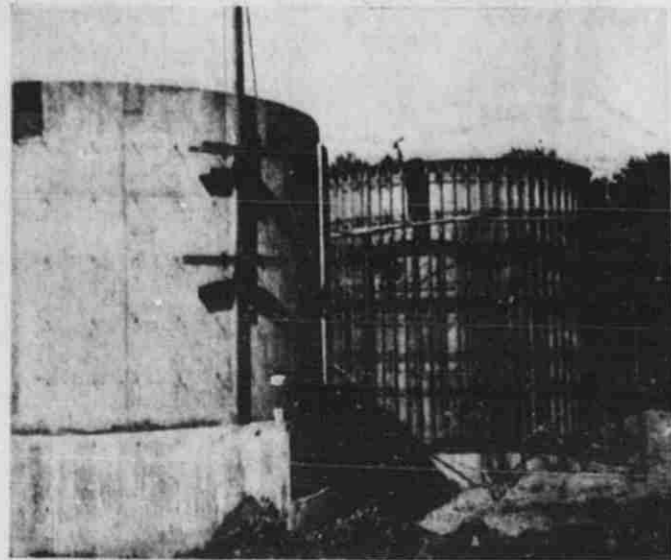


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Delay water-sewer bills because of new rates

Work on the new sewage treatment plant, just south of Recreation Park, is moving rapidly. At this time it is about one-third complete. Pictured here are two of the digesters, which will hold the solid elements discharged into the sewer system. Each digester will hold 45,000 gallons, which will be heated, to kill the bacteria and then the solids will be pumped into drying pits. The liquid sewage will be chlorinated and pumped into the river. The new plant, which is part of the cleanup of the Grand River basin, will have a total cost of nearly \$400,000, and an annual operating cost of \$20,000.

Lowell City water bills will be mailed August 1st instead of July 1st although the meters were read about the 20th of June as usual. The delay in billing is to allow the city workers more time under the new water-sewer ordinance which went into effect on April 1st.

The new rates which will more than double the bills of most water customers are based on a meter service charge and a commodity charge. An added 120 per cent is put on the bill to cover the cost of operating the new sewage treatment plant now under construction. The new plant is scheduled to go into operation on December 1st.

Cost of operating the sewage treatment plant is estimated at near \$20,000 a year. This is quite an increase over the \$1,000 per year that has been spent on the former inefficient treatment facility. In addition to the operating cost will be of \$16,000 a year on the nearly \$400,000 plant.

How Bills Are Computed

The water-sewer bill being sent out the end of the month will be a minimum of \$5.80 on 6,000 gallons or less; for up to 10,000 gallons the minimum charge will be \$13.20. For commercial installations with larger than 3/4-inch meters the charge will be increased proportionally. To compensate for sprinkling

during the summer months a minimum billing of \$4.80 sewer charge will be added to all domestic user's water bills, instead of the 120 per cent of their water used. This will be a real money saver for many who regularly use more than just 6,000 gallons which is returned to the sewer. For domestic households that are connected to the sewer but have a private water supply, a minimum sewer service charge will be \$5.00 per quarter.

Chorus group needs support

Do you sing in the bath tub or shower? Have you ever whistled to yourself while walking down the street?

Then why not join the Lowell Showboat chorus? Chorus rehearsals are held each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p. m. in the junior high school gymnasium.

Gerrit Lamain, director of this year's chorus, urges all interested persons to attend the next meeting on Thursday evening.

Lamain revealed that all singers of every voice range are still needed.

Lowell to face Carson City on diamond loop

The Tri-County Baseball League will resume its normal schedule this Sunday, July 10, after a week end of make up games over the Fourth.

Lowell will host Carson City, with the game starting at 2 p. m. Vermontville will be at Portland; Wyoming at Sheridan; Pawamo at Sidney; and Lakeview at Belding.

In the remaining seven games to be played, Lowell will face Carson City on July 10; Sidney on July 17; Vermontville on July 24; Portland on July 31; Belding on August 7; Pawamo on August 14; and Wyoming on August 21.

This is Lowell's first year in the ten team league, which is affiliated with the National Baseball Congress.

Funeral Mass is held for Emma Wisner

Mrs. Emma E. (Birdie) Wisner, aged 81, formerly of Lowell Township, passed away on Wednesday evening, June 29, in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Funeral Mass was offered Saturday morning, July 2, at St. Mary's Church here, with interment being made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Wisner is survived by two sons, Carl Wisner and Morris Patterson, both of Grand Rapids; and one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Jean) Sterick of Lowell. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters and three brothers.

