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Travel trailers fill Recreation Park...

Trailerists from all over the state of Michigan will be in attendance this week at the Annual Lowell Showboat Travel Trailer rally. There will be almost 100 more trailers parked at Recreation Park this year than last year's group, shown above. This fine event is sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

The Third Annual Lowell Showboat Travel Trailer rally began taking form in Recreation Park Monday morning, as trailerists from all over the state of Michigan began their trek to join their fellow enthusiasts for a week of fun and relaxation. The rally is sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

This year's totals, according to Mike Doyle, president of the Chamber of Commerce, indicate that 340 trailers will be present by the weekend, 1,088 people, large and small, will swell the Lowell population figure this week, a large percentage of them being repeat visitors from the past two years.

The reservation reply cards have been flooding into Lowell since they were sent to members of travel trailer clubs all over the state some time ago.

Some of the clubs to be represented this week will be a large group from the Happy Wanderers of Muskegon, the Double Dozen Travelcade of Dearborn, the Michigan Travel Trailer Club of Cereceno and the Happy Campers of Battle Creek.

Also represented will be the Cereceno City Holiday Ramblers also from Battle Creek, the Draggin Train from Berkley, 2 local clubs, the Grand Valley Trailer Club of Grand Rapids and the Hitch-N-Go Club of Lowell, not to mention the Ypsie Gypsies from Ypsilanti.

Good Time for All

No effort has been spared to give the trailerists a good time while they are in Lowell. In an information sheet presented to each family, the various facilities available to them has been outlined.

Entertainment, not forgetting the Showboat of course, includes Arrowhead Golf Course, the

New students to register

Registration for students who have moved into the Lowell School District during the summer will take place at all Lowell schools from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., all five days next week.

New elementary students who live east of the Flat River should register at Runciman and those new elementary students who live east of the river must register at Bushnell. New students living on 36th Street and south of 36th, register at Alto during the same hours.

High School and Junior High students will register at their respective buildings. Bus transportation schedules will appear in next week's paper.

Volunteers for Thailand duty; enjoys furlough

A family birthday dinner and farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Packer of Route 1, Alto, in honor of their son, Airman First Class Thomas R. Packer, August 5.

The 24-year-old airman, home on a two week leave after serving in Thailand as an air freight specialist, enjoyed vacationing up north with his parents, and visiting his other relatives and friends.

Upon his own request, Packer's re-assignment will take him back to Thailand, where he will be stationed for the duration of his enlistment. Realizing the need for more military assistance in this particular war area, Packer turned down a stateside assignment to go where he could best serve his country.

A graduate of Caledonia high school, he is a former Alto resident, and received his elementary school education in the Alto School system.

Earlier this year, Packer, a member of the 62nd Military Airline Wing, was decorated with the coveted United States Air Force Outstanding Unit award.

His brief leave saw him join with his family for a get-together before his departure, and gave him an opportunity to celebrate his birthday before leaving via plane, back overseas, where he will join the 6th Aerial Port Squadron.

One of Tom's request while stateside was that he hopes his friends would drop him a line or two to help him keep up on the current happenings. His new address will be:

Aic Thomas R. Packer, Det. 2, 6th Aerial Port Squadron, A. P. O., San Francisco, California, 96273.

Methodist youth hold ice cream social

The Youth Fellowship of the Lowell Methodist Church is holding an ice cream social this Saturday afternoon on the church lawn to help celebrate Showboat Week.

Homemade pies and cakes will be served with ice cream, as well as cones and a variety of toppings.

Proceeds of the event, scheduled to run from three until 8 o'clock will be used to finance a planned trip to Washington, D. C., next Spring.

Headhunters to star

The popular music of the Headhunters will be one of the big features at a teen dance Friday, September 8, in the Runciman Elementary Building from 8 to 12.

Sponsored by the Lowell Teen Center, Inc., the dance will also feature the antics of the "Big Irishman" John Shannon of radio station WGRD.

Tickets for the final performance of the Headhunters will go at \$1. Plan now to attend!

King Doyle appointed to Defense Board

King Doyle, president of the King Milling Company in Lowell, was recently appointed Executive Reservist by the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Doyle and others like him are being called upon by our government to contribute their executive know-how and abilities to assist in our National Defense Program.

Ultimately over 100 Reservists will be appointed to back up the State Defense Boards with their industry background and expertise to aid in the conduct of the USDA's emergency programs should it become necessary in the event of national disaster or an emergency which might result from a nuclear attack on this country.

