

Board Asks Millage 3rd Time; Accept Resignation

Voters in the Lowell Area School District will be called upon for the third time in less than a year to approve additional operating millage in a special election to be called on March 17.

This was the unanimous decision of the Board of Education at its monthly meeting Monday night following receipt of petitions bearing 1,305 signatures of registered district voters.

Board President Dr. Robert Reagan said the board also was proceeding with plans to hold half-day sessions in 1969-70, but

that it was not inclined to cut further into the education program during the second semester of the present school term.

The petitions had been submitted to the board for consideration by Citizens for Better Education, a committee that set out on December 16 to secure 1,500 signatures.

The board, also unanimously, voted to accept the resignation of Superintendent James C. Pace over the objections of a special committee that had circulated other petitions seeking to head off

the action.

The latter petitions, bearing 294 signatures, were presented to the board prior to the meeting, but had no apparent impact on the seven-man panel's decision to accept Pace's resignation.

Pace's resignation will become effective June 30, 1969. He told the Ledger-Suburban Life Tuesday morning that he has been checking into two opportunities in Michigan and one other out-of-state.

Pace presently is drafting a list of recommendations which he will submit to the board on or before a special meeting scheduled for January 27.

"I sincerely hope the board will find these recommendations helpful in selection of my successor and for other future planning for the district," said Pace.

The board plans to petition the Kent Intermediate School District for approval to hold a special election March 17. It will ask district voters to approve an additional 7 mills for operating expenses for a one year period.

A similar proposal was defeated by 113 votes November 25. Last August, the board sought 3.3 mills for a two-year period and also was beaten when a recount action produced a 457-457 tie and "no vote."

Dr. Reagan told approximately 150 in attendance at Monday's meeting that the board is acting on petitions submitted by the Citizens for Better Education even though the petition drive had fallen short of its announced goal.

"We feel there has been sufficient expression to go ahead with another millage vote," he declared. "The figure of 1,500 was an arbitrary number. We feel that many more people would have signed if it hadn't been for the holidays, the weather and the flu."

David Miller, serving as spokesman for Citizens for Better Education, urged the board to consider a new millage vote, declaring:

"We believe that 1,305 signatures reflect the support the board will require for a third millage election."

A number of millage opponents were on hand and expressed the opinion that the board should more closely examine such matters as teacher's salaries and curriculum.

Mrs. Dorothy Flier, who has been openly critical of board policies in the past, told the board that "a lot of the problem is your lack of understanding on how the 'no' voters feel."

Mrs. Flier indicated there is a need for compromise. "What is needed," she declared, "is togetherness on both sides."

Dr. Reagan said that preliminary figures on the 1969-70 budget were now being prepared and would be presented at the January 27 special meeting.

"We will lay the groundwork for half-day sessions, starting next September, after we have received copies of the schedule and a proposed budget at that meeting," he said.

"There has been some discussion of possible half-days during the next semester," he added, "but the board does not feel this would be practical at this time."

Dr. Reagan said that a favorable millage vote "no doubt would change our thoughts about half-days, but since we cannot be sure (of getting extra millage) we will have to set our plans with a true austerity budget in mind."

The present semi-austerity budget was set at \$1,319,000 and will, according to current projections, bring about a \$19,000 saving to the district by next June.

This would reduce the district's accrued operating deficit from a high of \$114,000 last June to approximately \$91,000 at the end of fiscal 1968-69 next June 30.

Based on cost-of-living increases, additional enrollment and only nominal state aid increases, the 1969-70 budget, under normal conditions, could run between \$1,350,000 and \$1,380,000.

A complete austerity budget, in all likelihood, would be in the neighborhood of \$1,200,000.

The board reiterated its stand that a 7-mill levy is the minimum required to resolve existing deficit problems and allow for an average operating budget in 1969-70.

A study by the Citizens for Better Education committee, according to Miller, indicates that district costs can be expected to rise by not less than 4.6 percent and possibly more if the nationwide inflationary trend continues.

Due to losses in property to adjoining school districts in a general realignment of area school boundaries, the district's state equalized valuation for 1969-70 is expected to be approximately \$28-million... down some \$782,000.

Present bonded indebtedness for \$2,600,000 in new school construction dating back to 1955 is 7.5 mills. This will decrease to 6.62 mills next June when bonds for the \$160,000 Runciman Elementary School addition, authorized in 1959, are retired.