B&PW Club to hold picnic

Mrs. Grace Kutchev, 1608 Whites Bridge Road, Lowell, will host the annual Business and Professional Women's Club picnic on Sunday, July 17.

The afternoon's festivities will start at 1 p. m., with each member bringing their own meat, table service and dish to pass for the potluck luncheon. As in the past, the member's husbands have been invited to spend the afternoon with them at the Kutchev home.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

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School bonds sold to New York firm

Lowell Area Schools sold the \$750,000 of bonds to build a new elementary school and additions to the high school and Alto Elementary, on Thursday evening to the New York bond firm of Clark-Dodge.

The bonds will have an average interest cost of 4.0458%, or total interest cost in dollars from now until 1992, of \$467,300.29. There were six bidders for the bonds.

Workers named as chairmen for '66 show

William S. Doyle, president of Lowell Showboat, Inc., announced this week the appointment of committee chairmen and their co-workers for this year's Flat River production.

Ticket sales for this year's show will be under the supervision of J. Jerald Roth of the Lowell Rotary Club. Handling the gate tickets will be co-chairmen Herb Elzinga and Dan Wingeier.

The Lowell Lions Club will compose the Amateur night committee, with Dr. Clark Vredenberg taking over the chairmanship. This event scheduled to be held Saturday, July 16, is being co-sponsored by WZZM-TV.

Taking over the interlocutor's helm this year is Gordon Gould, who served as an endman for the first time last year. Gould was born and raised in Grand Rapids and a teacher at Lowell High School.

He will be taking over the captain's job vacated by Forest Buck, who has stepped down this year to be an endman. Buck has been interlocutor of the show for the past 4 years, and previously served as an endman for 20 years.

Also serving as endmen will be Dick McNeal, Charles Hoffman, Ronald Weeks, Loren Wohlford, and Chadwick.

Bob Steward will have charge of the sound and lighting and the chairman of the publicity committee will be Harold Jefferies. Boat decorations will be made under the supervision of Harold Ball.

Hugh VanderVeen is chairman of the make-up committee, and Jack Kennedy is director of specialties. 1966 reception and special nights is being handled by Carl Hagen and his committee.

Other committee chairmen include Bob Ellis, ushers; Dick Brush, director of expenditures; Mart Burdick, boat and seat construction; Avery Block, police and first aid; Royce Story, calopoe; and Larry Wittenbach, ticket booth.

The V.F.W. Post 8303 will supervise the parking; the American Legion Post 152 will handle the concessions; the Lions Club, the programs; and the Boy Scouts, seat cushions. Working with these chairmen, will be committee members, who have so faithfully given of their time, that this year's show will be a great success.

Farm fires take their toll yearly

Not only are many animals, buildings and crops destroyed annually by fire, but far too many people lose their lives in those same fires.

Statistics show that in 1963 alone over 600 people lost their lives in farm fires, relates Richard Pfister, Michigan State University Extension Safety engineer.

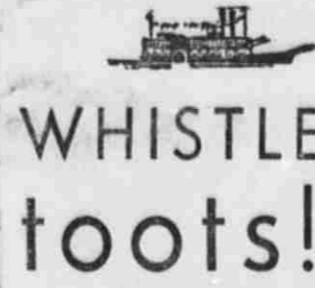
Pfister suggests that before a fire kills someone very dear to you, have all electrical outlets, electrical equipment and farm equipment inspected for possible fire hazards.

DANCING

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night at Riverview Inn, Lowell.

A garden is one place where you don't always reap what you sow.

Newhart, a man of comedy is star of 1966 Showboat



A \$8,045 advertising budget for the 1966 show has been approved by the Showboat Board of Directors, as submitted by Harry Symes. This is \$700 more than last year.

Sheryl's School of Dance, Detroit, has notified the Showboat Board of Directors, that her group will compose the 1966 chorus line, and they will be in attendance at the dress rehearsals.

Dick Brush, director in charge of boat and bleachers, has confirmed his report to the Showboat officials, that both will be ready for the opening night on Monday, July 25.

Work is being done to get industry, if possible, to sponsor attendance of Mary Free Bed, Veterans Facility, etc., as a community service.

Added non-professional acts, such as Creston High School's Madrigal Singers, have been invited to participate, in the 1966 show.

The Madrigals will perform opening night, Monday July 25.