Mr. Doyle will function as an advisor to the USDA's State Defense Board and will assist with the planning of the Department's defense program.

This October he will attend the National Defense Executive Reserve Conference which will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. The agenda for this meeting is not yet complete, but the Reservists will be briefed on their role in the important aspects of national defense by high government officials.

This two day meeting is being planned by the Office of Emergency Planning.

Card shower will honor Alto resident

Another year of memories will fade into the past August 28, when Mrs. Anna Fairchild of Route 2, Alto, will celebrate her 92nd birthday.

Moving to the Alto area at the age of 19, she lived in Alto for many years, before making her home with her son, William, of Route 2, Alto.

Anna Holdridge was born on August 28, 1875 in Oakland County, the daughter of Evaline and Chauncey Holdridge. In 1895 she was married to Frank Fairchild, who passed away in 1952.

During the past 91 years, Mrs. Fairchild has been active in community events, and is still going strong. She is a member of the Alto Methodist Church, and holds memberships, some charter, in the Alto Women's Society of Christian Service, the Alto Clark Circle, and the Alto Garden Club.

Although active, in a limited capacity, she still goes to the beauty shop once a month, and finds time to go visiting with various friends and relatives.

Besides her son and daughter-in-law, the Wm. Fairchilds, she will be celebrating her 92nd birthday with another son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild of Alto.

A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold (Freida) Fairchild, who resides in New Jersey, was home last year to help Anna mark off another year. She also has one grandson, Raymond Kretzman of Detroit; one granddaughter, Joan House of New Jersey; and five great-grandsons.

A card shower honoring Mrs. Fairchild is being planned by her friends—so remember, the date is August 28.

Class of '52 holds reunion

The Lowell High School class of 1952 held a class reunion Saturday, August 12 at the American Legion Memorial Hall in North Park. There were 60 present. The persons living the longest distance from Lowell were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webster from Palm Desert, California. Members were present from other states and various parts of Michigan.

During the evening a donation was given in honor of Mrs. Hannah G. Reynolds, a former teacher and friend of the class. This donation was presented to the Junior High School to purchase metric balances and weights for use in the Science classes.

Charles White, one of our high school teachers, was present. He gave a short talk and showed a picture of the class. His visit was enjoyed by those present.

BELL PICK-UP SERVICE

Will run one day later the week of September 4th due to the holiday. This pattern will be followed on all subsequent holidays occurring on a week day. Thank you for your cooperation. c20-21



Revee Story reported to Lowell Police on Monday morning that sometime over the week end \$695.33 in cash was missing from a locked filing cabinet in his office at 508 West Main Street.

The loss was discovered on Monday. There was no evidence of a break in Lowell! Police said. The filing cabinet was opened with a key hid in a desk.

Showboat crowds in Lowell this week will have the protection of some 25 officers every evening. Local officers working longer shifts and regular Kent County Sheriff's Department men will be on duty along with a detail of several Michigan State Police Troopers.

Bulk of the police protection and traffic control comes from the Kent County Sheriff's Reserves, who are here nightly in company strength.

Floyd C. Hall, 52, of Route 2, Ada, was arrested Sunday by Lowell Police when he was observed driving his truck erratically on Main Street.

He was charged with driving under the influence of liquor before Justice Howard Rittenberger.

He pled innocent of the charge, and was released on bond to await trial.

Arrested on Friday at 12:45 a. m. on West Main Street, by Lowell Police, for driving under the influence of liquor was Floyd W. Woods, 55, of Wolverine, Michigan. He is a worker on the M-91 bridge job and employed by Brown Brothers Construction Company.

He paid fine and costs of \$105.00 in Justice Court.

Dick Curtis reported a gum ball machine was stolen from his laundromat on West Main Street early Monday morning.

Soda pop was also poured into the bill changer; but no other damage to the premises was made.

Thomas Briggs, 19, of Grand Rapids stopped in the Ledger this week to clarify the story about him in this column last week. By some chance the Grand Rapids Police became confused when the boy's boss, who had been out of town requested police help to get in touch with the youth.

The stolen motorcycle report came out of this conversation and the boy was picked up by Lowell Police and held all night in the Kent County Jail.

It was all a big mistake! Briggs was innocent of any crime. He had not stolen the bike, but was driving it with his bosses permission.

Terry Bambrick, Executive Director of the Lowell YMCA announced that the Y pool will remain open this week and next week also, with programs remaining generally the same.

Slight changes that will take place will be posted at the pool, and at the Y office on East Main Street. Questions will be answered by calling either of these facilities.

