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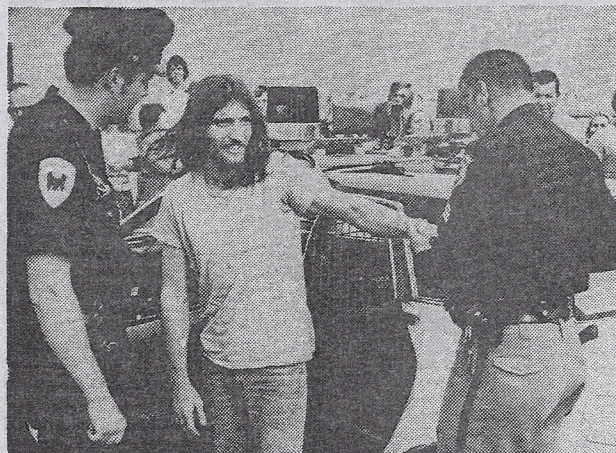
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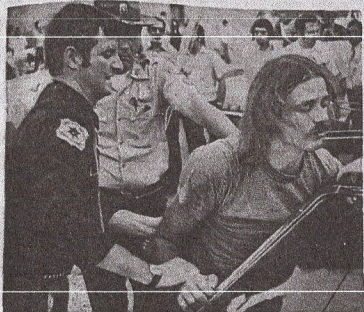
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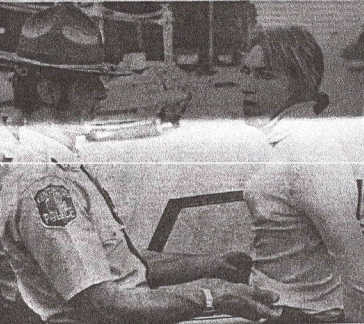
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By Joel Clark

A drugstore holdup was thwarted Thursday evening because the robbers neglected to check the back door of the Model Pharmacy, 6641 S. Division.

Three young men were apprehended while fleeing the store, officers reported, and a fourth was last seen running north near 56th St. SW.

Arrested were William Forbes, 25, no permanent address; Vaughn Jacobs, 24, of 3226 Cleveland Ave. SW; and Richard Notenhbaum, 25, of 1321 Nagel Ave. SW.

The robbers' plans went awry because Bruce Graves, 21, son of the pharmacy owner, Clayton R. Graves Jr., had left the back door slightly ajar while he was discarding trash in the rear, deputies said.

Bruce Graves heard a loud voice ordering those in the store to lie on the floor. He ran for a telephone in another store about 50 yards away to tell the Sheriff's Department of the robbery.

By the time the gunmen emerged from the store, four county cruisers and two from the Kentwood Police Department were converging on the scene.

Detective William Burdett of the Sheriff's Department said three men, two with handguns, entered the pharmacy shortly

before 6 p.m. and ordered the pharmacist, Robert Rainshuttle, and two teen-age girls to lie on the floor. Two of the robbers were nylon stockings over their heads and another was masquerading as a woman. The female impersonator greeted two customers as they entered through the front door and ordered them to the rear.

The customers and the pharmacist were bound hand and foot with masking tape, deputies said, while the robbers began to search for narcotics.

"Don't look at our faces, just tell us where the hard stuff is," one of the highly nervous gunmen reportedly told Rainshuttle.

Rainshuttle told deputies that the men said they were morphine, but settled for a large quantity of tranquilizers and barbiturates and \$77 in cash.

Detective Burdett said the robbers began to flee (all apart when one of them apparently heard sirens and ran out the front door without the knowledge of his companions).

Kentwood Patrolman Donald Benninger captured Notenhbaum as he tried driving south on Division Ave. while two other men ran alongside the car.

"I just knew I had the getaway car when I saw those guys running down the street," he said.

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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Adolescents: A youngster old enough to dress himself if he could just remember where he dropped his clothes.

West Michigan Rotarians Fall Rose Show at East Building, Public Museum, Saturday and Sunday—Adv.