Tickets for this year's show can be purchased in advance at the Showboat Ticket office, Lowell; Wurzburg's in Wyoming; Arbaugh's in Lansing; Grossman's in Muskegon; Dodd Music Center in Kalamazoo; Grinnell's in Battle Creek; "Wash-King" in Ionia; and Lapo's Pharmacy in Hastings.

This year, as last, the Lowell Showboat Ticket office will be located on the site of the Old Forest Mill.

This location worked out very successfully last year, and helped to cut down the confusion at the main gate to the Showboat Stadium.

Over 8,000 of the Showboat brochures are in the process of being mailed all over Michigan, or readied for distribution by hand at all conventions, meetings and other celebrations this month.

The beautiful blue and red billboards advertising the Lowell Showboat, Bob Newhart and the Vogues, have also been posted around the state.

The Vogues, whose latest record "The Land of Milk and Honey," has hit the top ten charts in the Lowell and Grand Rapids areas, were last seen on network television with the Hullabaloo Show on June 18.

Bonnie Lipcomb, Edward Graham to wed July 16

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lipscomb, 59 Northbrook, SE, Grand Rapids, formerly of Alto, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Kay, to Edward E. Graham.

The bride-elect, a 1966 graduate of Lowell high school, and her fiancé will exchange their marriage vows on Saturday, July 16, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Alto Methodist Church.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the church parlors.

B&PW to sell first aid kits

The Business and Professional Woman's Club of Lowell are selling first aid kits to raise money for the organization.

The first aid kits are a handy size for either boat or auto and contain gauze pads, adhesive tape, band-aids, mercurochrome, aspirin, sterile cotton balls & directions for minor first aid care.

You may purchase one by contacting any member of the B&PW or contact Doris Boyd, TW 7-8152, to order one of two to use this summer.

These are also of an ideal size to pack in your camper's luggage for emergency treatment.

While acclaimed as an "overnight discovery" in 1960 when his first "Button Down Mind" comedy album exploded on the nation's airwaves, George Robert Newhart had several years of radio, local TV, and stage experience behind him.

At St. Ignatius high school in Chicago he was an active participant in most of the school plays, "a family actor in little theatre circles in his neighborhood in the late '40's. In addition, he sharpened his theatrical teeth with impersonations of movie celebrities, perfecting them among party audiences of friends and relatives.

George Robert Newhart was a depression year baby, born September 5, 1929. His father, Geo. David, is a heating engineer, & part-owner of the W.C. Morse Plumbing and Heating Company in Chicago. He is the only boy in the family. One of his three sisters, Mary Joan, is a nun teaching chemistry in Immaculata high school in the Windy City.

Bob continued his education at Loyola University in Chicago, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree. In August of that year he was a member of Uncle Sam's Army, stationed in Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, California, and the Presidio, San Francisco. Most of his duties entailed personnel problems within the Army camps up and down the West Coast.

By August, 1954, he was a civilian again. He continued his education at Loyola Law School, where he flunked out after an 18-month ordeal. This brought him in contact with the cold business world and a position with U. S. Gypsum as accountant.

A number of other accounting jobs with large corporations followed, and these experiences are reflected in his classic monologue, "The Retirement Party."

He first started writing comedy material as a member of a local theatrical stock company. Most of his early monologues were based on his close observations of people and incidents during a number of his low-paying, party-time jobs. When employed by the State Unemployment Compensation Board, he remembers giving checks to unemployed that were consid-



One of the country's top humorists and winner of the coveted Emmy and Peabody awards, Bob Newhart, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, has been billed as the top act for the '66 Showboat, which will make its first docking at the Showboat Stadium on Monday evening, July 25.

erably larger than his own salary; and the unemployed he notes, had to show up only once a week.

His initial experience in radio involved his close friend Ed Gallagher, now with an advertising agency in Italy. Together they produced five-minute radio segments. They gave up within a few months, when they could sell their efforts only to three small stations. Net results: a loss of \$200.

This adventure, however, brought Mr. Newhart to the attention of a Chicago TV station where he posed as a passerby on a "Man on the Street" interview program. It was an early morning show in which he posed as different characters on the way to work. His talk was ad libbed, yet brilliantly humorous. This caught the attention of a leading Chicago disk jockey, Dan Sorokin, who bought this material to the attention of the Warner Brothers Records people, and of Frank J. Hogan, veteran theatrical manager, who was exposed to his unique monologues at a lo-

cal Emmy Award Dinner. The concluding chapter of his young life story is history. Warner signed him to a long term contract for a series of the new renowned "Button Down Mind" albums which were selling in the millions, and Mr. Hogan signed him to a personal management contract to guide his career to the top of the entertainment world.

