.

The Rev. C. A. Flowers officiated at the services held Wednesday afternoon at the Roth Funeral Home at 1:30. Interment was made in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Story is survived by her husband, Carl; one daughter, Mrs. Norman E. King of Clarksville; two sons, John R. Story of Park Forest, Illinois, and Maurice C. Story of Grand Rapids.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Richard A. Shepard Makes Dean's List at St. Thomas

Richard A. Shepard, son of Mrs. B. H. Shepard, 663 Shepard Drive, Lowell, was among 27 freshmen on the College of St. Thomas 1963 spring semester Dean's Honor List released this week by the Rev. Robert L. Probst, assistant dean of the College.

Shepard is a 1962 graduate of Lowell high school and is majoring in Biology at St. Thomas.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum semester average of 3.25 (B plus). A total of 146 students, including eight with "A" averages, made the Dean's List.

The total undergraduate enrollment at St. Thomas during the spring semester was 1,700 students.



Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mayes, formerly of 301 1/2 West Main Street, Lowell, moved last week to Pawnee, where they will take over the management and operation of a restaurant.

The Mayes have been employed as cooks in Lowell restaurants for a number of years.

Herbert Reynolds, a native of Lowell is returning this week to join the staff at Roth and Sons Funeral Home.

Reynolds, who graduated from Lowell High School in 1935, worked with W. A. Roth as an apprentice funeral director and after serving in the Air Corp in World War II owned and operated a funeral home in Columbiaville, Michigan.

He sold his business to join the Roth firm. The family plans to make their home at 123 North Hudson Street, here.

Eight Lowell boys and girls were given an overnight trip to the Y. M. C. A. camp and presented with a year's membership to the "Y" by the Lowell Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The youth were Beverly Hodge, Joan Sterling, Dawn Condon, Loretta Hall, Charles Hall, Marey Marshall, Curtis Hodge, and Dale Marshall.

"No Lawn Sprinkling" is still in effect in the City of Lowell, Bernard Olson, City Manager, emphasized this week.

While rains have helped cut the water situation it is still critical and it is very important that citizens respect the ban on lawn sprinkling.

Persons not obeying this ban, could be punished by the law.

Jokes, jest, gibes and jabs, just by Jeff; heard the other day it isn't safe to park with your girlfriend nowadays when married men are out running loose. I really believe that a close friend is someone who knows everything that's wrong with you and doesn't care. The best things in life are free. It's the worst things that are so expensive. A gossip is a person who creates the smoke in which other people assume there's fire.

## Lewis Manley, 41 Dies; Rites Held

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Roth Funeral Home at 1 p. m. for Lewis P. Manley, aged 41, of 3022 Snow Avenue, Lowell Township.

The Rev. R. M. VandenBosch of the Snow Methodist Church was the officiating clergyman. Burial was made in Snow Cemetery, in Cascade Township.

Mr. Manley, born February 3, 1922, passed away last Wednesday, July 31, at the Michigan Veterans' Facility in Grand Rapids, following a lingering illness. He had been a resident of the Snow Community for the past several years.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; four sons, Lewis, Jr., Paul, Larry and Lynn; three daughters, Patricia, Sherry, and Sharon, all at home; four brothers, Theodore and Walter of Howard City, Leonard of Cedar Springs, and Howard of Sidney; and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Spencer of Howard City.

## Football Candidates Conditioning Program

Lowell Y.M.C.A. Football physical conditioning program will begin on Monday, August 19 at 7 p. m. in Recreation Park. Registration is starting now, the program is open to any boy who will be a candidate for one of the football teams.

Physical examinations by local doctors will be held for varsity team candidates on Wednesday, August 13 at 8 a. m. in the old high school locker rooms. Varsity players pick up physical cards at old high school office. The cards must be signed by parents and presented at time of physicals.

Candidates for Junior Varsity will report for physical examination at the old high school locker room, Thursday, August 14 at 8 a. m.; bring completed physical cards to examination.

