

# Lowell Ledger

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LOWELL, MICH., THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1965

## Seek information on Federal funds to develop river recreation area

Information regarding federal funds for developing the Lowell river area into a recreation center was discussed at the Lowell City council meeting on Monday night.

It was disclosed that there are federal matching funds to provide up to 50 percent of the cost of developing community recreational areas. The park area proposed in the city plan along with a Showboat Stadium might be constructed with federal help. The council and the planning commission will be studying this method of providing a park area for the city.

City council members and Lowell Township officials will receive an orientation on the provisions of the Philip Schneider will, by an officer of the Old Kent Bank on Monday, August 9.

The million dollar estate is to be administered by a joint city, township, and trust company board.

### Water Supply Low

The city manager revealed to the city council on Monday that delays in getting the second new well on Foreman Street into operation has endangered the city water supply.

Heavy pumping of the east well must soon be halted or salt water may be brought in to the supply. This will require a sprinkling ban unless the second Foreman well is put into production in the next 2 weeks. Work is being pushed on completion of the new well, but the sprinkling ban was discussed as the only alternative if delays occur.

### Projects in Process

Several city projects are underway or completed. The Jackson Street Bridge over Grand River has been repainted by

city workers. Sewer construction is expected to begin on Hunt Street next week, and the water mains will be extended to the new wells on Foreman Street.

New sidewalks will be rebuilt on Main Street beginning next week in front of Christiansen Drug Co. and on the south side of Main Street from the Sortex office to the McQueen corner.

### Legal Action Pending

Three legal actions are pending. City Manager Bernard Olson informed the Council.

On Friday, August 6, the hearing on the Dykstra property dispute with the city will be held in Circuit Court. A claim of Oliver Raymor against the city for Workman's Compensation on a back injury is being scheduled, and George Plafin, owner of land on South Jackson Street, has appealed a zoning ordinance revision which prevents him from operating a junk yard on this property.

Other hearings scheduled will be on one on Thursday, August 19, on vacation of the alley back of Lowell Engineering Company and on Monday, August 23, on a proposed new zoning ordinance for the city.

The council also approved the change of ownership of the Village Inn beer license from a partnership of Geraldine DeVos and Herb Keyser to the single ownership of Keyser.

### Buying Cemetery Lots

A discussion was held on the proposal for the city to purchase surplus lots in Oakwood Cemetery which families no longer plan to use.

No action was taken but the manager was asked to come up with a suitable plan for buying back lots.

## Two June graduates awarded scholarships

Two 1965 June graduates of Lowell High School were awarded State of Michigan Scholarships this week.

Richard Leeman and Roger Keech were the recipients of scholarships worth \$400; and are renewable on a 4 year basis.

Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leeman of Lowell, and Roger is the son of William Keech of Lowell.

The students will enter Grand Rapids Junior College in the fall.

## Women bowlers will organize

An organizational meeting of women bowlers will be held on Monday evening, August 9, 1965 promptly at 7 o'clock at the American Legion Lanes, East Main Street, Lowell.

This is the most important meeting of the season. All former members and any new bowlers are urged to attend in order to get the leagues filled.

## LET CONTRACT TO REPLACE 1-96 BRIDGE RAILING

The Michigan State Highway Department has let a contract for replacement of a bridge railing on the bridge carrying I-96 over the Thornapple River, 1.5 miles southeast of Cascade in Kent County.

The contract, estimated at \$40,000, is scheduled for completion by November 15, 1965.

## TO MY PATIENTS IN LOWELL AND VICINITY

I'm going to be in Europe for four weeks and in my absence my practice will be covered by Dr. Eugene Wudke-wyck, who practices at 2733 DeHoop Street, Rogers Plaza area, Wyoming, Michigan.

Call 538-5900 or TW 7-9209, TW 7-9319 or TW 7-7548. c17 Dr. Harold Myers, D.O.

## Showboat a success in \$\$ and spirit!

In measuring the success of Showboat, it is going to take more than just the dollars earned by this year's show, which should be in the neighborhood of something over \$3,000. What is more important is the newly generated community spirit that every individual, merchant and organization working together discovered what can be accomplished.

Special credit should go to Bill Doyle, who as head of Showboat, was the drive which kept the ball rolling (he may have a few grey hairs... if you can find them). Other members of the board and committees are equally deserving of credit for their efforts to make the show a success.

Organizations of the community and their leadership did their part in putting the Showboat over the top. The work of members of the Moose in repairing the boat and putting up the seats; Rotary Club's work in selling the tickets; the Lions Club in selling the program; the V. F. W. for handling the parking; the Legion for handling the concessions; the Boy Scouts for renting the cushions. Profits from all these projects are helping to make this year's Showboat a monetary success.

Individuals in the community not particularly associated with any organization were on hand to help take tickets at the gate, directing the crowds to their seats, helping Harold Ball decorate the boat. The young people did their part, too—singing in the chorus, working on the stage, and helping Carl Fry operate the motors on the boat.

Help came from outside the community, too. Amway produced some of the publicity material; Jim Crosby furnished the tickets. Harry Symes took a personal interest in the success of the Showboat while handling the advertising and publicity. Others in radio, TV and newspapers got behind the Showboat and gave it every assistance they could.

Lowell can be proud of Showboat, and even more so of their taking a fading community project and bringing it back to life.

## Mrs. Bertha Murphy, 89 former Lowell resident, dies Saturday in Ohio

Mrs. Bertha Bradford Murphy, aged 89, the widow of George A. Murphy, formerly of Logan St., SE, passed away Saturday at Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Murphy was the mother of the former Mrs. Herbert (Margaret) Harris of Lowell and the grandmother of Bradford and Brown Harris also of this city.

Mrs. Murphy had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. John H. Tandler, 4118 Howard St., Youngstown, Ohio. Also surviving are seven other grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Murphy was brought to the Metcalf Mortuary late Monday.

Services were held in the chapel at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. Charles C. Davis of the Lowell Congregational Church officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

## YMCA trips

The YMCA will sponsor a trip this Friday, August 6, to the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

They will leave the Lowell YMCA office at 1:30 p. m. and return at 4 p. m. Pick up at Saranac Village Park at 1:15. Cost will be 25 cents per person for Y members and 35 cents for non-members.

### Trip to Ionia Fair

The YMCA will have a day of fun at the Ionia Free Fair on Children's Day Monday, August 9. Cost of the trip will be 25 cents per person to pay for the bus over.

Each child is to bring enough additional money to spend for rides. The rides are 15 cents apiece. We will leave the Y office at 1 p. m. and pick up at Saranac Village Park at 1:15. We should be back by 4:30.