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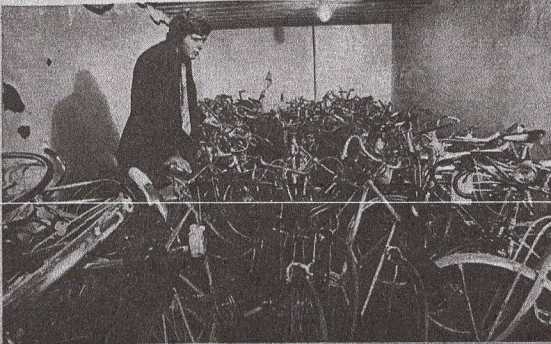
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In addition, another 125 are stacked up in the subterranean area below the Police Administration Building downtown. Patrolman Larry Gruber, working as a bicycle detective in charge of investigating bicycle thefts, said the police department has had overworked and is using sleeping space no longer used.

"That doesn't sit well with police officials, since parking slots below the police building are at a premium.

Cole said the city last May auctioned off



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175 bikes and literally hundreds of spare parts, such as wheels, handlebars and fenders. Cole said the purchasing department has set Oct. 12, a Saturday, as the new auction date.

Gruber, meantime, reports that thefts this year are up 100 per cent over last year at this time. All of last year, he said, 1,300 bike thefts were reported. So far this year, with 6 to 8 weeks of bike-riding weather

remaining, more than 2,000 thefts have been reported.

"All the bikes up for sale do not have registrations," he said. "They've been stolen or misplaced and they turn up in school yards, parks, just about anywhere."

Gruber emphasized that registering the bikes, which can be done free of charge this

year at any city fire station or at police headquarters, is the answer. About 300 bikes have been returned to their rightful owners because of proper registration. After Jan. 1, residents will pay \$2 to register.

Gruber noted that persons registering bikes should be careful to copy down the serial number, not the bicycle model number.

No Money Committed Yet to Downtown Towers

By Steve Vieregg

Financing of Rainbow Towers, the proposed 16-story "skyscraper" for the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, is not as definite as it once appeared.

When developer Byron J. Kluesing announced plans Aug. 24 to build the 16 million to \$25 million project on Monroe Ave. NW, across from the Pandell Hotel, he indicated "financing has been arranged."

However, that was not the picture presented Thursday when Kluesing appeared before the City Board of Zoning Appeals to ask for a waiver on current zoning restrictions on height, parking and downtown apartments. The board postponed a decision on those requests until at least Oct. 3.

Attorney Victor H. Bergstrom, representing Kluesing, told the board that although land options have been obtained on all property within the half block area bounded by Monroe Ave., Lyon and Pearl Sts., no firm commitments have been made with any lending institution.

This prompted board member Benjamin J. Logan to ask, "How real is this project?"

Bergstrom was hesitant to reveal details of the financing, he said, until negotiations are complete. He promised that specifics will be available at that time.

Bergstrom responded that in projects this size, the typical sequence of events is for the developer first to tie up the land with options to buy, then "certify" to the lending institutions that the zoning is there.

He said Kluesing exercised the first option when it came due Wednesday, an indication that the developer "is entirely serious about this."

After the meeting, Bergstrom said negotiations are taking place with several financial institutions. He would not identify any by name, but did say Grand Rapids banks are not among them, although they had been contacted earlier.

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Kluesing added that if he were not

serious, "I would not have spent money for a feasibility study, which by the way cost a lot of bucks."

Money which, he said, came out of his own pocket, although he would not say how much has been spent on the project to date. Kluesing said he is the only developer involved.

Despite some questions about parking, the board appears favorable to the project, which some City Hall officials see as the catalyst for future downtown redevelopment.

The building would include retail shops, a two-story auditorium with a seating capacity of about 1,000, (not 11,000 as The Press reported earlier), a convention center, 11 floors of offices, 9 floors of apartments and hotel rooms, a bank and two restaurants, one of which would be on the 16th floor and command a scenic view of Grand Rapids.

No opposition was expressed Thursday, although the board continued the public hearing until its next meeting Oct. 3. Meanwhile, the appeals board will meet next week with the Planning Commission to hear how Kluesing's proposal fits into overall plans for downtown development.

In addition to financing, the board guided Kluesing, Bergstrom and architect Joe A. Bales of Swart & Associates, Inc., about parking Thursday.

Kluesing said he will guarantee 832 spaces, about half the number required by the zoning stipulation of at least one square foot of parking for each square foot of floor area.

Present plans call for five levels of parking, three of which would be below the Monroe Ave. entrance. These plans may need to be modified if builders run into severe water problems beneath the ground.

"We won't know until we take soil borings," Kluesing said, explaining that this is not possible until buildings now on the site are rased.

"I cannot see how you have gone this far,"

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DANCE TO 'Replica' at Michigan Lakes Fri., Sat., Sun., 1200 Michigan—Adv.