In addition, property owners in four rural districts absorbed under the K-12 bill... Mapes, Alton, Moseley and Talbot... will begin to pay for bonded indebtedness next year. State equalized valuation in the four districts is slightly in excess of \$3,000,000.

Board's Inaction Scored

Reluctance of the Lowell Area School Board of Education to act on petitions bearing 294 signatures of voters supporting Superintendent James C. Pace drew criticism Tuesday.

The petitions had been circulated late last week following Pace's decision to submit his resignation to the board at Monday night's monthly meeting.

"I was quite disappointed that the board didn't really examine the petitions, even though they were presented before the meeting," declared Mrs. Virginia Myers, who was a leader in the petition drive.

"We feel there are still a number of unanswered questions," she declared. "We certainly didn't get the response from the board that was anticipated in view of the number of signatures presented."

Mrs. Myers said she did not know if she and other members of a hastily-organized petitioning group would continue the fight to save Pace's job.

"We do want better answers than what were given to us Monday night, however," she stated.

Board president Dr. Robert Reagan told petitioners Monday night that the board appreciated the intent of the group "but we must regretfully accept the resignation submitted by Mr. Pace."

"The months ahead will be most difficult," Reagan added, "but we feel we can overcome any obstacles relating to this matter."

"It may not be an easy matter to find a replacement. We will do the very best we can."

Another critic of the board's refusal to reconsider Pace's resignation was Mrs. Judy Wierenga, who serves with the Citizens for Better Education committee.

"This was a big decision and was made without our knowledge," she declared. "I think it's a big slap in our face."

Klondike Derby at Hand

This Saturday morning Boy Scouts from Troop 102 in Lowell and Troop 334 in Cascade will bundle into their warmest winter clothing in preparation for their participation in the annual Klondike Derby.

This event, always a favorite of the boys, takes stamina and skill to win. Working in teams of eight the boys will pull their sleds over a difficult and grueling course, working together and against time to solve problems which display their grasp of scouting procedures.

Lowell troop 102 will be competing in the district event held at Bertha Brock Park near Ionia. According to Scoutmaster Bill Nowak there are many newcomers on his teams, but some of the veterans will be along to help them over the many obstacles.

Troop 102 has participated in the Klondike Derby for the past 10 years with great success. Nine of those years they have placed high enough in points to compete in the Council Derby held in February.

Two sled teams from the Cascade troop 334 will be in competition Saturday against

Order Road Blockade in Area Monday

Area police agencies were called out to establish road blockades Monday night following an alert by Michigan State Police that an armed robbery suspect, sought in Eaton County, was apparently headed in this direction.

The blockade was ordered withdrawn shortly before midnight. It was in effect for two hours.

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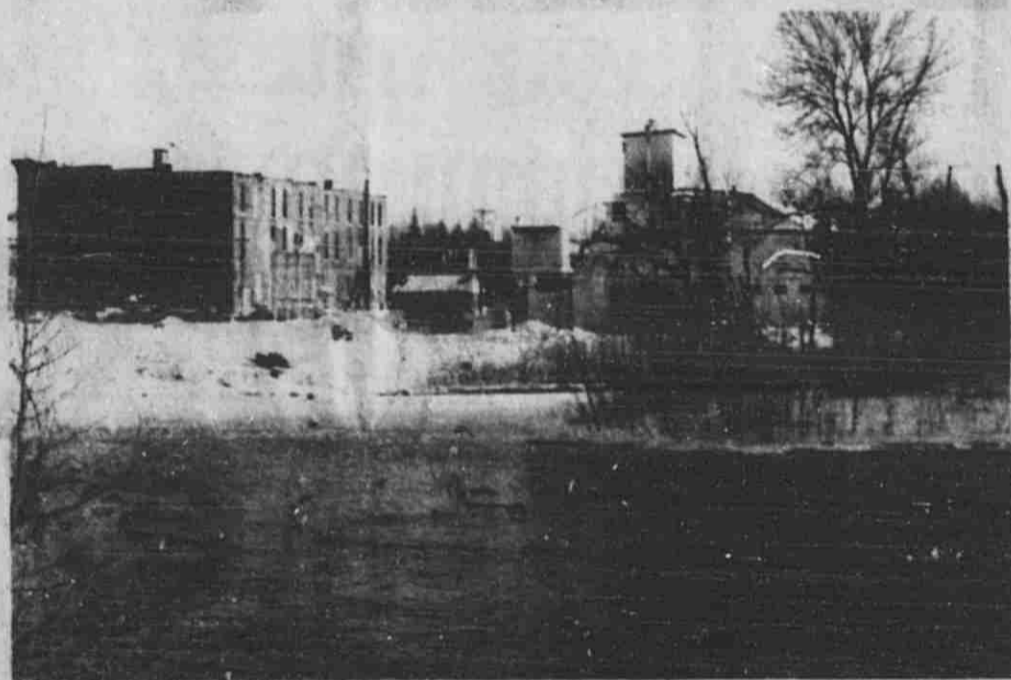
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IT'S A PROBLEM—Snow continued to blanket the area during the past week, causing a disruption of school classes due to impassable roads. One of the conditions that kept school buses idle was high drifts on country roads, such as the eight-foot drift pictured here on Alden Nash Road north of Lowell. If you said it was nice weather for ducks, you might have been right. At least for our feathered friends who winter below the Main Street dam in Lowell.