## MARBLE CEMETERY DAMAGED BY VANDALS LAST WEEK

Under investigation by Ionia state police is a report of malicious destruction at the Marble cemetery in the Lowell vicinity. Ed Thompson, caretaker, told police Wednesday the vandalism occurred since last Sunday with numerous gravestones damaged. Investigating troopers said 20 markers had been molested with several tipped over and others broken.

## Local Police Lose Chase; Jail Driver

The Lowell police chased a car shortly before 4 a. m. Friday morning, almost to Ionia, before the local cruiser threw a rod, and brought the chase to a halt for the local officer.

State police summoned to aid them, arrested James H. Buff, Jr., 20, the driver of the speeding vehicle, and Kent Jay Nolin, 19, both of Durand, before they reached the City limits of Ionia on M-21.

Lowell Police took up the chase, when Buff came through Lowell over 100-miles-an-hour. He was driving a 1963 car with a big motor, and a four-speed transmission.

The local authorities followed the speeding car nearly to Ionia on M-21 at high speed, with their blue flasher and siren going, but was unable to over take the Buff Car.

While the chase was underway, aid was called for and a State Police cruiser from Ionia came out to halt the speeding car which they had to chase, nearly into the city.

Buff and his companion had in their possession, an alcoholic beverage. Buff did not have a driver's license in his possession, and the youths were held in the Ionia County Jail.

They were taken before Justice W. P. Brogan of Ionia and pleaded guilty to a minor in possession charge, and were fined \$50 and \$40 in costs, each, or serve 15 days in jail. They were held in jail until payment was made.

Buff was brought to Lowell Saturday, where he appeared before Justice Howard Rittenger on a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$100 and costs and given 4 days in the Kent County Jail.

## Y.M.C.A. All-Star Games Saturday

The managers and coaches of the YMCA's thirteen boys baseball teams and four boys softball teams have chosen their player representatives for the First Annual "Y" All-Star Baseball Day to be held at Recreation Park on Saturday, August 10.

Action will kick-off with a game at 2 p. m. followed by games at 4 p. m., 5:30 p. m. and 6:45 p. m. Four games in all!

Cost of admission will be 50 cents per family; 25 cents for adults; or 10 cents for children. Funds collected will enable each player, some 250 boys, to keep their baseball caps.

The following boys were chosen as team All-Stars—all players are to report one-half hour before game time.

2 p. m.; Jr. High Baseball League Saranac-Sunfield All-Stars: Jim Farman, Steve Schray, Pat O'Toole Bill Bosworth, Bill McDermid, Duane Miller, and six boys from Saranac, vs. Lowell I & I All-Stars: Tom Fonger, Steve Collins, Keith Buck, Craig Thurell, Joel Roudabush, Bill McPherson, Mike Olson, Dennis Videan, Bill Jones, Jerry Malcolm, Steve Thaler and John Dawson.

4 p. m.; 11 & 12 Yr. Old Baseball Team I: Randy Hendrick, Mike Blough, Billy Cannon, Ken Vos, Danny Kline, Jack Thomet, Mitch McMahon, Jerry Thaler, and six boys from the Clarksville Braves.

Team II: Steve Johnson, Curt Fonger, Pat McMahon, Gale Schmidt, Ron Schmidt, Dale Kropf, Gordy Lind, Dorrall Swanson, Dick Forester, Mitch Hendrick, Mike Witherell, Tom Koewers, Rick Hutchinson.

5:30 p. m.; 9 & 10 Yr. Old Baseball Team I: Dennis DeWitt, Dave Yeiter, Rick Condon, Blake Johnson, DeWayne Barrus, Eddie Steffens, Doug Abel, Marty Wiecezorek, Steve Wiecezorek, Gordy Kelly, Tim Jones, Jeff Rittersdorf.

Team II: Chris Collins, Randy Jones, Steve Newell, Mark Nisbet, Bob Reynolds, John Woodhead, Mike Richardson, Denny Richardson, Brian Kelly, Steve Livingston, Roger McNutt, Tom Alderick.