Mr. Newhart has made an outstanding mark in television with his own show, being one of the few stars in TV to win both the Peabody Award and the coveted Emmy. He has also scored a huge success in his coast to coast concert tours.

His debut as an actor in motion pictures was in Paramount's stirring war drama, "Hell is for Heroes."

In January, 1963, Mr. Newhart deserted bachelorhood when he married Virginia Quinn in Los Angeles, California. They make their home on the West Coast.

His hobbies are writing and golf. He shoots in the low '80's.

Midgets will be at Mame

The United States Auto Club 110 Offy Midgets can be seen in action this Friday night, July 8, at the Berlin Raceway in Mame, Michigan.

More recently called compact sprints, the USAC Midgets will be making their second appearance of the 1966 season at the Mame oval.

Time trials will start at 6:30 p. m., with an action-packed program scheduled to get underway at 8 p. m.

Due to the contour and high-banked slant of the seven-sixteen asphalt oval, the action is expected to be very keen, as the midgets, unlike other racers, can easily run four abreast.

Now the dust has settled, after a hectic and fun-filled Fourth of July week end, the Grand Rapids Speedrome officials are planning the regular super modified races to be held this Saturday night, July 10.

Time trials will start at 6:30 with the races to get underway at 8:15. A guaranteed purse is being offered by the "Drome officials.

The semi-late models and the super modifieds will start their qualification runs at the Berlin Raceway this Saturday night at 6:15.

A two-in-one program, with fast car dashes, elimination heats, Australian pursuits and 20 and 25 feature events, will get underway at 8 p. m.

It is expected that over 75 semi-late models will be ready to sign in when the pit gate opens at the Kalamazoo Speedway this Sunday night.

Time trials are set for six o'clock; the first race will be at 8 p. m.

This is our vacation issue

This is our vacation issue. It was printed last Friday for distribution this week.

If there has been a fire, accident or death or any news item turned into the office since last Friday, it will not appear in this issue.

The Ledger office will open again on Monday, July 11, at 8 p. m.

Suggest names for elementary school

The new elementary school to be built on Lowell's west side, during the coming year, will be named Bushnell Elementary School, if the name most suggested, is used by the Board of Education.

Two weeks ago at the school board meeting, the architect Donn Palmer asked the school board about a name for the new building to be constructed. The board did not have any name in mind, except that of West Side Elementary School, but revealed they were open to suggestions.

The Ledger ran a story asking for suggestions and the name most often brought to the Ledger was that to honor Miss Marion Bushnell, who retired herself to the education and welfare of the boys and girls of Lowell?

To all who would see or hear the name Bushnell Elementary School, it would mean quality education and concern for the future of our community.

What better tribute could this community pay this noble woman for the good she has done and for the good example she has been to the youth of Lowell?

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board of Education seriously consider the name Bushnell Elementary School for our new education facility to be erected on the west side of Lowell.

Hester White

It is probably appropriate for the new school to be named for a person who has contributed to the school system since the first new elementary building was named in honor of C. H. Runciman, long time school board member.

The second building, the high school, did not carry the name Walter W. Gumsier, specifically, but does carry a plaque honoring the man who was superintendent of schools for 35 years.

It would no doubt be appropriate to name this new building for a member of the elementary teaching staff who has given her life to educating the youth of the community.

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Register Saturday for 'fishing derby'

The fifth annual Moose Civic Affairs' "fishing derby" will be held on Saturday, July 16, at McEwen Lake, northwest of Alto.

Registration for the fishing contest will take place this Saturday, July 9, at Lewis Electric, 512 East Main Street, between 9 a. m. and 11 a. m. No entry fee will be charged.

All children between the ages of six and 12 are eligible to participate in the derby, but all contestants must be sure to register. Moose officials revealed Monday.

Admission cards will be given out for the event at registration time. These cards must be signed by the children's parents, and returned to the derby officials on July 16.

Children who live in Lowell, Alto, Ada and Vergennes areas, are eligible for the contest.

A warning was issued, that no child will be permitted to board the bus without an admission card, nor will any unregistered fisherman be permitted to enter the contest.

Starts at 8:30 a. m. The buses bound for the lake will leave the Moose Lodge, E.

Main Street, shortly after 8:30 a. m. on Saturday, July 16, & will return to the Lewis Electric Parking lot at approximately 2:30 p. m.

The Moose "chuck wagon" will arrive on the scene after the boats and fishermen have safely landed on shore, and the happy piscators have counted their catch.