It is hoped that the pool will remain open as long as the weather is warm.

Fishing Derby draws 52

Fifty-two enthusiastic fishermen were on hand for the annual Moose Civic Affairs' fishing derby Saturday, August 19, at Vanderveer Lake, east of Lowell.

The largest catch of the day was a 17-inch bass. Nobody got the weight, but the happy angler was Theresa Laver, who was using a chum pole.

The largest perch was nine inches long, and an eight inch blue gill was the largest catch recorded in that classification. The most fish caught by one participant was 50; the least, one.

After a morning of strenuous fishing, the Moose Chuck Waggon was on hand to fill the stomachs of the hungry anglers. They sure can devour the food.

Two children who thought they needed to get wet, fell in, but no one got hurt or had a mishap even if the weather did not let the sun shine, and a chilly atmosphere hung over the area for a short period.

The bus dropped the tired ones off at the city parking lot at 1 p. m., ending another year of a successfully sponsored program by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee.

At this time, the Civic Affairs Committee would like to thank all who helped in any way on the fishing derby, and also Jack Adams for transporting the children to and from Lowell.

TO BE CLOSED
The Levee Restaurant will be closed August 29 through September 4. c20

Crowd cold, music hot for Showboat opener

The maiden voyage of the new Lowell Showboat is now history.

The weatherman proved uncooperative on the first August date for the Showboat, with rain threatening all afternoon, sometimes in short showers, and cold which chilled the crowd in to restless unresponsiveness. The cold is predicted to continue for most of the week.

The first, and almost the biggest, laugh of the evening came as the boat rounded the bend, imperilling the power poles and lines with its futile maneuverings, and was unable to dock under its own power.

A rescue was effected by Wendell and Noel Christoff and the Kent County Sheriff's boat who grabbed lines and eased the big boat into its proper place at the dock.

Great Show

The show proved to be worth waiting and freezing for, with all the professional acts of exceptional high caliber this year. The material was suitable for family viewing and the show was well paced by Interlocutor Gordon Gould.

Laughs abounded during the routines of Lenny Colyer and Doug Hart and Avis. Both acts are sound and fast, amusing and different.

The chorus, again under the direction of Forest Hill's Director of Music Gerritt Lemain, was outstanding and the Gordon Raynor Gancers proved to be the most original and talented dance group to hit the Showboat stage in many a year.

By the time Louis Armstrong came on, the crowd was beginning to give up and go home to get warm. Many of the patrons were not properly dressed for the cold and so missed the best part of the show. But when the shuffling was over, and only the hard core Armstrong fans remained, the personality and music the "Mr. Music" himself was worth the discomfort.

On stage for the better part of an hour, Armstrong presented many of his top hits—"Blueberry Hill," "Sleepy Time Down South" and the unforgettable "Hello Dolly" to name a few.

Each member of his group showed their fine creative musicianship in solo numbers that were well programmed and vocalist Jewel Brown was just plain tremendous.

The Endmen
The biggest bomb on the boat had six fuses, none of which went off. Obviously uneasy in their new guises of "Sailors"—their costuming and make up was unrelated and silly, but not funny...

Their jokes were of the tee-hee, Charlie Chuckles variety, with punchlines thrown away, stolen or just forgotten completely. Only veteran Forrest Buck had the presence to cope with the situation and he was

L. D. Winchel suffers injuries

A motorbike accident late last Wednesday afternoon resulted in severe injuries for L. D. Winchel of Parnell.

The spill occurred when he hit some loose gravel in the roadway near his home at 3439 Murray Lake Avenue, NE.

He was taken to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids by ambulance where he is undergoing treatment for an extensive skull fracture, a broken collarbone and assorted cuts & bruises.

His condition was reported as improving over the week end. Mr. Winchel is well known about the countryside as one of the few remaining blacksmiths available to serve the needs of horse owners. It is estimated that it will be at least three months before he will be able to return to his work.

Second in nation

The Bonnie Blue Bells returned to Grand Rapids last week and Mrs. Orton Seese of Alto is very proud to announce that the Jr. State Champion Drum and Baton Corps is still second best in the nation.

The Bonnie Blue Bell music section received a perfect 10 points in the judging.

The corps and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the many tours and sights in Washington, D. C., and as an added thrill State Representative Jerry Ford arranged for the corps to have their picture taken on the steps of the Capitol. Then they were treated to a special tour of the Capitol.

Misfits Bowling

Misfits Bowling League starts September 6, at the American Legion Lanes at 6:45 p. m.