### Trampoline Open

The YMCA will open the trampoline up at Richard's Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30. There will be an adult leader there and the charge will be 10 cents per person.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 19, 1965 at 8 o'clock, p. m. in the council room of the city hall to hear objections to vacating the easterly portion of an alley running east and west between Monroe and Washington Streets, same being parallel to and lying between the 300-block of East Main Street and the 300-block of Avery Street.

Laura E. Shepard  
City Clerk

## Lowell host to 129 travel trailers

Friday afternoon the 4-H Fair grounds became the scene of much hustle and bustle as the first of the 125 trailers expected for the weekend began to arrive. The beginning of the maze of electrical extensions and water pipes was laid, spider-webbing between the trailers. The veterans of these trailer rallies require very little assistance in setting up their camp, hooking up facilities efficiently as soon as they can find a faucet and an electrical outlet.

Saturday morning dawned damp and drippy, causing concern for the Showboat that evening but not dampening the spirit of the rally. By 10:30 most of the travel trailers were registered, set-up, and down town checking their ticket stubs at various stores in the Lucky Treasure Hunt.

Lots of excitement and fun finding out who the lucky winners were and just what they had been lucky enough to win. One boy, about ten, hurried between the trailers, carefully balancing a dutchapple pie and looking for a fork. He said he might not get any if it he didn't hurry as he had a big family.

Officially there were 129 trailers registered at the rally, with about 450 people in the group, as this is a family outing there were also pets of all kinds, who had to come along. Cats, dogs, monkeys, parakeets, even a myna bird, visiting sociably through the window. Many of the trailers are highly individual in appearance, one being decorated with Japanese lanterns and plastic flowers in pots, others carrying intriguing names such as "Mama's Mink II" and "Notre Roulotte," which means "gypsy home".

Mike Doyle, Chairman of the Trailer Rally for the Chamber of Commerce, reported that the whole operation went very smoothly and the trailers were very well pleased with the accommodations and happy with the friendly atmosphere of the townpeople. Last week in listing the Travel Trailer Clubs participating the name of "Holiday Ramblers", Pres. Mrs. Robert Volk, Muskegon, was omitted.

GRATTAN SFRL TALBOT SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING  
Please take notice that a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the budget of Talbot School District for 1965-1966 will be held at the school on August 7 at 8 o'clock p. m. The budget will be available for inspection at my home by appointment any evening. James Gahan, Secretary  
Phone 691-8562



Four youths from Ada and Cascade were running their walkie-talkies on Main Street last Saturday and had them tuned on the civil defense band.

Lowell police questioned Bob Landis, 17, Art Kohlbeck, 19, Harry Grochowalski, 20, and Donald Rozela, 17, on using profanity on the air.

The Federal Communications Commission has jurisdiction on violations of radio bands.

Monday morning the Lowell police were startled to see a peacock with a full spread of feathers crossing West Main Street.

Investigation discovered that John Groen of Boves Road was missing one peacock.

When a group of local boys failed to get the attention of the Cassidy dancing girls thru normal channels or too close supervision they let the air out of their auto tires last Thursday.

Police reported that even then these tactics failed to bring about a communication with the girls.

John Graham, 40, of Grand Rapids and Richard Felicioni, 30, of Lowell, were arrested in separate locations on Monday on charges of being drunk and disorderly on the public streets.

Graham was ordered to pay a fine and costs of \$30 and spend 15 days in jail, and Felicioni who gave the officers a hard time received a fine and costs of \$55 or 30 days in jail.

## YMCA to hold baseball meet

The YMCA will hold a baseball meeting on Monday night, August 9, at 7 p. m.

The meeting will center around a proposal of changing the baseball program next year.

The idea behind this proposal will be to change age classifications to ability classification. Regular Little League Teams with major and minor leagues will be considered under the sponsorship of the YMCA.

All interested adults and those who would be interested in coaching in this program are welcomed to this meeting.

## Joins U. S. Navy; at Great Lakes

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Grand Rapids takes pleasure in announcing the enlistment of three young men from this area into the U. S. Navy.

Ted "K" Onan, Route one, Lowell, Richard E. Bosworth, 415 Avery, Lowell, and Fred W. Verspoor, 9500 Bailey Dr., Ada, are now attending nine weeks of Recruit Training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

While there, they will study Naval Orientation, History and Organization, Seamanship, Ordnance and Gunnery, Military Drill, First-aid, and Survival Techniques. Upon completion of Recruit Training, they will be assigned to a ship or station or receive additional training at a navy trade school before being assigned to the Fleet.

In addition to aiding in the defense of our country, the next few years in the Navy will enable these young men to attain the full stature of manhood, and become a credit to their family, hometown, and country.

If you think you can qualify, contact your navy recruiter today. In Grand Rapids, we are located in Room 131-B of the old Post Office, 150 Ionia Ave., NW. Telephone No. GLA-2200.

## WMU Summer graduates

Dr. Calvin A. VanderWerf, president of Hope College, addressed the graduates of Western Michigan University's Summer Session commencement services on Friday, July 30, at 6:30 p. m. in Waldo Stadium.

Approximately 500 students were awarded bachelor's degrees and 385 received master's degrees during the ceremonies. Leading the procession of graduates were nine students who made up the honor graduates.

Dr. VanderWerf's topic was "The Most Important People on Earth."

Graduates from this area were Zola F. Postma, BS, 9471-52nd Street, Ada, Michigan, and Lloyd L. Rosenberger, BS, Route 2, Alto, Michigan.

## ATTY. GEORGE R. COK MOVES TO NEW BLDG.

Lowell Attorney George R. Cok has moved his office to the new professional building at 1125 West Main Street. This new building is just two blocks west of his former offices.

## Horses judged at 4-H Fair

Thousands of Kent County youngsters congregated at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lowell this week.

Hundred of entries in every class were submitted and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday judged. Tuesday, Photography, archery, crops, outdoor cooking, to be really cooked out, and many other projects were judged.

Following is a partial list of the winners in Halter, Pleasure, Reining, and Flat Saddle entries: Registered Halter, 1 year and under 2: Faith Hawley, first. Registered Halter, 2 years and under 3: Perry Meltema, first, Top Hands; David Avery, second, Lowell Saddlites.

Registered Halter, 3 years: Ron Wittenbach, first, Lowell Saddlites; Ron Dryer, second, Cascade Wranglers.

Registered Pleasure, boys 14 and under: Tom Dewy, first, West Riders; David Avery, second, Lowell Saddlites.

Registered Pleasure, girls 14 and under: Nancy Peterson, first, Cascade Wranglers; Evelyn Zerfas, second, Top Hands.

Registered Pleasure, boys 15 and over: Bob Wittenbach, first, Desperados; Ron Dryer, second, Cascade Wranglers.

Registered Pleasure, girls 15 and over: Joan Grey, first, Fire Brands; Nancy Walma, second, Cascade Wranglers.