6:45 p. m.; 7 & 8 Yr. Old Softball Team I: Gerry Shepard, Kevin McMahon, Kraig Haybarker, Danny Hill, Jim Perkins, Scott Perkins, Jerry Lind, Marty Lind, Denny Sharpe, Tony Malcolm, Joey Ellis, Matt Hoover.

Team II: Dan Hendrick, Steve Korm, Mark Blough, Jeff Hendrick, Mitch Hendrick, Toby Jones, Louie Tapley, Rusty Steffens, Bernie Bryan, Dale Dawson, Steve Hendrick, Albert Kline.

## Y LADIES DESSERT-BRIDGE ENDS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Participants in the YMCA Ladies' summer Bridge tournament and their guests will enjoy a 12:30 dessert-bridge party at the "Y" today (Thursday).

Ladies Tournament Bridge will start again in the early fall. All those who would like to participate should get their reservation in by calling the Lowell Y. M. C. A.—897-7375.

# Search For Water Supply



## "Who'll Be The Lucky One?"

This replica of a Model T car will be given away at the Kent County 4-H Fair to be held August 12-16 at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds. Enjoying a ride are Sallye and Kathy Werner, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Werner, Forest Hills, S. E., Grand Rapids. This little car is a half-scale replica of the famous 1916 Model T. It has a frame and body of steel, fiber glass fenders, brass colored headlamps, and bright red wooden spoked wheels; it really looks like the old "Tin Lizzie." It is designed to carry two youngsters in comfort and has power for hauling two adults. The car will be given away Friday evening, August 16. You do not have to be present to win.

## Three Thousand 4-H Youth To Take Part In Fair In Lowell, August 12-16

Over 3,000 4-H boys and girls from rural and urban communities in Kent County are expected to participate in 4-H Fair activities, August 12-16 at the Lowell Fairgrounds, reports Pam Klahn, 4-H Jr. Press Corps reporter.

Events will begin Monday, at 1 p. m., when judging of horse entries will start continuing through Tuesday morning.

Tuesday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., exhibits of vegetable gardening, photography, archery, gun safety, conservation, rocks and minerals, food preparation, outdoor meals, freezing, canning, and crops will be judged as they are brought in.

Judges will visit personally with each member as they evaluate the individual's project, providing the opportunity for the 4-H member to learn about project improvement. This "Personal Evaluation" procedure proved so successful last year that it has been extended to include additional projects at this year's fair.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 p. m. the Kent County 4-H Service Club will sponsor their annual square dance on the tennis courts at the Fairgrounds. The public is cordially invited to dance with the 4-Hers; no charge will be made.

The Wednesday judging schedule will begin at 9 a. m. with the swine and poultry and all exhibits in the cement block building except flowers and those judged the previous day. At 9:30 a. m. the beef steers and beef breeding animals will be judged. At 10 a. m. the flower gardening exhibits will be judged. At 1 p. m. the sheep and dog projects will be judged. At 3 p. m. judging of dairy goats will take place. At 5 p. m. the rabbit projects will be judged.

Wednesday's activities will be climaxed at 7:30 p. m. with games and contests on horseback. 4-H horse members will participate. Thursday morning dairy cattle judging will get underway at 9 a. m.

At 7:30 the 4-H livestock parade is scheduled, to be followed at 8 by a variety show in front of the grandstand. The Pet Parade will also be held at this time.

Friday events include a meeting of all State Show exhibitors and contestants on the tennis courts at 10 a. m. At 9 a. m. the tractor and auto operators skill driving contests will take place on the tennis courts.

At 1:30 p. m. the 4-H members market steers, hogs, and lambs will be sold at public auction. Logan Wright of Wayland will cry the sale.

Friday evening the "Little Olympics" will be stated in front of the grandstand. Trophies will be given. A horse show will also take place Friday evening at 8 p. m. at Curley's Arena.

All exhibits will be released Saturday morning, August 17, at 8 a. m.

## Horses, Men Hurt In 2-Car Crash

Two western show horses were injured and two persons were treated by a local physician Saturday afternoon, following a crash at the West City limits.

Police reported that Gustave A. Knochel, 75, of Remington, Indiana, pulled into the side of a car driven by James Loosenart, 20, of Wyoming, near the intersection of Nash Avenue.