Are you ready for Freddie? If not, call him.



A large group of photographers and fans were present at the Kent County airport Monday morning to greet Louis Armstrong and members of his musical organization as they arrived for their week-long Lowell Showboat appearance.

Flowers, contributed by Thornapple Floral in Cascade, were presented to Mr. Armstrong by Christine Doyle and to Miss Jewel Brown (background) by Mrs. Ted Chambers, owner of Thornapple Floral.

Monday and Tuesday night Showboat crowds have been good. Tickets are going fast for all nights and are completely sold out for Saturday night.

After Monday night's shakedown cruise, several changes were made in the program, including the endmen's costumes, which are now in the more traditional Showboat motif, less blackface.

helpless under a welter of miscues, misfires and mistakes. As far as their so-called singing goes, it would be better if it went.

No one expects them to be of professional quality, but it would be nice if they could at least be good amateurs.

Production Problems
Everyone on the show was hampered by the faulty and inefficient sound system which garbled speech and vocals. The mikes were left off at all the wrong times; rarely available when needed.

Pick-up on the chorus was good, but generally tuned in about six bars late which gave the disconcerting impression that they just couldn't be both-

ered to start with the band. Spotlights seemed to be a problem too. Maybe by the end of the week the spot men will find out where the show is being put on and give the audience a chance to see what the performers are trying to do.

Anyone who didn't stay absolutely still at stage center wasn't properly lit, and Gordon Gould spent a lot of time in the dark while the spotlights tried to find the endmen although it was hard to tell why they bothered.

Tickets Available
Tickets are available for remaining performances through Friday night, with Saturday night a complete sell-out as of Monday.



Animals objects of thievery

Lowell police were busy in the early morning hours Friday, chasing down the missing plastic animals being displayed in conjunction with the Kent County 4-H Fair, by local merchants.

First reported missing was the giant black ape from its perch in front of Frank's Store on West Main Street, at 2 a. m.

Deputy Dave Fuhrman and Sheriff O. Gary Newton turned the eight foot fiberglass statue over to Lowell police after bringing it to Ionia on a cruiser.

Police had seen an Ionia county car around town with three youths and so guessed that this might be where the ape had disappeared to. A radio request was made to Ionia County authorities to be on the look out.

The Ionia Sheriff's Department was notified by a farmer, living north of that city, that he had seen a car pulling out of a field with an ape tied to the trunk of the car.

Sheriff's officer acting in this bit of information, went to the Barkus farm on Peterson Road to investigate and found the ape in the barn.

Arrested and charged with being disorderly by engaging in an illegal act were Jerome Barkus, 17, Gerald Schwab, 19, and Louis R. Reid, Jr., 19, all of rural Ionia.

They paid a fine and costs of \$55 each and all were given a 30-day term in the Kent County Jail by Justice Howard Rittenberger Monday morning.

Other Animals Missing
Missing from the front of the Speerstra Agency was a tiger made of plastic, which was discovered after day light on Friday morning in a yard across from Mel's Bar on West Main Street.

A patron of the bar revealed that he found the animal on top of his car when he came out about 2 a. m. Friday morning and set the tiger in the side yard.

On a patrol through Main St., at 5:40 a. m. Friday, a Lowell police officer discovered Duane Baker, 20, of Lowell and Charles Kyser, 23, of Route 3, Lowell, carrying a hippo on east Main Street, about 100 feet from where he had been standing earlier in the evening.

Both boys pled innocent before Justice Rittenberger Friday morning on a disorderly charge. They told police that they were just picking up the plastic animal to see how heavy it was.

Pacers prepare for Martin's drag meet

Sunday, August 20, the Pacers Racing team from Lowell entered three classes at Grattan's International Dragstrip driving Ford cars.

The team will go to Martin

Dragstrip Saturday August 26, leaving Lowell at 5 p. m. Members are reminded to take their NHRA club competition slips for track officials to sign. The Judiciary Board will meet at 2 p. m. August 26, at King's Cigo.