Grade Halter, Foal: Terry Yeiter, first, Los Charros; Linda Brown, second.

Grade Halter, 1 year and under 2: Fred Alt, Alpine Pioneers, first; Tim Gleason, second, Cascade Wranglers.

Grade Halter, 2 years and under: Dawn Blazer, first, Red Riders; Kathy Bounds, second, Top Hands.

Grade Halter, 3 years and over: Linda Finkbeiner, Cherry Valley; Marcia Keizer, Cascade Wranglers.

Grade Reining: Jack Glass, Cedar Spring Flying Hoofs; Marilyn Pape, Cascade Wranglers.

Registered Reining: Nelson Fredrickson, Cascade Wranglers; Gary Hillard, Top Hands.

Champion at Halter: Bob Wittenbach, Desperados.

Reserve Champion at Halter: Terry Yeiter, Los Charros.

Performance Champion: Nelson Fredrickson, the Cascade Wranglers.

Reserve Performance Champion: Ron Dryer, Cascade Wranglers.

Flat Saddle at Halter, 3 years or older: Sue Werner, Red Riders; Carol Wittenbach, Lowell Saddlites.

Flat Saddle, Grade: Sue Kersting, Silver Spurs; Kay Doctor, Cascade Wranglers.

Flat Saddle, registered: Carol Wittenbach, Lowell Saddlites; Sara Kersting, Silver Spurs.

Flat Saddle Champion: Sue Kersting, Silver Spur.

Reserve Flat Saddle Champion: Kay Doctor, Cascade Wranglers.

## Dairy cows set Holstein records

Dairy cows in area herds have been credited with recently completed lactations under official production testing rules of Holstein-Friesian Association of America. These registered holsteins and their actual performance records are:

Janeland Winner Rouburke July 5109558, a four-year-old owned by James E. Cook, Jr., Lowell, produced 17,010 lbs. of milk and 739 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days.

Reformatory Cornflower Pet 4255172, an eight-year-old owned by Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, produced 18,100 lbs. milk and 609 lbs. butterfat in 304 days.

Michigan Bart Model 5140314, a three-year-old owned by Michigan State University, East Lansing, produced 14,500 lbs. milk and 614 lbs. butterfat in 305 days.

These new production figures may be compared to the estimated annual output of 7,880 lbs. of milk and 265 lbs. of butterfat by the average U. S. dairy cow, notes the national Holstein Association.

Michigan State University supervised the sampling, weighing and testing operation in cooperation with the Holstein organization's herd and breed improvement programs.

## DIES OF HEART ATTACK WHILE ROLLER SKATING

Clyton E. Walter, 60 of rural Ionia, died following a heart attack Thursday night while skating at the Lowell roller rink.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Portland, Michigan, where Mr. Walter formerly made his home and was employed. Burial was made in Portland Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Etta Mae, Mr. Walter is survived by a brother, Elmer of Missoula, Montana; and two sisters, Arthuretta Walter and Mrs. Geo. Blomquist of Covina, California.

CLOSED IN AUGUST  
Bernie's Barbershop will be closed for vacation August 9-21. c15-17



## First key to city for Betty Johnson

Mayor Arnold Wittenbach presented the first key to the City of Lowell to Betty Johnson on Saturday evening. Betty told Showboat officials that she collected keys to the cities in which she performed and would like this moment from Lowell. This daughter of a Methodist minister from South Carolina and a member of the Johnson Family hymn singing group has a collection of over 100 city keys. The City of Lowell was not prepared early in the week to present a key since this had never come up before. City Manager Olson put in a hurry-up call to a locksmith for a suitably inscribed key and it was ready for the Saturday presentation.

## Rain dampened seats but not spirits as Showboat ends successful week

The seats were plenty wet in Showboat Stadium on Saturday night as the final night's program was delayed until 9 p. m. but the spirit of the crowd that filled the stands was high.

Rain had threatened earlier in the week, but on Saturday it was cloudy all morning, in the afternoon the rain began, and continued into the evening. Crowds started pouring into town and by 8 p. m. the streets were jammed with people waiting out the storm.

Showboat directors met and were determined to hold the show if the rain let up. News from the weather bureau said the rain had stopped in the Muskegon area and the clearing was moving eastward. When the rain let up some at 8:30 the boat was ordered to sail at 9 o'clock.

The stands were full when the boat arrived and after a quick mop-up of the stage the show got under way at 9:30 p. m. Everything went well until about three-quarters of the way through the program, while Betty Johnson was on the stage,

the rain began again. The star of the show George Gobel was quickly brought on wearing a rain coat over his tux in a pouring rain and the crowd with the exception of a less hardy few stayed in their seats.

Gobel worked his act for about 10 minutes in the pouring rain. The rain stopped as suddenly as it had started and he shed his rain coat and completed his act.

The program ended in the final production number of the entire company with the crowd satisfied, that they had seen an excellent show.

### Short Circuit

Comedian Mike Caldwell proved to be the best conductor of electricity in the show when he was handling a microphone as part of his act and received a shock.

Evidently his wet shoes and the 300 pounds of fat shorted out the sound system. He surprised the crowd by "dropping the microphone and then gingerly picking it up and dropping it again.

## Women of Moose schedule picnic

Interesting highlights of the executive meeting held recently in Grand Rapids for officers of the Women of the Moose, were reported at the local Chapter meeting Monday evening, August 2.

Meeting in their club rooms on East Main Street, Chapter 1388, heard various reports from the officers in attendance.

A white elephant sale, plus a short business meeting will take place on August 16 when members of the Women of the Moose hold their annual picnic. The potluck affair will be held at the Hi-Lo Gun Club grounds this year, starting at 7 o'clock.

## Neva Coons Putnam, former resident, dies

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, July 29, in Eaton Rapids, for Neva Coons Putnam, 71, a former Lowell resident.

Mrs. Putnam was born in Lowell in 1894, the daughter of Newton and Fannie Coons. In 1921, she was married to Marcus L. Putnam, and for many years they made their home in Eaton Rapids.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Mrs. Dean (Mary) Odiron; and two grandchildren, Tom and Barbara Odiron, of Holt. Interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

## SERVICES HELD FRIDAY FOR VERLIN SLABAUGH

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Bowne Mennonite Church for Verlin Slabaugh, aged 52, of rural Clarksville.

Mr. Slabaugh passed away Wednesday, July 28, at a Lowell nursing home.

Burial was made in Bowne Mennonite Cemetery.

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## Sweet School going strong after 100 years

Sweet School, located four miles south of Lowell, is going strong after almost 100 years.

Sunday's 34th annual reunion again brought activity to the little white school when 67 persons gathered here for fun, food and reminiscing. Among those present was Mrs. Alice Reynolds of Lowell, who taught at the school 53 years ago.