Injured with the driver was his passenger, James Klynstra, 22, of Hudsonville. Both men were on their way to a horse show near Flint with two western show horses.

The two horses, traveling in a horse trailer behind the car, were badly cut and a local veterinarian was called to stop the bleeding and quiet them down. They were freed from the trailer, after it had rolled over, by persons on the scene of the accident.

## Pep Club Will Sponsor Bread Sale On Saturday

For a project to raise funds to make new banners for the high school gymnasium, the Pep Club of Lowell High will sponsor a homemade bread sale this Saturday, August 10.

The club, composed of students who are enthusiastically promoting school spirit, will have their goods on sale at the Kroger and Eberhard stores from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Diane Christiansen, president of the year-old group, will be supervising the sale this Saturday, along with other members of the governing body.

At the meeting of the City Council on Monday night, Al Roth, of Hubble, Roth and Clark, a Detroit engineering firm, explained the updating of a 1945 water report presented this week to the council.

Checking of test drilling information and water pumping rates, and levels in the west wells on Foreman Street, the engineer reported this area is the most likely spot to secure additional water from.

There are three wells presently in this location, but one provided such a small amount of water that it has been abandoned. The other two wells provide only a portion of the cities summer needs.

Roth told the council that a search in this area should be undertaken at once to try and discover a source of 500 to 600 gallons per minute. Test wells will be drilled west of the present wells on Foreman Street, before moving north and west where the engineer said he was sure there was an abundant supply of water.

**Water Trouble Caused By Oil Well**  
All of Lowell's water trouble can be directly traced to an improperly capped oil well drilled north of the town back in the 1930's. Before this well contaminated the water supply with salt, Lowell had a wonderful supply of excellent quality water.

This well is all that is saving the city from a severe curtailment of water now, even though it is giving the water supply a slight salt taste.

Roth told the council that this well has enough capacity to supply the needs of the city for many years, except for the salt content. This well can be pumped around the clock at 600 gallons per minute.

The engineer reported that by resting this well it can still produce 18 million gallons of salt free water per year.

**Accept Bid For Equipment**  
The low bid of Jackson Motor Sales of \$2,880.25 for a truck to carry a tank wagon for the fire department was accepted by the council.

Another additional \$1,300 is expected to be needed to purchase a pump and motor for this equipment.

The cost of this is being shared by the City, county fire department, Lowell and Verzennes townships, who jointly own the equipment.

King Doyle of the King Milling Company presented a plan for routing the small trucks loaded with wheat during the harvest rush into the mill without using the Main Street.

Further study will be given this before the 1964 season.

## Local Boys Attend Honors Institute

Three Lowell High School seniors spent six weeks this summer attending an Honors Institute for Young Scientists at East Grand Rapids Junior High School and Anquas College.

Taking a course in mathematics was Alex McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McPherson, Route 1, Lowell, and Ron Hostetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Hostetler of Alto, James Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyd, Route 3, Lowell, completed a course in chemistry.

The institute is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the University of Michigan. There were 84 students from 23 different states participating in the summer schedule.

The Lowell boys were picked out of 300 eligible students, who took the exam to enable them to attend. The students furthered their education in the field of science during the institute and spent a week of the course (July 15-19) on the U of M campus, touring the science and math buildings, and getting acquainted with college life.

## Noel Smith Recognized For Academic Excellence

Noel Anthony Smith, senior in the School of Commerce and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Smith of 214 N. Hudson, Lowell, was among the nearly 600 Ferris State College students who were named to the Dean's Honor List for academic excellence during the past quarter. Dr. Ardwyn J. Dolio, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has announced.

To be named to the Dean's Honor List a student must maintain at least a B average while carrying a full academic load.

## Excellent Marksmanship Sets National Pistol Record

The National Rifle Association, organized in 1871, has announced that Gertrude P. Schlemminger of 514 North Monroe, Lowell, established an official national record on July 12-14, by firing a score of 279 out of a possible 300 points with the "international pistol."