Read the Ledger Want Ads.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 2275 W. Main Street
 Sunday School 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 Youth Fellowship—6:00 P. M.
 Wednesday Family Prayer Fellowship 7 p. m.
 M. KEITH MCIVER — PASTOR

Morning—"Spiritual Blindness—It's Cause and Cure"
 "The god of this world hath blinded their minds."
 Evening—"Spiritual Outreach—Why and How"
 "I will make you fishers of men."
 For Transportation or Spiritual Counsel, Call TW 7.7015

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Main at Division — Lowell, Mich
 REV. ROBERT WEBBER, PASTOR

Services at 8:45 and 11:00 A. M.
 Church School at 9:45, Classes for All Ages Over Two

Sermon: "A LEAP OF FAITH"
 Nursery During The 11:00 A. M. Service

Congregational Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 HUDSON AND SPRING STREETS, LOWELL, MICHIGAN
 Rev. Charles C. Davis, Minister

Sermon: "BECOME WHAT YOU ARE"
 Ephesians 2:13-22
 Worship Service and Church School at 10:00 A. M.
 Nursery Provided

GREENVILLE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 24, 25, 26
 Rod Taylor, Jill St. John
 "THE LIQUIDATOR"
 —And—
 Richard Widmark, Wm. Holden
 "ALVAREZ KELLY"

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, August 27, 28, 29
 Pamela Austin, Pat Boone
 "PERILS OF PAULINE"
 —And—
 Debbie Watson
 "TAMMY AND THE MILLIONAIRE"

Wednesday, August 30
 DOLLAR A CARLOAD
 "I SAW WHAT YOU DID"
 —And—
 "SWORD OF ALI BABA"

IONIA DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 24, 25, 26
 Michael Connors
 "KISS THE GIRLS AND MAKE THEM DIE"
 —And—
 James Coburn
 "DEAD HEAT ON A MERRY GO ROUND"

Midnight Show—Saturday Only
 "THE SLEEPING CAR MURDERS"

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, August 27, 28, 29
 Pat Boone, Pamela Austin
 "PERILS OF PAULINE"
 —And—
 Debbie Watson
 "TAMMY AND THE MILLIONAIRE"

Wednesday, August 30
 DOLLAR A CARLOAD
 "LET'S KILL UNCLE"
 —And—
 "BEAU GESTE"

coming events

Methodist WSCS will meet for a potluck salad and dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Arie Leeman Thursday, August 24, at 12:30 p. m. Guest speaker.



Just arrived

Born to Calvin and Fern Seese of Route 2, Alto, a boy, Paul Lee, August 8 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Paul weighed an even 8 pounds at birth.

Mrs. Ethel Yeiter received news of the birth of a great-grandson to Rev. and Mrs. Dean Blough of Gladwin, Michigan, Friday, the 18th of August, weighing nine pounds and three ounces. The baby will answer to the name of Hal Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Metternick of Grand Ledge are the proud parents of a son, Kurt Lee. Kurt weighed five pounds, fourteen ounces when he was born in St. Laurence Hospital Lansing, on August 3, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. LaDue, II, of Grand Rapids, wish to announce the arrival of their son, Douglas Eugene III, weight six pounds, ten ounces, on Tuesday, August 22, at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. Mrs. LaDue is the former Patricia Tompkins of Lowell.

A son, Brad Shannon, was born August 14 in McClaron Hospital in Grand Blanc to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Baer. Mrs. Baer is the former Carol Sue Potter of Lowell.

A daughter, Marci Lorraine was born July 24 in Butterworth Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Potter of Lowell. Mrs. Potter is the former Patra Wolf of Cascade.

A daughter, Kathy Sue, has joined the Gaylord Feasel family of Route 2, Lowell. Born at Hastings Penock Hospital, the new arrival weighed 6 1/2 pounds. She has two brothers and a sister at home.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for the cards and kind acts shown me during my recent stay in the hospital.
 R. Bruce Tower

Peggy Feuerstein attends very special camp

Going to a summer camp is an adventure for most children, but when a handicapped child is able to go camping, it becomes almost a miracle.

This experience came recently to Peggy Feuerstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Feuerstein of Route 2, Saranac. Peggy's affliction falls into the spinal-bifida classification, more specifically, she is a hydro-cephalic child more commonly known as a "water-head baby." Peggy is confined to a wheel chair.

Due to the patience and foresight of her parents, Peggy's life has been full and as completely normal as it is possible for them to make it. This past year she has attended Eastern Orthopedic School in Grand Rapids and it was through this school she was able to attend camp for two weeks this summer.

Specially Designed

Indian Trails Camp is located five miles west of Grand Rapids on M-45 at Aman Park on Lake Jacobena. It is in session all summer with various age groups attending in turn. There are sessions for adults, ages 9 to 13, ages 5 to 8, and a teen group which takes in ages from 13 to 19. Peggy, who is 13, attended this session which was held from July 30 to August 11.