The school, built in 1868, now belongs to the Lowell Area of Schools, since this district consolidated a few years ago, but community spirit came to the fore and the building is leased to the community for \$1 per year.

The local 4-H Club meets here and community club is held once a month with the neighbors taking turns in presenting the programs which range from educational guest speakers to square dances and just plain fun nights.

Wiener roasts are held often during the summer months with old-timers like Alvin Wells, now 89, spinning yarns of the past while the young ones gather around the fire listening spell-bound and only a very short distance away, the traffic from the expressway creates a steady hum.

Current expenses are met by holding bake sales, ice cream socials and free will offerings.

Necessary repairs are made by the men of the community and everyone takes their turn in mowing the grass. It is no unusual sight, when passing the school, to see a buxom farm wife, pulling weeds or pushing a lawn mower. Although they probably wouldn't admit it at the time, it is a labor of love.

## LOWELL BEER STORE

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## Schneider to compete in '65 pistol championships

Philip H. Schneider, Jr., of 117 West Main, Lowell, will compete in the 1965 National Pistol Championships held at Camp Perry, July 30 to August 7. The National Championship Matches are sponsored by the National Rifle Association of America and the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice in cooperation with the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Schneider and the more than 2,000 competitors firing in these matches, represent the country's finest pistol shots. These shooters will fire a 270-aggregate composed of slow-fire, timed, fire and rapid-fire matches. Ranges of 25- and 50-yards are used in the program. An important aspect of the National Matches is the Small Arms Firing School conducted by skilled instructors from the Army's Marksmanship Training Unit, Fort Benning, Georgia.

This School is designed to train citizens in the safe and efficient use of military-type weapons. The courses are varied, covering both rifle and pistol instruction. Both basic and advanced courses are offered for junior shooters and for those desiring to become rifle marksmanship instructors.

The National Match itinerary is Pistol July 30 to August 7, Smallbore Rifle, August 8 to 13 and High power Rifle August 15 to 22.

# Rain halts races; Hastings is lucky

The only racing action occurring over the rain-dampened week end took place Friday night at the Hastings Speedway. The ten lap fast heat saw Larry Lawrence of Lowell checkered the fastest lap of the evening but was unable to grab the fast car dash from Harry Foote of Kalamazoo.

In the first heat race, seven cars were eliminated in the first three laps with Ray Fontaine emerging the winner out of the four remaining cars on the oval.

Phil Sloan won the accumulator second heat which saw Jerry VanDyke of Grand Rapids

roll over on the back stretch after being involved in a crash on the 3rd turn.

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Rain washed out the running of the super modified and modified sportman racing championship Saturday night at the Berlin Raceway.

The 150 annual mid-season championship race for super modifieds will be run this Saturday night at the one-half mile oval.

Time trials will be at 6:30 with the first heat race set for 8:15 p. m.

The Grand Rapids Speedrome will be back in action this Saturday night, weather permitting. At 6:30 time trials will be held for the semi-late models and the super modifieds, with the first race at 8 p. m.

A highlight of the program will be a sky diving exhibition.

Saturday night a 100-lap feature race for semi-late models will be run at the Galeburg Speedway, and on Sunday night a 50-lap mid-season championship race was scheduled at the Kalamazoo Speedway.

Following the running of the semi-late models Friday night at the Hastings Speedway, a powder puff derby will be run.

**Ionian Free Fair is August 7-14**

According to one interpretation, it can probably be said that the Ionian Free Fair celebrating its Golden Anniversary, August 7-14, is the largest fair in the United States.

According to attendance statistics for 1964 fairs throughout the nation, the Free Fair with its 445,000 visitors, ranked 2nd, according to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. The association lists 155 United States fairs.

But when one considers the population of the city of Ionia, Michigan, it is not surprising in proportion to the fair's attendance, the Ionian Free Fair could be the largest.

Of the 21 fairs ranked above the Ionian Free Fair, 16 are billed as state fairs, which means that the Free Fair is sixth in the nation among non-state fairs.

As a county fair, the Ionian show ranks second only to the mammoth Los Angeles County Fair in size, and is larger than 34 state fairs.

With star attractions, such as Al Hill, Ginny Tiu, The Ink Spots, Bobby Goldsboro, Dee Dee Sharp, Little Eva, and Dick and Dee Dee headlining the grandstand shows, in addition to outstanding midway attractions, the Ionian Free Fair should enjoy a statistical climb, providing the weatherman cooperates.

The 445,000 attendance mark established at last year's Free Fair was all the more amazing considering that the fair was plagued by rain and cold. It was the worst weather for an Ionian Fair since 1877.

**South Boston**  
Mrs. Belle Young

Kenneth Tucker accompanied Lance Jepson, Ionia County Extension Agent, on a 3 day MSU wine tour in Illinois last week where they visited the nation's top hog farms and the Moorman Research Farm at the University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Condon, Mark and Elaine and Frances Linscott went to northern Michigan last week on a vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young of East Grand Rapids were callers Tuesday evening at the Wilbur Young home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fahmi and Jo Ann attended the Baker-Ovshak wedding Saturday evening in the Hope Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Mick have been on a vacation trip and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vetter stayed at the Mick home with the children.

Second Lieut. Roger Coles & Mrs. William Bray of Boardman, Pennsylvania, and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Coles of Detroit were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. June Fahmi, and on Sunday evening the group was joined by Mrs. and Mrs. Burton McCall and son, Alex, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blough, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fahmi & Jo Ann. Lieut. Coles reports this week for further army duty in Montgomery, Alabama.

A grass fire caused some excitement Tuesday afternoon on the Harvey Metternich property.

Over 600 Michigan residents have served in Peace Corps projects.

## The "Low Down" From the Congressional Record

**NO MORE DEPRESSIONS—MAYBE!**

Senator W. Proxmire (Wis.)... In recent weeks there has been a great deal of discussion comparing the economic situation of the present with conditions that prevailed in the late 1920's before the great depression...

"Today we are no longer subject to the hazards of the domino effect which in 1929 to 1933 brought bank failures, stock market liquidation, and declines in consumer spending. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the regulation of securities and stock market brought about the collapse of others, and in which a modest fall in security prices triggered greater and greater liquidation as this margin were successively wiped out. Social security and unemployment compensation tend to maintain purchasing power so that the cumulative effects of unemployment are not inevitably more unemployment. These disinclinations between the present situation and the earlier one are now too generally understood and appreciated to need laboring..."

"We no longer have to sit innocently by, eventually to be overwhelmed with unemployment or the cumulative liquidation of inventories and the backwash of an undue tightening of credit..."

"The point I make is that now we are at a position to know we have the factors which we did not have in 1929, so we know what we are doing."

"The Consumers' Price Index, upon which we rely for much of our understanding of what is going on in the economy, and which is used as a 'trigger figure' in certain wage contracts, was in 1929 computed only twice a year and then reported only with a very substantial lag between the fact and the date of publication."