Competing in an NRA sanctioned tournament at Bristol, Indiana, "Trude" broke the previous record of 268 for the difficult 30 shot rapid fire, 25 meters course.

In recognition of the outstanding marksmanship necessary to establish a national record, Mrs. Schlemminger has been awarded a certificate of accomplishment by the National Rifle Association of America.

**SUMMER HOURS**  
Lowell Beer Store open daily 9 till 10:30 p. m.; Saturdays till 11 p. m.; Sundays 12 noon till 9 p. m. c17r

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Star Corners Mrs. Ira Blough

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman spent Friday with the former's mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Yoder of Shipshewana, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Saffler and Mrs. Alfred Pierson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wells at Union City. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wingeler, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs, Paul Hoffman, all local, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Auda and daughter of Moline, enjoyed a venison bar-b-que picnic dinner at Caledonia Park Sunday. This is an annual affair by the Deussen family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krebs and daughter of Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. David Krebs and daughter of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests at the John Krebs home. Mrs. Doris Eildred of Clarksville, Little Karen Bancroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bancroft out her leg quite badly and had ten have eight stitches taken to close the wound. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Colby of Paul, Minnesota, are announcing the birth of a 7-pound son on July 31. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Bates called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater Sunday afternoon.

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Alto News Mrs. Claud Sileo

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vandewater and family visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vandewater of Big Rapids Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hatch were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Behrler of Lake Odessa at a buffet supper Sunday evening. Callers at the Alvin Bergy home Friday were William Porritt and Henry Johnson, supper guests were Mrs. Harry Lundford and daughter Janet of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Alvin Bergy and family. Male were Sunday afternoon callers of Miss Frances Porritt of Ionia Center. Mr. and Mrs. Denton Uelton spent on a northern trip to the straits of Mackinac over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bancroft were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bancroft and family. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Forburg and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doris Eildred of Clarksville. Little Karen Bancroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bancroft out her leg quite badly and had ten have eight stitches taken to close the wound. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Colby of Paul, Minnesota, are announcing the birth of a 7-pound son on July 31. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Bates called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater Sunday afternoon.

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### HOW GOD CHANGED A BIT OF MUD

A learned "higher critic" spoke scornfully about God's taking "a piece of mud in hand, breathing on it, and changing it into a man."

There sat one in his audience who knew the saving grace of God. He had the opportunity of replying to the critic of God's Word and said:

"I will not discuss the creation of man with you, but I will tell you this: God stooped down to our town and picked up the dirtiest bit of mud in it. He breathed upon it by His Spirit; it was newly created; changed from a wicked wretch into a man who hated his former sins and loved the God who had saved him. I was that bit of mud."

from — "The Sword of the Lord"

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### Carl Freyermuth Weds In Florida

Miss Barbara Todd and Carl Allen Freyermuth were united in marriage, Friday, July 26, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Miss Todd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Todd of Hollywood, Florida.

The couple will reside at 6218 Tyler Street, Hollywood, Florida.

### newest arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller of Lowell are the proud parents of a son born August 2, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6-pounds, 10-ounces.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the lovely cards and gifts I received while in the hospital and for the many acts of kindness shown to me.

Mrs. Fred Boyd, Sr.  
c17

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Sincere thanks to all those who remembered me with cards, letters, and gifts during my stay in the hospital.

Charles Posthumus, Sr.  
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#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends, the organizations, clubs, and groups for the many cards, visits, and plants that I received during my stay in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Peter Mulder  
c17

Ledger Want Ads bring results.



### Kathryn Wright, Robert McComb Wed Saturday

Miss Kathryn M. Wright and L. Robert McComb were united in marriage Saturday morning in the Cascade Christian Church with the Rev. Raymond Gaylord officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Wright, of Lowell. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert McComb of Cascade.

The bride wore a white street-length pleated dress with a small white veiled hat. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Miss Pam Wright, niece of the bride, attended as maid of honor. She wore a street-length white printed dress with a corsage of pink carnations.