The lunch and refreshments will be furnished by the Civic Affairs committee, and will be served by the Lodge members and the Women of the Moose.

Last year the fishermen consumed 50 pounds of hamburger, 200 hot dogs, potato salad, and more than 300 bottles of soft drinks.

Bring pole, bait, bucket

Contestants will only need to bring a fishing pole, bait and a bucket for the whoppers. Children who have their own life jackets should bring them also.

If anyone, having a life jacket, would like to lend it to the Moose Civic Affairs Committee, for use during the derby, call TW 7-7746. The jackets will be picked up by a Moose

member, and returned.

Look Alikes

Silver dollars will be awarded to the boy and girl, entered in the derby, who are dressed most like Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae, of the comic strips. Last year's winners were Debbie and Bernie Condon, Jr. Prizes will be awarded also to the boy or girl who lands the most fish, the smallest fish, and the largest fish.

Derby History

The first "fishing derby" was held in 1962 with 110 youngsters participating. In 1963, 117 children entered the contest, hosted by the Civic Affairs committee. One hundred and thirty-five were entered in 1964.

The committee, destined to promote youth activities in the community, hosted 120 anglers last year, and anticipate an even greater number of contestants in this year's derby.

Don't forget to register this Saturday, July 9, between nine a. m. and 11 a. m. at Lewis Electric. Don't miss out on this fun-filled fishing adventure, supervised and sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs committee.

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Farm tour July 20 Ato party line

Fifteen years of balanced, planned growth made through efficient management will be exhibited at the Irvin Rodgers Dairy Farm, 1081-70th Street, SE, Alto, at the 15th State Farm Management Tour on Wednesday, July 20.

As many as 1,500 to 2,000 farmers from throughout the state may attend the state-wide event.

Starting with 18 purchased heifer calves and 107 acres of land in 1950 the southeast Kent county dairyman now has 150 head of dairy animals—72 of them in the milking herd—on his farm now 337 acres in size.

In the past ten years, both milk production per cow and crop production per acre has made big increases on the farm at 1081-70th Street. The herd milk production average is near 14,000 lbs.

Balanced dairy management to be featured at Irwin Rodgers' farm

Increased crop production per acre and milk production per cow has allowed Irwin Rodgers of Route 2, Alto, to use good management to expand his operation from 18 calves on 107 acres in 1950 to 72 milking cows on 337 acres today. The Rodgers dairy farm will be one of four open to visitors on the State Farm Management Tour in Kent County on Wednesday, July 20. The 15th annual tour is sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension Service and Agricultural Economics Department in cooperation with the Kent County Extension staff. Rodgers (in photo right) is shown in his modern milking parlor with his dairy herdsmen.

and Gerald Kober, 7816 Peach Ridge, NW, Sparta; Kitson Farms, Inc., 9547 Belding Rd., Rockford—a large corn and egg production operation; and the Wesley Hessler potato farm at 11 Mile Road and Young Ave., Rockford.

At noon a chicken barbecue and program will be held at Townsend Park near Cannonburg—close to the Kalamazoo and Hessler farms. Dr. Sherwood Berg, Dean of the College of Business will be the speaker.

The State Farm Management Tour is sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension Service and Agricultural Economics Department and the Kent County Extension office.

VANDER VEEN, FREIHOFER & COOK

1125 W. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan
PUBLICATION ORDER
File No. 112-522

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Estate of Charles H. Smith, deceased.

IT IS ORDERED that on July 22, 1966,

at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Dan A. Wingeier, Administrator, for allowance of his Final Account.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: June 16, 1966

WALLACE WAALKES,
Judge of Probate
VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook
Attorney for Estate
1125 W. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan
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ROLAND R. ROBEY,
Register of Probate c12-13

Cub Scouts hold outing

Alto Cub Scouts of Pack No. 339, their parents, their scoutmaster and assistants, spent the week end at Camp Kirk at Grand Haven.

Almost fifty campers enjoyed the swimming, good food, and a drive into Grand Haven at night to view their lighted fountain.

Only one unpleasant incident hampered the outing, when Winnie McCauley sprained his ankle, and was taken to Butterworth Hospital at Grand Rapids for X-rays.

Attending the outing were Mr. and Mrs. James Willard and family, scoutmaster; Mr. and Mrs. John Mendez and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCaul and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hendricks and family.