The Village Smithy

BY FRAN SMITH

Time certainly does fly! It seems almost impossible that one year has passed since the Smithy first introduced himself to the community.

It's true there may be a few more wrinkles in a furrowed brow... perhaps a little more gray around the temples... and a step only slightly less springy than that of a year ago.

Other than these physical changes, the year has treated the Smithy fairly well. We have developed many new friendships and, no doubt, a few enemies... but this is only par for the course in the newspaper business.

The paper has progressed about as well as anticipated, though it is fair to further state that no world records have been set! Most of the changes have been in format, mechanical reproduction and number of readers.

Changes in the community have been considerable and evidence of still further change... all assuredly for the better... is everywhere.

Yes, it's been a fairly good year. We only hope that the next 12 months will treat us no worse.

Here's a postscript to one of our Christmas edition stories. You may remember it. Seemed that a woman turned in a small bill to Lowell police after finding it on the street. The woman expressed the opinion that whoever had lost the bill might have needed it for Christmas shopping.

No one claimed the bill and Lowell officials turned it over to the woman this week.

A happy ending for all... especially the police.

Elsewhere in this edition appears the continuing story of Lowell's financially-troubled school district.

There may be times when you feel we place too much emphasis on this type of news material, but the fact remains that necessity of the paper to inform its many readers of what is transpiring in the community is far more important to us than the impatience of a few who feel we should get off the subject.

There is nothing we'd like to do more than to forget the district's problems for a while. This, however, will not cause the situation to disappear... nor even to change.

All it does is to add a few more furrows to the brow, a little more gray around the temples and take away a little spring from the step.

'Sno Use! Weather Terrible

With Old Man Winter continuing to hold Michigan in his icy grasp, local residents, still trying to cope with slippery streets and snow to shovel from last week's storm, are faced with the possibility of more snow falling later this week.

Snow and high winds which resulted in severe drifting forced the Lowell Area Schools to close three days last week and Forest Hills Schools to close early Thursday and remain closed on Friday.

New regulations state that Michigan schools must be in session 180 per school year in order to receive accreditation from the North Central Association.

Snow removal has become a big problem to all government units with the January 1969 snowfall total already standing at 23.2 inches and the current winter's total of 53.7 inches crowding close to the all-season 1967-68 total of 55.1 inches.

Lowell City Manager B. C. Olson noted that the city is well into its third order of salt, which is ordered 36 tons at a time. "It is too early to tell whether the budget for snow and ice control is going to hold up," he said, adding that it was possible that this year it might exceed the proposed figure. This is a change from last winter when no money at all was spent on snow removal.

All the snow on Main Street will be hauled away by the end of the week, Olson added.

Officials at the Kent County Road Commission also indicated that with snow plows running almost constantly trying to keep roads clear and safe, they too are perilously close to their estimated budget figure.

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Adriane was arrested by Lowell police last Friday on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. Following a breathalyzer test at the county jail, he was released on bond pending arraignment.

Assignment of the magis-

3 Seats Open; Candidates Scarce

There isn't likely to be a primary election to determine qualifiers for three open seats on the Lowell city council.