"Information on department store sales was not available until about 30 days after the close of the month; we now have weekly series available."

## Elmdale Mrs. Ira Sargeant

Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant were Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Roth of rural Lake Odessa, Mrs. Stanley Gardner and Mrs. June Fahmi and daughter, Carol, of South Boston.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Overholt who were married Saturday evening in the Hope Church of the Brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Letson of rural Charlotte were late Saturday afternoon callers of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johnson.

Construction work has been begun on the mile of road between Pratt Lake Road and Montclair Ave. It is to be given a hard surface.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Slawik and children of Vicksburg, Mrs. Johnson's niece, Mrs. Caroline Peterson of Stanton was an afternoon caller.

Mrs. Gaytha Kime of Florida, Mrs. Lloyd Livingston of Clarksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Auger and sons, Scott, Darrell and Eric of rural Lake Odessa were Thursday afternoon callers of Ira and Hope Sargeant. Irving Stahl was a Wednesday evening caller.

The Hope Church of the Brethren team won the game which they played against the Hastings Baptist 20 to 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johnson were on business in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

We learn that Mrs. Minnie Dardoff is again a patient at Pennock Hospital of Hastings.

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## — Around 'bout town —

Mrs. Fern Butler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Butler and visited relatives in Edmore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith have returned to their home in Scotland, Ontario, Canada, after spending a few days with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

Mrs. Freda Davern of Pewamo was a Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merritt and Harry J., of Tempe, Arizona, spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Butler.

Visitors at the Crabb-Duell home during Showboat week were the Milton Nelsons of Belding, the William Lydings of Greenville, Mrs. Lucille Strump of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith of Lyons, Mrs. Ned Coston and brother Nicolas Wirtz, of Pewamo and George Skidmore of Alo.

Mrs. Henry Baker of McClusky and Mrs. Raymond Lytle of Washburn, both in North Dakota, were week end visitors at the home of their brothers, Bruce Tower of Lowell and Donald Tower of Grand Rapids.

The sisters experienced their first plane ride when another brother, Walter Tower and Darrow Baker of Midland, flew out to bring them to Michigan for the family reunion July 31 at Fallsburg Park.

Mrs. Gertrude Lyons of Florida and Mrs. Awee Parker of Pierson were Wednesday morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker of Keok.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olney and three daughters of Jensen Beach, Florida, spent Thursday and Friday with Mrs. V. Clemons and Carol. All called on Mrs. Rex Dowling Thursday evening.

Mrs. Larry Lawrence spent Thursday evening in Grand Rapids helping Mrs. James Doernema decorate her new home.

Mrs. Rose Tallant was a Sunday dinner guest at the Lyle Bovee home.

Frankie Leasure was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nelson.

Mrs. John Reagan of Cascade Road was a weekend guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nelson.

Mrs. Edward Watson attended the graduation of her grandson, Jack Alexander, from Kalamazoo College, Friday evening, July 30.

Mrs. Hol Dalstra left Sunday for Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California, to meet her son and family from Okinawa. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dalstra after spending 11 1/2 months of August with relatives in Arizona and Michigan will be stationed at Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Indiana.

David F. Warner, retired Lowell miller now residing in Woodland, Michigan, will be 90 years old on August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. James Deozema and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malone of Grand Rapids were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lawrence.

Miss Patty McWhinney of Ada is spending a week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lawrence, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWhinney are touring northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Wilson of Racine, Wisconsin, were overnight guests Friday and Saturday nights of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tower and family at their home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zolliker and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crotty of Rochester were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne and attended the Showboat.

## Dr. Ralph White honored Sunday

Last Sunday, Dr. Ralph White was honored at both Trinity Lutheran Church services. He and Mrs. White are leaving our midst after almost 40 years of serving the church's needs in this area.

It was March, 1926, when the Whites moved to Grand Rapids. Prior to this Dr. White had been pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Lancaster, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Ruth Rissler. Their son, R. Bradley White lives in Detroit.

There he succeeded Lloyd Douglas, a Lutheran minister who made a name for himself as the author of "The Robe." For five years, Dr. White had been missionary superintendent of the East Ohio Synod, and for eight years, he was in charge of the district of the Lutheran mission in Argentina.

Dr. White became pastor emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Church December 31, 1963, but returned to serve for six months in 1963 as an interim preacher. Many congregational churches in this area have also reaped the benefits from his devotion—Ada, Comstock Park, and Plymouth Congregational, to mention a few.

The Whites choosing Grand Rapids as a place for retirement is not accidental; they lived there for a short period several years ago. It is with regret that we see them leave their place of residence on Fulton Road in Lowell.

Horseback riding and farming may become part of their pattern of life, but their service to the Lord will always be.

## Star patterns are charted by U-M astronomer

Mars and Venus are features of the western sky this month, says Dr. Hazel M. Losh, University of Michigan astronomer.

Mars is increasing its distance from Earth, rapidly moving eastward among the stars, but by the end of the month it will be found almost directly below Denebola in Leo's Tail, the paler star.

Venus may be spotted as an "evening star" in the western sky after sunset near the horizon, and Saturn as the "morning star," rising around midnight near the east point. As there are no bright stars in the immediate vicinity of Saturn, it should be easily picked out.

Moving on to the constellations of the month, Scorpion with its bright red star, Antares, is rising around sunset in the southeast. The Scorpion may be picked out easily as a line of stars curving up like a giant celestial fishhook.

Unlike many of the constellations, this pattern of stars actually looks something like the figure that it is supposed to represent.

Loosen up your schedule. An overly ambitious one can run a vacation trip. Three hours' driving time for every 100 mi.

## My Neighbors

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## City Council proceedings

Regular session, Monday evening, July 19, 1965, in the council room of the city hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnold A. Wittenbach at 8:34 p. m. and the roll was called by the clerk.

Present: Councilmen Doyle, Schneider, Schlemitzauer, Mayor Wittenbach.

Absent: Councilman Reynolds.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schlemitzauer, supported by Doyle, that the minutes of the meeting of July 19, 1965, be approved as amended. (Councilman Reynolds assented.)

Yes: Councilmen Schneider, Doyle, Mayor Wittenbach, Councilmen Schlemitzauer, Reynolds, 5.

No: None

The clerk reported deposit of the following amounts:

General Fund \$27,493.65  
Spec. Assessment Fund 328.55  
Lee Fund 220.00  
Bond Redemption Fund 41,184.35  
Water-Sewer Receiving 6,622.28

Bills payable:

General \$5,241.22  
Water-Sewer Receiving 3,584.40

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter of transmittal and submission of Master Plan adopted by the Planning Commission on June 23, 1965. (See MOTIONS.)