Free Adult Beginner Organ Lessons Wed., Sept. 25, Westfield 245-6246—Adv.

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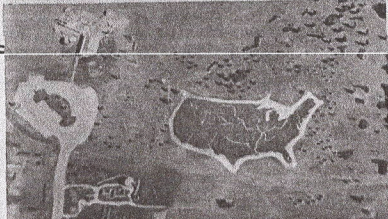
■ A NEW SUBPOENA for former President Nixon to appear in the Watergate cover-up trial is likely to hasten an official opinion on his health. Page 1A.

■ A FIFTH VOTE on halting a Senate filibuster on the consumer protection bill is hinted because a warning bell faulting apparently caused Sen. Edward Kennedy to miss the crucial ballot. Page 3A.

■ THE SENATE, in a vote, decided by Michigan Sen. Robert P. Griffin as "brag," has rejected President Ford's plan to postpone a pay raise for federal workers. Page 4A.

■ VICE PRESIDENTIAL candidate Nelson Rockefeller says he and wife, Jeannette, are worth \$2 million. Page 5A.

■ PRESIDENT Ford apparently has headed off demands for more congressional control of the Central Intelligence Agency. Page 5A.



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Winners of Losers' Pot

LANSING (UPI) — The Michigan Lottery Bureau Thursday announced the winning numbers in the Jackpot Losers Contest, the first such contest for ticket holders who did not win one of the weekly jackpot drawings.

They are: \$37142, 378530, 783654 and 005782.

Holders of "Gold" tickets in the eight-week period from July 25 through Sept. 12 win \$2,000 if they can match one of the four numbers in the jackpot number space at the top of their tickets.

The weekly jackpot game began July 25. Persons who didn't win in any of the eight weeks then were urged to save their tickets for the losers drawing.

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The Weather

THE NATION: Warm weather and sunny skies are forecast Friday for the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States. East of the Rockies, partly cloudy skies are predicted for most areas. A band of showers is expected from Texas and New Mexico to England.

GRAND RAPIDS AREA: Partly sunny and cooler today with slight chance of a few showers. High in mid-60s. Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Low near 40. Mostly sunny and cool Saturday. High in upper 50s to low 60s. Precipitation possibilities — 50 per cent today. Winds northerly at 5 to 18 m.p.h. today and northerly at 5 to 12 tonight, becoming easterly to northeasterly at 8 to 18 Saturday.

LOWER PENINSULA: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Lows in 40s except in middle to upper 30s. Partly sunny and cool Saturday with highs in low to mid-60s.

UPPER PENINSULA: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight with chance of some frost in lower-lying areas. Lows in middle to upper 30s. Partly sunny and cool Saturday with highs in low to mid-60s.

SUNDAY-TUESDAY: Partly cloudy through Tuesday, with cold weather Sunday and some moderation in temperature Monday and Tuesday in both peninsulas. In the Lower, chance of showers north portion around Tuesday. Highs ranging from 50s to lower 60s Sunday to mainly 60s Tuesday. Lows from 30s to lower 40s Sunday to mid-40s to lower 50s Tuesday, in line with a chance of showers late Monday or Tuesday.

FOR THE RECORD: Yesterday's maximum, 84, and mean, 8; today's low, 50. Record low for today's date: 33 in 1895; record high, 91 in 1895. Percentage of relative humidity at 7 a.m. yesterday, 66, and at 7 a.m. today, 66. Precipitation for 24 hours ended at 7 a.m. today: Trace. Monthly total, 71 inch, 1.41 inch than normal to date. Sun sets today at 7:44, rises tomorrow at 7:28.

POLLEN COUNT: 27.

OTHER PEOPLE'S WEATHER: Today's weather in other cities, yesterday's high and this morning's low:

MICHIGAN CITIES

Albion, Mich.	71
Detroit, Mich.	81
Flint, Mich.	82
Grand Rapids, Mich.	84
Ironston, Mich.	84
Marquette, Mich.	84
Manistee, Mich.	84
Port Huron, Mich.	84
St. Ignace, Mich.	84
St. Joseph, Mich.	84
Traverse City, Mich.	84

National temperature extremes: High Thursday, 103 at Lake George, Calif.; low Friday, 30 at Bonanza, Wyo.

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to catch up with it," Benninger said.