In fact, based on apparent hesitancy of all prospective candidates there could be no election at all!

The deadline for filing petitions for council seats is next Monday afternoon at 5 p. m. As of press time, no petitions

had been taken out, according to City Clerk Laura Shepard.

The election is scheduled for Monday, February 17.

Freshman councilman Harold F. Jefferies indicated early in the week that he would seek re-election.

However, Mayor Arnold Wittenbach and Councilman Herb Reynolds indicated they might consider stepping out of public life.

Wittenbach said he was "very undecided."

"I haven't heard that too many are interested in running for the council," he declared. "If enough candidates declare themselves in order to make a race of it, I would like to step aside."

Reynolds said he "no doubt will run," but added that he, too, might like to turn the job over to others.

Wittenbach has served as a member of the council for seven years and has five times won the support of fellow councilmen for the position as mayor. Reynolds, originally an appointee, has twice been elected to two-year terms.

Former councilman Dick Schleritzauer, who declined to seek re-election in 1968, reportedly has been endorsed by a number of residents to seek a return to the council table. Schleritzauer said he had not yet made up his mind about seeking the office again.

Two other former members of the city's governing body—Phil Schneider and Ralph Townsend... also may file petitions, according to several sources.

Seven candidates must file for the three available seats in order to force a primary vote.

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Court Operating Smoothly

Education of the public regarding procedures has been the most difficult part of establishing the new district court, according to District Judge Joseph E. White.

The court, in operation since January 1, replaces the justice of the peace system in the state of Michigan under recent legislation.

Judge White, in a special interview with the Ledger-Suburban Life, noted that, despite some minor problems, establishment of the court has proceeded much more smoothly than anticipated.

Get 5-Day Terms for D-D Charge

Two Greenville brothers were remanded to Kent County Jail last week for failure to pay their fines following arrest by Lowell police officers on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

District Judge Joseph B. White ordered Zenon Nieto, 24, and his 19-year-old brother Greg to serve five days after they pleaded guilty to the charge. They failed to produce payment of fines amounting to \$25 each.

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"One thing we have done is to set up traffic bureaus at various key points in the district," he explained. "These are for the convenience of motorists who do not wish to appear in court to contest a violation."

Judge White said that one such bureau has been put into operation at City Hall in Lowell. It will be manned by city employees on duty. Compensation for bureau clerks will be paid by the county, he said.

The Second Division of the 63rd District Court presently is in session at the School Administration Building at 2006 Wealthy SE in East Grand Rapids. Plans are to move the court to the new East Grand Rapids Administration Building when that facility is completed in late March or early April.

Judge White urges residents to contact the court at 456-7100 if they have any questions regarding procedures.

"We know that the public will take some time to get used to a new system," he said, "and we welcome the opportunity to explain what our function is."

Judge White's counterpart in the First Division of the 63rd District Court is Judge Edward J. Kehoe, whose court is located at 2500 5 Mile Road at Plainfield Avenue.

The two judges have assigned Mrs. Barbara Lepekis of Sparta to serve as magistrate. Mrs. Lepekis is authorized to handle all duties of the court except to try cases. These duties include issuing of felony warrants, search warrants, fixing of bail and performance of marriages.

trate, Judge White explained, places the court on a 24-hour, seven-day schedule each week.

Judge White praised the new Kent County Board of Supervisors for its cooperation in helping to establish the new court system.

"We have had excellent cooperation from the county, which assigned Civil Defense Director Ray Blett to us to assist in organizing meetings with law enforcement agencies as well as filing and financial systems," he declared.

Judge White, who had been critical of the old county board for its stringent fiscal policies prior to election, said the new panel has not yet declined a request.

Lowell Man Injured in Accident

Icy road conditions over the weekend resulted in several accidents in Ionia County, sheriff's deputies reported.

On Saturday, Richard L. Denny, aged 27, of Lowell, lost control of his car while headed west on Riverside Drive about three-tenths of a mile east of Montcalm Road.

Denny's car left the road and struck a tree inflicting minor damage to the right front section. He was not injured.

SNOWMOBILE RACES

The Grand Rapids Jaycees will be joining the ever-increasing sport of snowmobiling when they hold the Grand Valley Snowmobile races next weekend, January 18 and 19.