Handicapped people from all over the state of Michigan, even from out of state attend Indian Trail Camp, Mrs. Feuerstein states. All facilities have been planned for the convenience of handicapped people. The camp features cement sidewalks and ramps instead of steps for the use of persons in wheelchairs.

A heated swimming pool is available for the use of the campers. Physical therapy is carried on as if the camper were at home, so that no loss of therapy hours need be recorded for the sake of a good time.

The camp is the culmination of a dream of Miss Cynthia Hess of Grand Rapids. Miss Hess is noted for her work with handicapped children and is the director of Eastern Orthopedic School.

Medical Help Available

Quite naturally, doctors are available, and registered nurses on duty twenty-four hours of the day at the camp. There are almost as many counselors as campers.

The counselors are chosen from college students majoring in Special Education, with this year's group all students at Michigan State University in E. Lansing.

Previous to the camp's opening session, the counselors spend a week there in preparation. During this time they familiarize themselves with the facilities and the program so that they can function with the utmost efficiency while the campers are there.

Activities

Peggy relates a busy schedule was planned for the boys and girls of her age group. They fished from the camp's pontoon boat on this small lake which has been stocked with trout. During the day there were sessions of crafts which included Peggy's favorites, leather crafting and ceramics.

Entertainment in the evening varied from the traditional camper's bonfire to a hobo night where all dressed the part of tramps. This evening featured square dancing in wheel chairs. One evening they were entertained by "Mr. Magic" who came from Grand Rapids to mystify them with his many tricks.

One of the high spots of the camp, for the girls especially, was the prom dance. Each little lady dressed in her very best party dress and there was dancing in wheel chairs to the music of a real orchestra.

Peggy had a lot to tell her two sisters, Pam and Penny, when she returned home. One thing certain, she had a wonderful time and is already looking forward to attending the camp again next summer.

Preview set of '68 models

At a preview on August 29, Chrysler-Plymouth dealers and salesmen of Lowell will get their first look at the new 1968 lines of Plymouths, Chryslers and Imperials. They have been invited to a meeting at Detroit.

The preview is one of 21 being held in various parts of the country for dealers and their sales staffs. The car showing will take place immediately after a closed-circuit, simultaneously televised business meeting for dealers and salesmen which will originate in Detroit.



Dr. Alexander Schiff travels with the Louis Armstrong all-stars and keeps the entire group in tip-top shape for their strenuous schedule. Dr. Schiff pronounced Louis Armstrong, who admits to being at least 67, in good health; early this year, he suffered a bout with pneumonia, but recovered nicely.

The doctor is retired now except for his travels with the Armstrong group, which he says he really enjoys. For 40 years he was medical examiner for the New York State Boxing Commission and up to 1964 only traveled with the group on their trips outside the United States.

This year the Showboat paddle wheels are electrified so no man power is needed to keep them turning. But the walking beam still has to be hand powered and Nancy Doyle has been behind the scenes keeping this in motion.

Monday on the WZZM-TV noon show Marty Napoleon, piano player and vocalist Jewel Brown appeared. On Thursday plans are to have Joe Maranyi, clarinet man with the Armstrong all-stars and Lenny Colver, the fat comedian on the WZZM-TV show at 1:25 and on another show later in the afternoon.

Several problems contributed to the difficulties in docking the Showboat on Monday night according to Carl Fry who was the pilot on the maiden voyage. The main factor involved was the additional height of the smoke stacks which made it necessary for Fry to edge in close to the power plant in order to clear power lines.

Residents of Lowell who may have felt they missed one of the big news stories of the year when they read in Monday's Grand Rapids Press that the old Showboat burned in a disastrous fire can relax. 'Tain't so.

Another error in the Press story indicates that most of the chorus members are from Forest Hills.

The truth is that the majority of the hard-working group is from the Lowell area.