Benninger handcuffed the driver, then turned and saw another man crouched in bushes in front of a house about 100 feet from the drugstore. It was Jacobs, and Benninger apprehended him. Kentwood patrolman Les Barden, and Deputy Richard Keyes chased two others, one they thought was a woman, south from the store. The officers jumped from their cruisers and chased the pair to a field about 500 yards south of the holdup scene. One of the fugitives threw away a gun and pulled off a woman's wig. Barden fired a shot in the air.

"We ordered him to stop twice before I fired the shot," Barden said.

The fugitive, who turned out to be Forbes, had shed all of his female attire except a padded bra. After the shot, he dropped to the ground and was apprehended by both officers.

A short time later, Deputies Edward Westhouse and Gerald Piller spotted a fourth man believed involved in the holdup running along a field parallel to US131 near 50th St. SW, but were unable to catch him.

The money and the drugs taken in the robbery were recovered in the apparent getaway vehicle. Also found in the car was a .22-caliber revolver. A .22-caliber state pistol one of the gunmen apparently left behind was found on the counter in the store, Detective Burden said.

No Backing Yet For Skyscraper

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spent this much money, without having taken any boring yet," said board member Robert J. Sullivan.

Kluesing answered that although there is an alley on the property, a boring rig is too tall to fit beneath an archway.

If a high water table would prohibit three levels below ground, Kluesing said, parking could be added above ground. Later, he said, this probably would mean leaving retail stores on the first level, with parking ramps on the second level.

Besides parking, Kluesing needs variances on the present limit of eight stories and on the ban on downtown apartments. The architect said plans call for 100 to 115 apartment units of varying sizes.

Bergstrom asked for prompt consideration.

Later Kluesing said the postponement until Oct. 3 will not present serious problems, although he hopes for a decision then. If the decision is favorable, he said, demolition will start in the spring of 1975.

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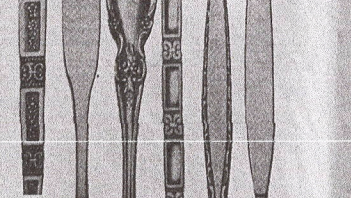
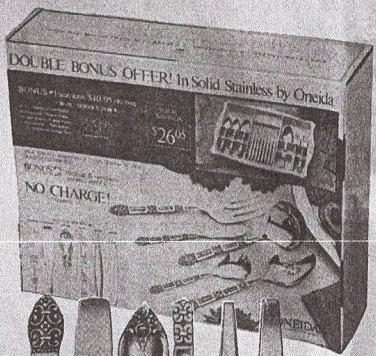
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The Public Pulse

Ford's Pardon Deals Last, Cruel Blow

EDITOR: President Ford's announcement on Sept. 8 of blanket pardon of Richard Nixon for any and all related crimes during the Nixon presidency for any and all related crimes, and, sadly, a role awakening during the past decade America and its citizens have dreamed, and in many cases credibility gaps, assassinations, and continuing poverty have all inevitably rested heavily on our shoulders.

The Watergate scandal and its many complex ramifications, including the resignation rather than impeachment and conviction, of a President was almost more than many have been able to stand. Our patience, spirit, and common sense have been tried to the point of exhaustion.

Yet, since President Ford's succession to the "oval office," rearrangement of some sort of national pride appeared imminent.

Now, alas, I feel we have been dealt a last, cruel, final blow. There no longer seems any reason to believe that this country believes in equality for one and all. The ordinary citizen who pays taxes and votes diligently has long since lost a voice in national affairs. Perhaps at this point we can heed the words of Robert Frost: "Now let the night be dark for all of me. Let the night be dark for me to let the night be dark for all of me."

GARY BOULARD

Double Standard Governs Amnesty

EDITOR: I am a daily reader of the Public Pulse but never before have been so moved to write a letter to the Press. However, President Ford's pardoning of Richard Nixon arouses my feelings to the point I feel I must express response he surely will get as a result of his action.

First indications are that President Ford was apparently moved by compassion to the extent that he had the courage to consequences could be damaging not only his own career, honesty and integrity to his ability and desire to restore hope he will have as much compassion and courage with respect to granting "free fall and absolute pardon" to these young men who themselves had the courage to give up their citizenship, leave their loved ones and live in this country rather than fight in a war they believed to be wrong and which time my own sons were not old enough to be in service and I do not know personally anyone who evaded the draft or refused to serve while in service so I have no personal involvement with regard to amnesty. However, I believe that as former President Gerald R. Ford demonstrated his integrity by leaving his office rather than be a part of an act he believed to be wrong, they too demonstrated their integrity by leaving the country rather than be a part of what they believed to be wrong.