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Further consideration of vacating alley north of city hall, requested by Lowell Engineering company to permit plant expansion. (See MOTIONS.)

2. Manager Olson reported that the Rent Control Commission would install drainage structures and culverts, on proposed Foreman Road improvement, following which city forces would grade, fill, and gravel, leaving it until next year for construction and rental blacktop (1966-67 fiscal year).

3. A progress report of well construction was related by the Manager. He stated that the well work awarded to Ryan Northern Company was nearing completion, that construction of the well house would be started this week, probably would be finished next week. Council members were in accord with the Manager's recommendation that gas chlorinators be used instead of carbonyls of which, which are presently used, because of reduced costs. Council members also favored the continued use of polyphosphates.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Receipt of new Zoning Ordinance proposed and recommended by the Planning Commission was acknowledged. A hearing date was scheduled far enough in advance to allow time for a study of the ordinance. (See MOTIONS.)

2. A resident of Avery Street was present to question on the procedure of the Planning Commission which allowed a variance to the Zoning Ordinance. Manager Olson stated that a building permit had not been issued, that he would contact church authorities regarding their intent, and would schedule a hearing at the earliest possible time.

3. The consensus of Council was that the dump attendees should be paid at the rate of \$30 per month. (See MOTIONS.)

4. Mayor Wittenbach suggested the removal of dead elm trees on the river bank at the end of Elm Street; the Manager stated it would be done this week.

5. Manager Olson relayed a request from 4-H Association for painting the inside of the Exhibition Building and installation of two outside lights. He recommended that light installations be made at both north and south ends of the Exhibition Building, but did not recommend the painting at city expense. Council concurred in his recommendation.

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7. Manager Olson recommended vacating Sherman Street from Monroe to Washington and from Monroe to Lafayette from the current blacktopping program, and also omitting high street east of James, Lafayette from end of existing blacktop to Sherman and Spring Street west of Amity. He recommended substituting the blacktopping of the swimming pool area, the parking lot and back of the city hall for the omitted area. Council was in agreement.

## Ends assignment in Guatemala; assisted with literacy program

Ann Mullen of Lowell, has recently returned to the United States from a two-year assignment with the Voluntary International Service Assignment (VISA) program of the American Friends Service Committee.

A nonprofit Quaker organization, the American Friends Service Committee sponsors the VISA program for which assistance has been requested. Ann served in Patzún, Guatemala, assisting with the literacy program and helping establish an agricultural cooperative for the farmers.

Working with several Peace Corps volunteers, Ann bought and sold fertilizer to the farmers in the area, eliminating their need to make the two-hour bus trip to Guatemala City, sixty miles away. With money received from the fertilizer sales and bank loans arranged through training for Progress funds, the group was able to build a warehouse and start an agricultural cooperative.

The village of Patzún, located in the highlands of Guatemala, has a population of about 7,000, but another 7,000 persons live in the surrounding area of one to eight miles. The people in one settlement have little contact with those in another and a three-day community hike initiated by Ann and other volunteers was enthusiastically supported.

The first year of the hike was held, 200 persons, mainly in the age group 12 to 18, made the 24-mile trip through the beautiful, historic, Mayan country side to a lake. Each town contributed a truck for its young people on the trip, traveling ahead with sleeping bags and transporting their home at the end of the three days. For the Guatemalaans, this was their first experience in the American custom of group hiking and campfire socializing. In the evening the boys and girls of each village presented skits, or sang and danced.

Many of the people of Patzún and the outlying areas have only recently become literate. Ann encouraged them to maintain their newly acquired skills of reading and writing. Ann Mullen and another VISA volunteer published a four-page monthly newspaper using words of appropriate vocabulary level.

The newspaper had articles written by the Guatemalaans and the volunteers on cooking, agriculture, sewing and other matters of their interest. The paper was titled *Despertar del Pueblo*, "The Awakening of the People."

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the bidding requirements be waived to expedite the project.

Yes: Schneider, Reynolds, Wittenbach, Schlemitzauer, Doyle, 5.

No: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p. m.

Approved: August 2, 1965.  
ARNOLD A. WITTENBACH, Mayor  
LAURA E. SHEPARD, Clerk

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## Alto party line

Mrs. Claude Silcox—688-6710

### Couple exchange wedding vows

Mrs. Margaret Veneman of Lowell and Clifford Daniels of Alto were united in marriage at Charlton Park and also visited the Hastings Fair Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. D. Bancroft and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Carlson attended the Steam Road at Charlton Park and also visited the Hastings Fair Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gary Fosberg and sons spent the weekend at the Hastings Fair Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dale McCall of Clarksville.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harvey Slater spent three days last week with the Lyle Broadbent's at their cottage at Eight Point Lake.

Mrs. Henry Slater entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slater and family and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Colby for lunch Monday evening.

Mrs. Darly Barnaby was a Tuesday luncheon guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Slater.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Tudor acted as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies and Mr. Tudor had charge also of a short but interesting program. The four daughters of the bride, and her daughter-in-law served the refreshments, and the groom's niece, Mrs. Helen Boyd had charge of the gift table.

The newlyweds received a nice variety of lovely gifts. They left for their wedding trip to Toledo, Ohio, where they will visit Clifford's sister, Viola and family.

### Baptist news . . .

Uncle Maj Nelson will be holding Bible School at the Alto Baptist Church August 9 through 13. He will also preach both services on August 8th.

Other Act News  
Mrs. Forrest Richardson and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Marie Porritt of Wyoming City Tuesday.

Mrs. Beryl Dippe of Kalamazoo spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seelye visited the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Folkert and family of Richmond from Thursday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geelhood attended the baptism of their grandson, Curtis Edward Vandertal in St. Mary's Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram DeVries of Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. George Johns of Dimondale, Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeVries and family of Rockford all spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Seelye to celebrate Jacqueline DeVries' eighth birthday.

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## Star Corners

Mrs. Ira Blough

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Kauffman and daughters attended funeral services for Mrs. C. D. Bowers at Hastings, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sweers and family of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Krebs and family of Lowell and Mrs. Krebs' mother, Mrs. Margaret Ashleman of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were Wednesday evening visitors at the John Krebs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson of South Lowell were Wednesday evening guests at the Freeman Hoffman home, Ice cream and cake was served in honor of Mr. Dawson's birthday.

Miss Barbara Krebs accompanied by Miss Sally Lewis of Grand Rapids, Miss Thelma Schults of Sparta, Miss Mary Lou Vaughn of Lowell spent the week end with the Walter Gold family in Lexington, Kentucky.

Cheryl and Beth Krebs of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with grandpa & grandma Krebs, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krebs & daughters of Eastmont and Mr. and Mrs. David Krebs & daughters were supper guests at the John Krebs home.