Mrs. Joan Osterberg and children, Mrs. Gale Gould and son, Mrs. Ann Porritt and children, Amos Sterick and the two twingler boys, Randy Reynolds, den chief, Mrs. Roberta Rouse of Lansing and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Frances Rose, husband and family of Owosso, for dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blocher called on the former's cousin, Jake Hoover, who is a patient in Butterworth Hospital with rheumatic fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson called on their nephew, Don Richardson and family of Palo Alto, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummings of Grant were Wednesday callers of the latter's sister, Mrs. Euberta Silcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hale of Perry were recent callers of the Glen Lovelands.

Mrs. Ira McWhirter of Brilliant, Alabama, spent part of her vacation with her sister, the Rev. Mrs. Bethel Poe and family.

Mrs. Blanch Deming, a former Alto resident, has been ill in her home in Kalamazoo.

Three of Bud Livingston's children spent the Fourth of July at the Glen Lovelands.

Doris DeGraff addresses WSCS

The Bowen Center WSCS held their regular meeting at the hall at 1:30 on Wednesday, July 6.

For the program, Mrs. Doris DeGraff, chairman, introduced Mrs. Doris DeGraff of the Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. DeGraff narrated a film depicting the several activities of the Community House and the wonderful services that are performed for all those who need them.

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PUBLICATION ORDER
File No. 114-268

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Estate of Henrietta Minkes, deceased.

IT IS ORDERED that on September 14, 1966,

at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Hennieta E. J. (Minkes) Graham, Administrator, C. T. A. at 725 Beaumont Dr., Grand Rapids, Michigan, prior to hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: June 23, 1966

WALLACE WAALKES,
Judge of Probate
Glen V. Borre
111-G Water Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan
A true copy.
ROLAND R. ROBEY,
Register of Probate c12-14

GERALD M. HENRY, Atty.

400 Federal Square Bldg.,
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502
PUBLICATION ORDER
File No. 111-628

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

Estate of Kathy Lynn Patz and Terry Lee Patz, Minors
IT IS ORDERED that on July 25, 1966

at 10:00 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the Petition of Lillian Miller, for the allowance of her final account as guardian of said wards, and her discharge as such guardian, and the appointment as such guardian in her place and stead, of Bertha Belsol, for the sole and exclusive purpose of consenting to the adoption by Donald Miller and Lillian Miller of the above-named wards.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.

Date: June 22, 1966

WALLACE WAALKES,
Judge of Probate
Gerald M. Henry
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Lillian Miller
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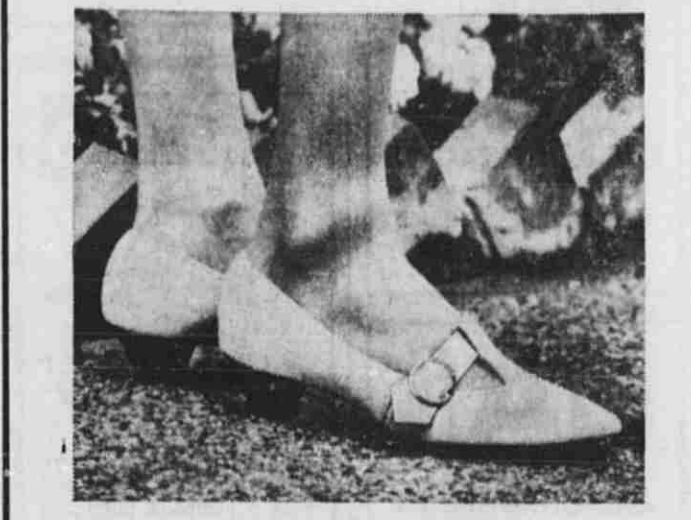
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The Vogues are four clean cut personable young men from Turtle Creek, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will co-star with Bob Newhart in the 1966 Lowell Showboat, July 25-30. Bill Barlette, 22, is the lead baritone; Don Miller, 23, is also a baritone; Hugh Keyer, 23, is the first tenor; and Chuck Blaslo, 23, is the second tenor.

Two hit records in a row, "You're The One" and "Five O'clock World," plus two best selling albums, "Meet The Vogues" and "Five O'clock World," plus a third hit single and the album, "The Vogues," are all perfect listening averages.

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The Vogues have been standing in line to succeed for seven years. It was a long wait, but constant encouragement from their manager, Elmer Willett, kept them in line. And then about six months ago they signed a recording contract with CO & CE Records, and they reached the head of the line.

Only one problem remained, where was the ticket to get through the door? Herb Cohen and Jack Hakim, who have risen to the top ten on the national charts.

The Vogues then recorded their latest single "Five O'clock World," and it immediately received national attention, rising even faster on the national charts. It looks like it will be an even bigger hit than "You're The One."