Although there undoubtedly were some who fled not because of their belief that the war was wrong—but instead because they lacked the courage of conviction, there were those who served in the military and in the law enforcement of service or the possible danger of combat, was there service to their country as harmful as that of Richard Nixon? Agnew who scorned them and declared loudly no amnesty should be granted to those who were unwilling to serve their country? It is to be assumed that even as they offered these words, they were doing a lot more harm to our country than those they accused. Despite this, both Nixon and Agnew do not hesitate to ask for complete amnesty or clemency for themselves.

President Ford has said that "Richard Nixon and his loved ones have suffered enough." So have those persons and the loved ones who refused to let us hope that President Ford will demonstrate that his courage and compassion are not just for his rich and once powerful former associates but also for the "little men" who do not have the wealth or influence to hire lawyers to make "deals" for them.

Having not chosen to grant "free fall and absolute pardon"—with no strings attached, one wonders if he is the man of integrity, courage and compassion we have believed him to be or he is a practitioner of a double standard of justice that benefits the rich and discriminates against those less able to defend themselves?

RONALD B. MARTIN

Why Does Washington Change People?

EDITOR: What happens to an honest man when he takes the office of public servant in Washington?

Jerry Ford has changed so much that I can hardly believe it is the same honest Jerry we all felt would be a great statesman we could all finally depend on.

His lack of faith in the judicial system is certainly a step in the face. Also how does he expect the American people to depend on his judgments?

I believe the only answer is: Get rid of all the Republicans in power at this time. Sweep it clean. Then we might get back to the America that I once knew and my grandchildren have never seen.

EILEEN PRINS

Ford Lacks Faith in System

EDITOR: Since the recent "wild" events, I thought that someone should at least thank our "local boy made good" for his actions.

First of all, the President should be thanked for not having enough faith in the American people and in the American system of justice. Mr. Ford told us in so many words that they would not be able to give a fair trial to former President Nixon, and that he would not have the advantage of "due process." I and that he would not have the advantage of "due process," I am sure that all of the other Watergate defendants, whether in jail or awaiting trial, will want to thank him from the bottom of their hearts for what he has done. Of course, they realize that the gracious pardon and mercy will never be bestowed upon them—they must be content to wait out their respective jail terms and their trials.

And concerning Gerald R. Ford, he has already thanked Mr. Ford by doing the very thing he could do under the circumstances—handing over for only two years, I must one who has lived in Grand Rapids for the people of the 6th District, say that I feel some sympathy for the people of the 6th District. They seemed to have so much faith in their good neighbor Gerald Ford, but now these same people are probably wondering what has happened to President Ford said he did not like surprises. Well, I don't like surprises either, especially when they involve things like "double standards."

MICHAEL J. KELLER

Is Integrity a Lost Virtue?

EDITOR: President Ford pardons President Nixon, and almost to a man the members of Congress orchestrate their respective party's position. Democrats use this opportunity to attack, sensing an area where they can make political gains. Republicans fall into line praising the President's actions.

Who I ask, who is pulling the strings? How do you get 100 per

cent response along party lines on an issue such as this? Where, I ask, is the integrity of a congressman to speak his own mind? Do they mean to have the public believe that all Democrats and all Republicans think alike on this subject? Where is their rare individuality, that man of personal integrity, that will state his position separately from the herd? I asked, but also few stand up to be counted. Few speak from their heart. Few were true to their own self. This is a tragedy. Members of Congress, I feel, were men of independent thought and action, but they are about as independent in their thinking and actions as any assembly-line product.

BARRIE KONIOW

Disappointed With Ford's Action

EDITOR: I am disappointed in our President Ford. Sure, we all love him, but isn't he going overboard? Why did he do what he did? What does he owe Nixon? Why shouldn't Nixon be punished like any other criminal?

The bigger the man, the bigger the crime. A little man goes to jail for a lot less. If this man goes unpunished, then why do we have laws? This is wrong. This is a poor example for criminals if Nixon goes not free. I don't want to see him go to prison, but there are other penalties.

Nixon must have profited on Watergate. Should he be allowed to keep the loot? And the others involved—what about them. Are they all going to be pardoned too? Maybe they are all sorry they made mistakes.