### October Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kyser, Route 3, Lowell, wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Diana Brewster, to David Lewis Roush, Grand River Avenue, Lowell.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roush, Jr., of Vienna, West Virginia.

Miss Kyser was graduated from Lowell High School in June. Her fiancé is employed at Radio Bible Class in Grand Rapids.

### coming events

The American Legion will meet Monday evening, August 12, at their hall on East Main Street.

The annual 3-M's "corn roast" will be held Tuesday, August 3, at 6:30 at the Don Yeater home. Please bring salad or sandwiches, and table service.

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their next regular meeting at the American Legion Bldg. Wednesday, August 14, at 8 p. m. Luncheon chairman is Elva Raymor, Johanna Conrad and Bertha Rogers.

### Licenses Are Suspended

Driver's licenses of 475 Michigan motorists were suspended and those of 21 were revoked during the past week by the Michigan Department of State.

Kenneth Wayne Fox, 24, of Clarksville, had his license suspended on July 5, under the financial responsibility act for driving under the influence of liquor.

An unsatisfactory driving record led to the suspension of the license held by Kenneth Errol Gould, Jr., 24, of 1313 Parnell Avenue, Route 1, Lowell. His driving was suspended from July 9, 1963, until September 9.

The license of Larry Lee Dickson, 19, of 6811 Kegel Street, S. E., Alto, was suspended July 15, under the financial responsibility act for driving with unsatisfied judgment.

#### CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to the friends and relatives for the cards, gifts and calls while I was in the hospital.

Floyd Foster  
c-17

#### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our son and brother, Jerry Lee Dalstra, who died August 31, 1961.

You were the finest son and brother. That this world could ever hold.

With such a cheerful disposition, and a heart of pure gold.

And all who knew you surely know how lonely we have been since 2 years ago.

We think of your sayings, and treasure your smile.

Then know you're not lost, only gone for awhile.

We keep in our memory the love of the past. For deep in our hearts it was planted to last.

Sadly missed by  
Dad and Mother  
Linda, Laura, Peggy  
Robert and Judy Ellison  
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Her beautiful voice was heard often in the Congregational Church, as also was the controllable voice of Mrs. Clarence Speaker.

We have pleasant memories.  
Florence McDannell Winegar  
George M. Winegar

### Letter to Editor

July 31, 1963  
1331 Camden Avenue  
Campbell, California  
Lowell Ledger  
Lowell, Michigan

We were much interested in your article in your July 25 issue re Mr. Runciman.

We were living in Lowell then, and remember well that Mrs. Runciman added greatly to the musical side of Lowell.

Her beautiful voice was heard often in the Congregational Church, as also was the controllable voice of Mrs. Clarence Speaker.

We have pleasant memories.  
Florence McDannell Winegar  
George M. Winegar

#### CARD OF THANKS

My deepest appreciation goes to my many friends and neighbors who extended so many acts of kindness during the illness and at the death of my beloved wife, May. Also to Rev. Nelson for his words of comfort, and to Roth Funeral Home for their services. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.

Kenneth (Shorty) Bryan  
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### Sandra Ford To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford, Lafayette Street, Lowell, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jo, to Allen Lee Seelye of Lowell.

Both Miss Ford and her fiancé are graduates of Lowell High School.

The couple is planning a fall wedding.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our neighbors and friends for the lovely plant, cards, and words of sympathy at the death of Andrew Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough  
p17

#### CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us by members of the Moose, V. F. W., and friends and relatives at the passing of our beloved one, Claude Bishop. Also to Rev. Bovee, Roths, and the pallbearers for their services.

Violet Bishop and Family  
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#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who helped to make our Second Back To God Evangelistic Rally a real success. Thanks especially to the city commission for prolonging the closing of Lafayette St. one more evening; to the Showboat Corp. for the use of the stands; to the Lowell Police Department and the Kent County Sheriff's Reserves for handling the traffic so smoothly; to those who offered their parking facilities without charge; and to the V. F. W. for volunteering their services in parking the cars.

Thanks to all for your good will!

H. Buikema, Pastor  
Calvary Christian Ref. Chapel  
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