Visitors the last week at the Freeman Hoffman home were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Poek of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Aubil of Moline, Mr. and Mrs. Ed DeWinter of Grand Rapids.

Bob Krebs & Leonard Blough enjoyed the Steam Road at Nashville Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs attended the Lowell Showboat Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hoffman visited the former's mother, Mrs. Nathan Voder and husband at Shipshewana, Indiana, Sunday.

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## Lynn Wittenbach takes first plane ride on exchange student mission

7768 Stockach-Baden Lago We, 65, Deutschland July 23, 1965

Dear Ledger Readers:  
The time has passed so quickly since I left for Germany on June 21. My eighteen hour flight from Detroit to Amsterdam was long, but was well worth the effort. I was most thrilled during the hours we flew through the Land of the Midnight Sun. I spent only one night in Amsterdam, staying at the Hotel Fleming, one of the Youth For Understanding headquarters this summer. Then I had an unforgettable twelve hour train ride across Holland and through Germany to my summer home near the German-Luxembourg border. I traveled along the Rhine River for several hours, passing through well known cities as Cologne, Bonn, and Stuttgart. My family met me in Radolfzell. They are just wonderful!

Silvia, my nineteen year old daughter, has been so wonderful, and while my parents do not, we have had no trouble communicating. My German is improving as we are learning English, too!

We live in Stockach, a town of approximately six-thousand people. It is situated in the southern German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg at the edge of the Hegu. Stockach is only 4 miles from the beautiful Bodensee (sometimes called Lake Constance). The largest lake in Germany, it touches also the shores of Austria and Switzerland. The Rhine River flows through this lake. This year the Bodensee is extremely high and in this area there have been serious floods.

I have done many things since I arrived. The first week end I was here, my "dad" took me on a two hour hike into the hills overlooking Stockach. I saw the flood damage. We have also taken a trip to Schaffhausen, Switzerland. Here I saw the magnificent Blausee, which is Europe's greatest waterfall and truly a breath-taking sight! We then drove back along the Rhine and the Radolfzell lake portion of the Bodensee to Konstanz. It is at Konstanz where the Rhine leaves the main part of the lake.

I also enjoy every day life with the Baber family. Going shopping with "Mom", I am becoming acquainted with the owners of the bakery, meat, and milk stores. I like watching and helping with the cooking, watering the garden with my "Dad" and being with the family in the evening to see the sunset from the terrace or to watch German TV.

Silvia is in her last year of high school in Radolfzell (11 miles from Stockach). I have been attending classes with her several times each week. (We travel by train) I enjoy her teachers and have made many friends with her classmates. They all delight in my snapping "impromptu" pictures during class. However, this is the last week of school before the six week summer vacation. Our family is looking forward to spending more time together during the remainder of my stay.

My friends, Lynn Wittenbach and Lynn Wittenbach, are looking forward to sharing more of my experiences with them when I return home.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen,  
Lynn Wittenbach

### Snow Area

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

It is hoped a large group of workers will turn out Saturday to practically finish the work on the new Snow Christian Center Hall.

Peter Fisher of Lowell was a Saturday evening supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blough.

Mrs. Bob Ulrich and daughters spent three days last week at Pioneer Park, Muskegon. Bob joined them Saturday and all returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Hadjan was honored Friday evening with a bridal shower at the WSCS Hall.

Mrs. Clifford Dalstra and children visited her sister, Mrs. Russell Stowe at Long Lake Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jessie Hadjan and daughter of Ionia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoxie and Saturday all went to the Hoxieville home coming from the Hoxieville home coming from the Hoxieville home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Carey recently attended their class picnic at the Earl Barragar cottage at Freeport on Lake Michigan.

Lynnan Baker had the Grand Champion cow at the South West Jersey Parish show last week.

Over fifty people attended the Stock School show Saturday at the WSCS Hall. A beautiful dinner was served at noon and after the business meeting we listened to several amusing stories by Mrs. Betty Yeiler and a very informative speech by Dick Veneman, both of Lowell.

High School Ice cream was then served and all departed hoping to meet again next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blanding, sr., of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding had dinner Thursday evening at the Oakwood buffet honoring the Dan Blanding's wedding anniversary and Mrs. John Blanding's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roca of Cincinnati, Ohio, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson.

Mrs. Seymour Dalstra called on Mrs. Joe Green of Lowell Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Fred McDonald, also of Lowell on Thursday. Both are bed patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankens, Kim and Karen of Wyoming City were Sunday supper guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Carey.

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Mrs. Grace Drake of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoxie Friday.

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## Living Men Needed

"...Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature..." II Corinthians 5:17

The observation is often made that those who call themselves Christians don't seem to be much different from the common run of those who don't make the claim. It is often difficult to tell them apart, except that the one may go to church occasionally. They converse about the same subjects. They both seem to have the same interests and ideals.

The charge is also made that the church doesn't seem to influence society much for good. It doesn't seem to make much difference that the Christians and the church are there. There is some truth in both of these observations.

What is the trouble? There seem to be too many dead men on the job. Many appear to be dead in their "treasures and sins." They don't seem to recognize

the fact, nor are they concerned. Both they and their critics speak much about generally accepted morality and social reforms. But both fail to get down to the heart of the matter, and that lies in the heart of every single mortal. He is spiritually dead, and he has to be made alive.

To be spiritually fruitful, dead men must be made spiritually alive. They must be born again. They must be entirely "new creatures," "new persons altogether." They need more than a moral repair job; they need a complete spiritual transformation. And this is not a "do-it-yourself" project. The dead cannot make themselves alive. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, who makes new creatures in Christ.

If Christians are to change anything in this world, they themselves must first have been changed. If they are to give anything, they must first receive. They have no currency of their own.

—Rev. T. Van Kooten  
In The Family Altar

This message paid for by the Sunday School of  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

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West Main St., Lowell

H. Buikema, Pastor

SERVICES—10:00 A. M.—7:00 P. M.

Sunday School—11:10 A. M.

Everyone Welcome

## coming events

Condon reunion August 8, at Fallsburg Park. Dinner at 1 p. m. Bring a gift.

The Alton Ladies Aid picnic is to be held at Fallsburg Park August 12. Bring own dishes and sandwiches and a dish to pass. Dinner is at one. Everyone is welcome.

The Merriman Community Farm Bureau Picnic will be held at the Marion Shade-cottage on Morrison Lake, Sunday, August 8. Potluck dinner is at one, hot and cold drinks will be furnished.

The FVW Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, August 12, at the hall at 8:15 p. m. This is the only meeting in August and members are urged to attend.

The Lowell High School Class of 1930 will hold a reunion at Lowell high school August 21. Dinner at 7 p. m. Invitations are also extended to all of the members of the classes of 1929 and 1931. All members of these two classes interested in attending please contact Roxie Hunter at TW 7-9319 or TW 7-9209 no later than August 7.