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Calendar

Monday, January 20: Ada Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., township hall. City of Lowell council meeting, 8 p.m., city hall.
Tuesday, January 21: Grant Township meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall. Forest Hills School Board, 8 p.m., school administration building.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson and the Kenneth Thompson family spent a short time on vacation in Florida during the holiday school vacation. Mrs. Mabel Thompson is a patient at Blodgett Hospital and submitted to major surgery this week. Her many friends are hoping she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brake were Sunday dinner guests of mother, Mrs. Carrie Kysner of South Lowell.

Clayton Mote was taken ill with the flu and is now staying and being cared for at the home of his daughter, Marian, The Ken Willeite's in Clarksville.

Rev. Lee Palmer and Rev. Fred Sawdy with Rev. Wm. Bryde of Charlotte spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at pastor's retreat at "Camp Living Waters" near Luther. Larry Wait, Bruce Newton and Dale Olmstead were entertained at the parsonage on Sunday evening after the evening service by Rev. Lee Palmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Starbuck were Friday night callers of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Miller and at the L. J. Mole home on their way home from a few days spent in Maryland with their son, Darrel and wife, and in Florida with their daughter, Marjorie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newberry of Kalamazoo were Sunday visitors of Grandma, Mrs. Erna Neeb, and the Floyd Nees.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Farris and family spent New Year's Day in Huntington, Ind. with his brother, Branson Jr. and family to see nephew Sp. 5 Ronald Farris, who was home from Vietnam for 30 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zook and family spent Sunday in Middlebury, Ind. and attended the morning services at the Monomite Church. They were dinner guests of their sister, the Sam King's and then visited parents, the Norman Kaufman's in Middlebury, Ind., formerly of Alto.

Mrs. Helen Erb of Freeport was a caller of her mother, Mrs. Ethel Blank Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Schrock and family of Grand Rapids were Tuesday evening supper guests of the Dale Zook's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Farris and family spent Sunday at Temperance, Mich. with the "Big Smith" family. The Smith's will soon move to Missouri.

Derby

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approximately 80 other teams in the South Kent District in the Klondike Derby held at Caledonia Park.

In preparation for the event a new sled was built by these energetic youths of the Cascade Troop. It must be sturdy to take the steep hills and sharp bumps it will endure as the course over which it will be pulled was selected because it is rugged.

The second sled is an older one, previously built by scouts of the same troop. When the Flying Eagles used it three years ago, the team took third place in the district event.

Just before the actual race begins, judging of the sleds will take place. It is a gay sight when all of the sleds are lined up together loaded with equipment and banners flying. The team called We-Don't Know from the Cascade troop will have a giant question mark as its symbol. Boys on this team will be Jeff Barker, Ralph Kimball, Ted Banta, George Tedjman, Dave Torgersen, John Thornton, Gary Ackar, and Robert Hartig.

The Thunderbirds will fly the traditional Indian sign. These boys will be Jeff Kimball, Randy Ackar, Brad Otto, Richard Hayes, Michael Morris, Stephen Blackport, Jon Gaylord, and David Banta.

Loaded on the sleds will be such items as blankets, ropes, first aid equipment, and cooking utensils. Field orders will be handed to each team at the start.

Obituaries

BELVA WAITE

Mrs. Belva Waite, 80, of 7330 86th St., Alaska, passed away January 9 at Butterworth Hospital.

Services were held January 11 at Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Caledonia, with the Rev. Lee Dalrymple of Ada Congregational Church, officiating. Mrs. Waite was a member, officiating.

Surviving are one son, Clair of Alaska; four grandchildren, one great grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Birdie Hunter of Alaska.

RUTH VAN TATENHOVE

Mrs. Henry (Ruth) Van Tatenhove, former area resident, passed away on January 9th at her home at 4827 Glickman Avenue, Temple City, California.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas; her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Shaler of Lowell; two brothers, Robert Shaler of Lowell and Kenneth Shaler of Saranac; two sisters, Lola at home and Mrs. James (Patricia) Winston of Grand Rapids.

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JENNIE BERRY

Mrs. Jennie Kelsey Berry, aged 91, of Lowell, passed away on January 15, 1969.