MRS. FLORENCE FAISEN

Total Pardon Was a Surprise

EDITOR: In a recent Public Pulse letter, I saluted President Ford, saying: "This writer will support you all the way."

This statement was made in consideration of his record of fairness and justice. However, I am surprised with his total pardon for Mr. Nixon.

This action does not clear Mr. Nixon of admitted and established wrong doings. It only serves to increase the belief of additional guilt on his part, all of which should be proved or disproved, in a court of law.

A double standard of justice—regardless of person, position or family ties cannot be accepted.

I wish to commend and concur with The Press editorial, Sept. 8. It was well written and fair on this subject.

R. A. BULLOCK

Ford Let Her Down

EDITOR: What a let down! And so soon! I had been so pleased and relieved when Jerry Ford became our President. He was, I felt sure, a clean, honest, reliable person who would do his job in an open straight-forward manner that the citizen of the democracy would be proud of. Then, on Sept. 8, he joined the Watergate crowd, seeming to have forgotten that he had said he would first let the law take its course. I suppose Richard Nixon was laughing all the way to Palm Springs.

How do you suppose Nixon got the President to do it? He will probably tell us when he publishes his \$2 million book about his last crisis. Also I'd like to know who decided that in a few years he would be the end and owner of all his tapes and records. The bright spot in the day was when Jerry for Nixon resigned and thus joined the ranks of the right and the honorable.

AUDREY B. COFFEY

Compassion Should Extend Beyond Nixon

EDITOR: My husband and I support President Ford's pardoning of Richard Nixon. If Mr. Nixon had been indicted and found guilty, what would have been his punishment? Answer: removal from office. He has already self-imposed this punishment.

However, we feel the President should extend his compassion and understanding to the draft dodgers and deserters who are also suffering with voluntary punishment: separation from family, friends and country. After all, they did not break laws, no buggies, no burglaries. They did not destroy the faith of the entire nation. All they did refuse to take other human lives.

BOB AND MARGARET WILLIAMS

Don Black Remembered

EDITOR: The death on Sept. 16 of Don Black, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at Grand Rapids Junior College, has saddened us all. His untimely death brought to a close a career which has literally touched thousands of students at Creston High School and Grand Rapids Junior College.

Don had a rare combination of talents which made him an inspiration for those with whom he worked. His insight, wisdom, and understanding shaped our lives. He could laugh with us and make us laugh at ourselves; his humor was balanced by the seriousness with which he sought to counsel and guide; he could foster change without concurring adversity. But most of all... he was not only a counselor, but a friend.

Don Black is gone. His ideals and inspiration will live on. His legacy will be the positive influence he has exerted on the lives which he helped shape and build. For this, he will always be remembered.

PAUL PEARSON

High Speeds Are Un-American

EDITOR: First take a ride on the expressway and see how many un-Americans we have here in our town. I'll bet some of the big trucks go 80 miles per hour.

How are we going to get back to our way of life if our laws are so abused?

I have a suggestion to make to all of these people that are talking about taking the law into their own hands. To show a law requiring all cars, trucks and any other motor driven vehicle, to have a governor on the carburetor, so the vehicle could not exceed 65 m.p.h.

Think of the lives we would save!

DICK VAN TIL

Byron Celler

'Born Innocent' Showing Criticized

EDITOR: It's unbelievable—the film "Born Innocent" shown on WOTV on Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. The violence and sexual perversion were too realistically portrayed. To show a film depicting such things is bad enough, but to have it shown at 8 p.m. is totally impossible. I would hope concerned people will register their complaints with the station.

MRS. JAY VAN ANDEL

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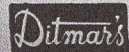
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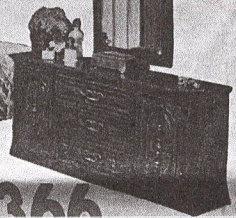
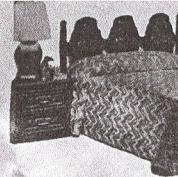
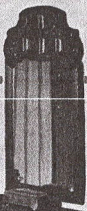
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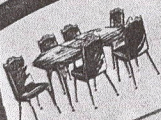
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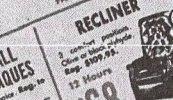
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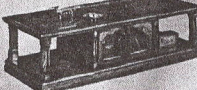
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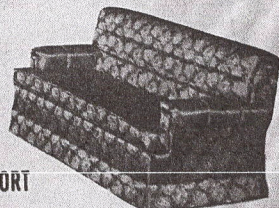
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