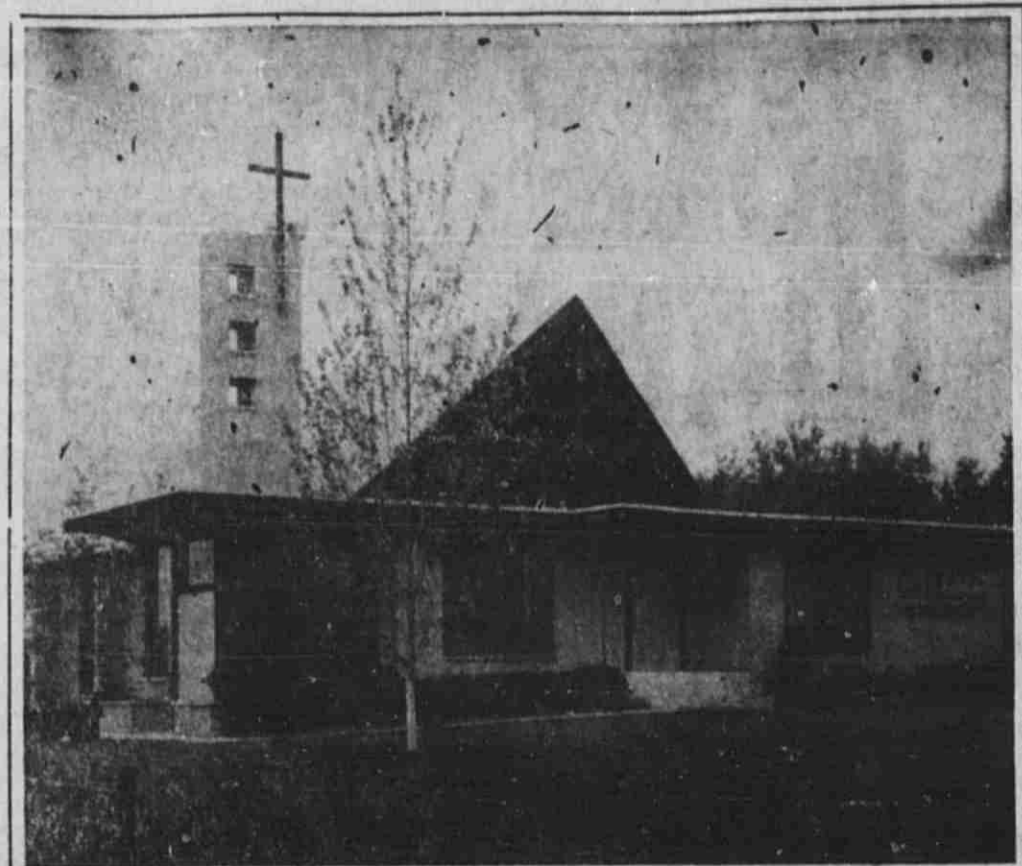
Builder Walter V. Graham of Grand Rapids reports that contrary to rumors going around, he does build homes all the time—Showboats only once every 30 years.

Bill Doyle, president of the Lowell Showboat Corporation, wishes to publicly thank everyone who has helped in anyway toward the success of this year's Lowell Showboat.

The typical sanfu of baggage occurred when Louis Armstrong and his group changed planes in Detroit; much of the baggage was missed and United Airlines had to bring the lost bags here by taxi from Detroit.

STRAND THEATRE
 LOWELL—MICHIGAN

CLOSED
 August 21-29
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
 SURPRISE NIGHT
 All Seats 35c



Calvary Christian Reformed Church
 ON WEST MAIN STREET — LOWELL, MICH.
 SERVICES—10:00 A. M.—7:00 P. M. Sunday School—11:10 A. M.
 Everyone Welcome

Buster Bailey listed as the clarinet player on the Showboat publicity on the Louis Armstrong All Stars died about 3 months ago and was replaced by Joe Muranyi.

Louis Armstrong appeared on the Johnny Carson Show last Wednesday and mentioned that he was coming to the Lowell Showboat, Carson of course had to say where is that? & Louis got in a good plug for the Showboat.

Armstrong arrived with his group at the Kent County Airport Monday morning. He left New York at 8 a. m. after a performance the night before and was rather short with photographers and newsmen.

Louis has been in show business for over 50 years and they are beginning to show a little. With the Armstrong party is his personal physician, who along with the members of the group show real concern for the comfort and health of "Mr. Music."

Mrs. Louis Armstrong was expected to be here this week, but she was hospitalized in New York, a week ago, and was unable to make the trip.

Mrs. Leeman to host WSCS

The W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church, Lowell, will meet at the home of Mrs. Arie Leeman at 12:30 p. m. Thursday, August 24.

A potluck Salad and Dessert Luncheon with rolls and beverage furnished will start the meeting.

Everyone bring own dishes and either a salad or dessert to pass.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. Ivan Blough who will talk on "The Third Dimension of the Population Explosion."

Is top salesman

The finalizing result of a recent contest conducted by the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies of Michigan, showed that Dale Johnson of Route 1, Alto, was the top salesman in the month long period.