## Ruth Ann Ford becomes bride of Gerald Nelson

Miss Ruth Ann Ford became the bride of Gerald C. Nelson on Saturday afternoon, July 24, in St. Mary's Church at two o'clock.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John O. Ford, 227 S. Division Street, Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Nelson, 4332 Egypt Valley Road, Ada.

The former Miss Ford chose a chapel-length gown of Chantilly lace, styled with a scalloped neckline edged in seed pearls and sequins and featured bridal point sleeves. The colonial-styled skirt was enhanced with tiers of lace forming the train.

A double crown of crystal and pearls secured her elbow-length veil and she carried a single stemmed white rose on a white prayer book.

The maid of honor, Miss Sally Hoover, wore a blue sheath gown with a floor-length overskirt. A matching headpiece and a single stemmed white rose completed her ensemble.

Attending the groom as best man was Fredrick Homminga of Ada, the groom's brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haver of Alto, presided at the reception which was held following the ceremony in St. Mary's School.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are residing at 2814 Snow Avenue, Lowell.

## Bride-elect is feted at showers

Judith Ann Haddan bride-elect of John Franklin Clippard was feted at a miscellaneous shower Friday evening at the Snow WSCS Hall. Hostess were Mrs. Kenneth Fox, Mrs. Lawton Cole and Mrs. Sherm Reynolds. After several amusing games the bride-to-be opened her many lovely gifts. A variety of delicious refreshments were served.

Also a personal shower was given her in July by Mrs. Thomas Clippard of Swartz Creek Michigan.

Mrs. Donald Rogers of Fenton Michigan was hostess at a kitchen shower some weeks ago at her home.



## Sally Myers, bride-elect of Michael W. Boyden

Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Myers of Clarksville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally M. to Michael W. Boyden, EM3 United States Navy.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Marcella J. Boyden of Ionia.

No definite wedding date has been set by the bride-elect and her fiancé.

The 4-H idea began to materialize in the late 1890's when rural school superintendents encouraged students to plant corn, tend a garden, sew and cook. School fairs were held and ribbons awarded winning exhibits.

The Upper Michigan "Copper Country" is the largest commercial deposit of native copper in the world.

An oldtimer is one who remembers when parents cut switches instead of rugs.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to thank all of our members who helped make the Trailer Rally such a success. Special thanks to chairman, Mike Doyle, and his committee Ed Steffens, George Dey, Darle Rickert, Al Hermans, Marcel Kropf, Bernie Baer, John Jones, King Doyle and Dick Beimers. Thank you also to all the clubs, organizations, and individuals who gave of their time and effort to make the Showboat such a successful event again.  
Board of Directors  
Lowell Chamber of Commerce  
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## STRAND THEATRE

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THURS., FRI., SAT.,  
Aug. 5, 6, 7

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## RAVENNA LIVESTOCK SALES

Prices for Aug. 2, 1969 head of Livestock, 120 consignments of Poultry and Rabbits

Veal	up to \$36.00 cwt.
Beef Steers and Heifers	up to \$25.10 cwt.
Beef Cows	up to \$16.80 cwt.
Beef Bulls	up to \$19.80 cwt.
Feeder Cattle	from \$16.75 to \$27.00 cwt.
Lams	up to \$22.00 cwt.
Hogs	up to \$25.70 cwt.
Sows	up to \$22.70 cwt.
Boars	up to \$15.50 cwt.

The sale has the largest number of buyers paying the highest market prices for your livestock. Valuable Free Gift given away at 9:30 o'clock every Monday night. Must be present to win. You are always welcome to attend the sales every Monday even though you do not have anything to sell. We are operating the Ravenna Livestock Sale on Monday, and the Big Rapids Sale on Wednesday. Bonded for your protection.

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## Phyllis Nugent engaged to wed John E. Powell

Mr. and Mrs. Liguori Nugent of Route 1, Lowell, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Phyllis Joy, to John E. Powell.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Powell of Route 2, Beki-ling.

A September 18th wedding is being planned by the engaged couple

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Trailerites express thanks

Dear Sirs:

We would like to express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce of Lowell for sponsoring the Showboat Travel Trailer Rally. A heartfelt thanks to those who donated the wonderful products of Lowell, to us, upon our registration at the rally.

We enjoyed every minute of our stay in Lowell and the Showboat performance itself—in spite of the inclement weather on Saturday night.

We especially noticed how friendly the merchants were during the "treasure hunt" to the stores.

We are looking forward to a return visit to your friendly town.

Sincerely,  
Frederick & Lavinia Brown  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Former Lowell minister recalls Showboat feature, will be 90 August 8

Dear Mr. Jefferies:

Your paper comes to me as regularly as the sunrise. Thank you. And now it is reminiscent of Showboat days in yester years. And the single feature of those days that clings closest to me, in memory, is the inspiring rendering of The Battle Hymn of the Republic by Walter Gunser as he sang it out into the night air.

Yes, I still live with affliction. How much longer I do not know. My 90th birthday occurs on August 8th. And I can feel with Longfellow who said, "It has done me good to be parched by the heat and drenched by the rain of life."

Most sincerely  
David F. Warner

## CARD OF THANKS

As commander of VFW Flat River Post 8303, we wish to thank the fellow comrades who so graciously helped through the week of Showboat, while I was unable to attend. Especially to Don Souser and Fred Phelps. p17 Harry Carigan, Commander

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Orva Gardner who passed away one year ago, July 29, 1964. Also our sister, Pauline Gardner who passed away thirty-one years ago July 20, 1934. p17 Sadly missed by The Family

## Library letters

New books now available at the Lowell Public Library.

**Adult Fiction**  
Flight of the Falcon, Daphne DuMaurier; The Man Who Sold Death, James Munro; The Source, James Michener; Uncle Perk's Jug, Corey Ford; The OB's, Virginia Mercer; and Knights and Dragons, Elizabeth Spencer.

## Adult Non-Fiction

A Life after Death, Ralph Harlow; What Every Woman Doesn't Know, Gustave Simons; A Ship Called Hope, William Walsh; Stepping Stones to Japanese Floral Art, Rachel Carr; and My Friend the Garden, Fernand LeQuenne.

## Fiction for Junior

Mission to Cathey, Madeline Pollard; On to Oregon, Honore Morrow; Danny Dunn and the Anti Gravity Paint, Jay Williams; And Now Miguel, Joseph Krumgold; Desmond and the Peppermint Ghost, Herbert Best; and Chrystal Pie, Edna Chandler.

Summer Reading Club members be watching this column for the date of our picnic. It will be announced soon.

Whether youngsters are mechanically or artistically inclined... from the country or city... 4-H has something for them. More than 30 different programs are geared to boys and girls between 9 and 19 years old.

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