When asked for advice from young hopefuls the Vogues have this to say—a big word of advice—So your first try wasn't a success? Or your second? Or even your fifth? Don't give up, it took us seven long years.

"Success is wonderful, but I don't think it has brought us one bit," said Bill Barlette, lead singer. "You're the One"

Farm accident death rate alarmingly high

Carelessness on farms has brought the accidental death rate for farmers to an alarmingly high number, says Richard P. Miller, Michigan State University safety engineer.

The accidental death toll for farmers was 3,300 in 1964. That is about 22 per cent of the total accidental deaths for all types of work during that year.

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It is caused by a loss of moisture from the surface of the meat. This happens if the wrapping has been punctured or if the material used to wrap the frozen meat was not moisture-vapor proof.

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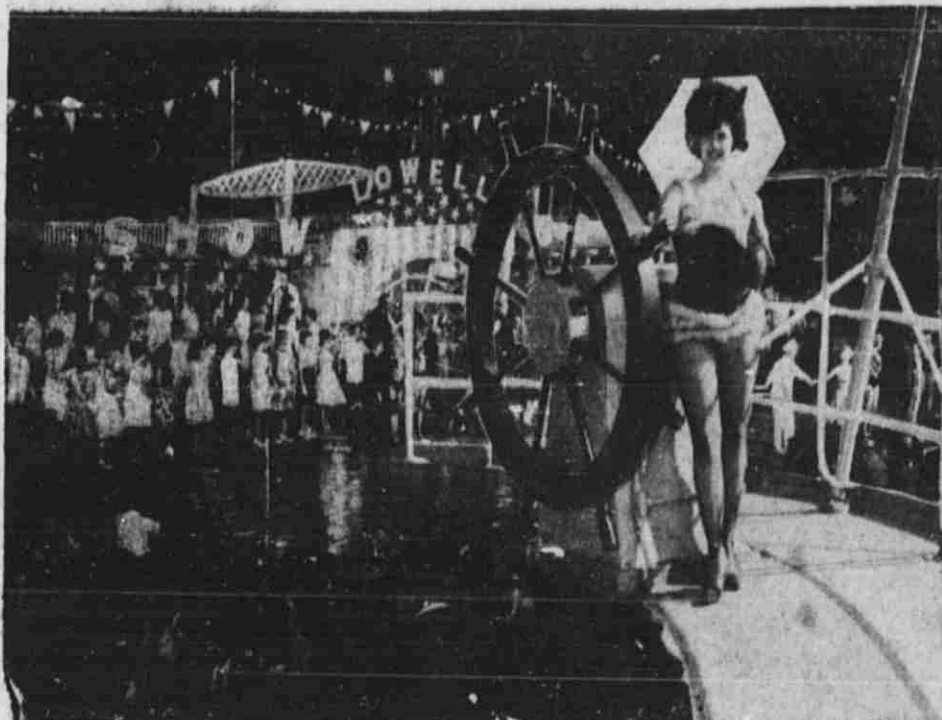
Come and Worship With Us

Lowell News

Mrs. Frank Biggs spent an enjoyable week in Shreveport, with her son, Charles Biggs, and his family. Her son gave her a round trip ticket on a jet flyer as a birthday gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Don MacNaughton have received word that Frank Van Dusen of the merchant marines is a patient under observation at the U. S. Public Health Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Cards and letters would be welcomed. His address is Frank Van Dusen, U.S.P.H. Hospital, 6 North, Baltimore 11, Maryland. 21211.

The Michigan Cooperative Extension Service held more than 110,000 educational meetings during 1964, with a total attendance of over two million.



Lowell's Robert E. Lee Showboat provides an authentic background to the dockside stage as the cast and chorus of the world-famous minstrel show welcomes thousands of entertainment-seekers for another evening of fun, comedy and song, this year starring famed TV star, Bob Newhart. Superimposed against the Showboat background is this year's "Miss Showboat," Kathy Manninen, at the wheel that

guides the authentic replica of the Mississippi steamer, down the river each evening to the waiting crowds. This year the performances are scheduled for July 25 through 30, at 8:30 p. m. The Vogues, famous recording quartet, will share the spotlight with Newhart, who will lead the cast of more than a hundred singers, dancers, talent search winners, and of course, the famous End Men and Interlocutor.

Back in the winter of 1932, gloom was deeper than the snow in the streets of the village of Lowell.