WANT ADS
 ON TARGET EVERY TIME

Shirley Seaman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seaman of Route 1, Lowell, has completed the Receptionist-Typist course at Davenport College of Business in Grand Rapids.

She has accepted a position with Jack Keller Ford in Grand Rapids.

The green 4-leaf clover with white H's in each leaf is the national emblem of 4-H Clubs.

About 70 descendants of Samuel and Rosina Reusser attended their annual reunion, held this year in Tyden Park in Hastings.

After a delicious picnic meal a short business meeting was held.

Mrs. James Tanis of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Nelson Stormand and Mrs. Harry Richmond of Lowell were chosen to plan next year's reunion which is to be held in July instead of August.

West Lowell United Brethren Church
 West Grand River Drive, Lowell
 SPECIAL SPEAKER—TOM RASH
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 A. M.
 Sunday School Supt., Mary Rash
 MORNING WORSHIP—11:00 A. M.
 PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY—7:30 P. M.
 Class Leader, Sable Baker
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Church Of The Nazarene
 201 North Washington Lowell, Michigan
 THE REV. RUSSELL E. SPRAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A. M.
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A. M.
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND JUNIORS 6:45 P. M.
 EVENING WORSHIP 7:30 P. M.
 PRAYER AND PRAISE WEDNESDAY 7:30 P. M.
 Supervised Nursery During All Services
 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23
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ALTON BIBLE CHURCH
 3-Mile and Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 452-4488
 Rev. Ronald Stone, Interim Pastor
 10:00 A. M. Worship 7:30 P. M. Worship
 Sunday School 11:00 A. M. to Noon
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8:00 P. M.
 "The gift of God is eternal life"—Rom. 6:23
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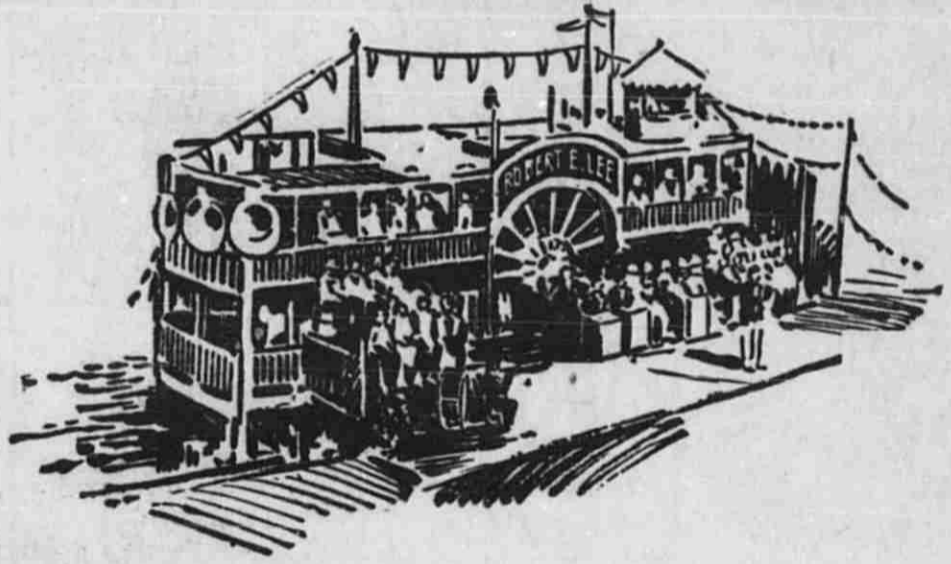
Morning Worship and Junior Church 10:00 A. M.
 Nursery Provided

Sunday School 11:15 A. M.
 Young Peoples' Meeting 6:45 P. M.
 Evening Worship 7:45 P. M.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.

RAVENNA LIVESTOCK SALES
 Prices for Aug. 21, 798 head of Livestock, 124 consignments of Poultry and Rabbits

Veal up to \$40.50 cwt.
 Beef Steers and Heifers up to \$26.30 cwt.
 Beef Cows up to \$20.00 cwt.
 Beef Bulls up to \$23.50 cwt.
 Feeder Cattle from \$19.50 to \$28.00 cwt.
 Hogs up to \$22.50 cwt.
 Sows up to \$19.50 cwt.
 Boars up to \$17.30 cwt.
 Feeder Pigs from \$10.50 to \$17.25 cwt.
 Lambs up to \$24.60 each

NO SALE—Labor Day, September 4
 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 operate the Ravenna Livestock Sale on Monday, and the Big Rapids Sale on Wednesday.
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 SALE STARTS AT 5:00 P. M.
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