And no wonder... the great depression that started with the stock market collapse in the fall of 1929 had cast its pall over the lives of virtually every resident. Most people had come to realize that this was no temporary recession and the economy was not just about to turn the corner, but due to get worse before it got better.

It was then that a small group of Lowell businessmen & merchants got together over a cup of coffee in the local drugstore. They were especially conscious of the gloomy frame of mind of their townspeople and the conversation turned to seeking ideas to cheer up people. Money was scarce, but time was plentiful so suggestions were made that a community project should be started, using the theory that most people are happiest when they're working together for the good of all.

A Minstrel Show fitted in as the happiest project they could come up with, both for the workers and spectators. Two of the original half dozen, Norman Borgerson and C. H. Runciman, carried on as prime movers in what became the Lowell Showboat and even today are helping in advisory roles in this summer's Showboat that will have its run July 25 to 30.

For that first 1932 Showboat everyone made his own costume and the decision to charge a modest admission price came only as an afterthought. Opening night of that Amateur Show packed in crowds that resulted in an \$800 profit, much to the astonishment of everyone.

However, once off to a rousing start in which so many people got a good laugh, when laughter was so unusual, momentum built the Showboat as much as any other factor. For many years Runciman acted as talent chairman and Interlocutor and Borgerson as general chairman. Except for an interruption during World War II, the Showboat ran for six days every summer and Showboat Week became a fixture in the village, since 1960 a city.

Profits rolled in and the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce and American Legion plowed them back into community projects, such as parking lots, land purchase for industrial development and youth recreational projects. At the same time, the show became more professional.

al, with the great banjoist Eddie Peabody, perhaps one of the best-remembered stars of the shows in those years of the past.

Then for a few years, the Showboat had some lean years as income declined and costs went up, but the community indicated its faith in the idea by reorganizing the sponsoring group.

In 1965 Showboat once again became alive during the week of July 26 to 31. Showboat officials decided to go back to the star system. The headliner was the famous radio, movie and television comedian George Gobel. Gobel literally helped to pack the stands with people every night. His comedy routines differed nearly every single night. Even on Saturday night of last year, when the show was nearly rained out... the audience came to see George Gobel and the rest of the show.

On that particular Saturday it rained steadily all day, but the people came anyhow waiting for Showboat to start while the Showboat officials were trying to decide whether or not to go one with the show.

The crowds waited for well over an hour and a half because the weather man had promised a possible break in the storm. The rain let up as predicted and the captain of the Showboat tooted the horn and the Showboat came 'round the bend to play to a capacity audience. As in most variety shows, the headline act is held until the last act prior to the finale.

It wasn't raining when Gobel came out, but a fine mist started before he completed his performance and the audience sat right there enjoying every minute of it too and has said so, not only that night, but also to columnist Earl Wilson who reported it in his national column a few weeks after Showboat was over.

The co-star of Showboat was Broadway, radio and television personality, Betty Johnson. She too held the audience in the palm of her hand every single night of the show, singing encores every performance at the request of the audience through their appreciative applause.

The Showboat would not, however, be the traditional Showboat of Lowell without its well trained volunteer chorus of singers who practiced for many weeks prior to the week of Showboat itself and sang their hearts out with the melodious tunes that are so much a part of Showboat performances of the past, as well as new show tunes that will live for years.

All performances of every Showboat must have end-men & interlocutor, and Lowell has this happy combination as well. They too work for weeks perfecting their routines because they are all community minded individuals who get a desire to be on the stage at least once a year and have plenty of fun in the job they do. Not all of the jokes came out as planned, but usually they turned out better than what the original versions were supposed to be, however, for the big share, they too, were great.

For several weeks prior to the Showboat a talent search was conducted and an elimination performance was presented a week in advance of Showboat. Six winners were selected, each act given an opportunity to appear one night as a featured attraction on Showboat. Two of these groups were so well received that they made unprecedented appearances for a second time. One group was the "Madrigals," a group of singers, from Grand Rapids.



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coming events

The American Legion, Clark-Ellis Post 152, will meet Monday evening, July 11, at the hall.

B&PW Annual picnic July 17, at Grace Kutchev's, 1608 Whites Bridge Road. Bring own meat, service, dish to pass. Husbands invited.

The Mapes Farm Bureau will hold their annual picnic at Falsburg Park on Tuesday, July 12, at 6 p. m. Bring own table service and a dish to pass.

Due to the 4th of July, the Cheerful Doors will not meet until July 11th.

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting July 7, at 7:30 p. m. in the Lowell YMCA office. Everyone invited. c-12-13

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