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Other Alto News

Mrs. Jennie Vanderveil is at home now for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merriam attended a belated New Year's party at the Don Berg home, January 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merriam and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Merriam of Lowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Klahn were hosts to the Morse Lake-McCord Farm Bureau Friday evening. About a dozen brave members arrived in trucks, snowmobiles and on "shanks ponies."

Denton Wilcox and Jim Peterson took the kids of both families to the Westley Theater Saturday to see "African Safari."

Mr. and Mrs. George Wieland and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Peterson were Sunday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson and family.

Mrs. Mary Nye arrived home last Sunday night from a month's visit with her brother, Leo Aldrich and family, of Los Gatos, California. Mrs. Nye, prior to her visit with her brother was a guest of relatives for several weeks in Hannibal, Mo. She spent last week with Mrs. H. Dudley Smith, returning to her own home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blocher visited their son, Mike, wife and little daughter of Grattan on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Lanford and Mrs. Jack VanHeesteren called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gilman and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Ness of Grand Rapids during the past week. On Sunday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wolfgang of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and family were at Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blanding, Sr., spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding before they left for Florida.

Sweet sixteen and having a party to celebrate the happy date! Have invitations printed. Available at the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life office.

Spec. Kamel, a clerk-tylist with the brigade's 603rd Maintenance Company, entered the Army in February 1968 and completed basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. His wife, Carol, lives at 8701 Bailey Drive, Ada, Mich.

Airman Steven J. Jasperse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Jasperse, 1342 Alexander SE, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for training as an aerial photo systems repairman.

Boatswain's Mate First Class William R. Holmes, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Holmes of Lowell, was presented his third Good Conduct Award during ceremonies aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Albany at the Boston Naval Shipyard.

This medal is awarded for demonstrating high achievement in conduct and proficiency in rank during 4 years of continuous active service.

Army Private Melvin E. Rogers, Jr., is assigned to Company A 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade at the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATC), Fort Knox, Ky.

Upon completion of basic training, PVT Rogers, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rogers of 318 Avery St., Lowell, will receive at least an additional eight weeks of either advanced instruction or on-the-job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill.

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REPORTER SAYS "THANKS"

Perhaps it would be nice to be living in a warmer climate right now, during this very severe weather. But personally if I moved to a warmer climate I would be a loser in a number of ways unless I could take my very good neighbors and friends along.

How very thankful I am to all of them! They plow my yard, they run errands for me, they shovel paths, they get my mail, they bring me library books, they bring groceries. I haven't the space here to name all the wonderful things they do for me, and then they tell me my money is no good! And they do all this just because they know I am not as well as I would like to be.

This is the only way I can endure the extreme cold. I don't feel that I am alone, but that there are lots of good folks who seem to enjoy doing things for an old lady who can't do things for herself anymore.

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Star Corners

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Eldwood Wingeier and friend of Kalamazoo called on the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wingeier Sunday afternoon.

Louis Kaye Fox spent Sunday night and Sunday with Mary Ann Courter at Elm-dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Heasley and daughters and Tom Boy-nolds of Grand Rapids were Thursday supper guests

Arrows Rolling Toward T-R Showdown; Rangers Bow

Lowell High turns the corner on the 1968-69 basketball season Friday night, and with each passing game, it becomes more apparent that the Arrows' quest for a championship in the Tri-River Conference is destined to become a "do-it-yourself" project.

Coach Jack Kempker's club went on a scoring binge last week to register back-to-back league wins over Belding (95-78) and Coopersville (92-71), but the Arrows failed to gain ground on undefeated defending champion Rockford.

The double win gave Lowell a 6-1 season record and a 5-1 conference mark while Rockford, with two victories, ran its season mark to 6-0 in the conference and 7-0 overall.

"If we are going to catch them, it looks like we'll have to do it ourselves," said Kempker, referring to the February 4 home encounter with the Rams.

The Arrows reach the halfway mark of the conference campaign when they entertain Comstock Park tomorrow eve. Comstock is still looking for its first league win in seven starts.

Kempker is satisfied that his squad's offense has jelled, but he has some doubts about Lowell's ability on defense.

"We're scoring better than 80 points a game," he declared, "but we're also giving up 70 points each time out... and that isn't good."

The Red and White cagers have gotten a good lift from two junior newcomers to the varsity... Guard Craig Wittenbach and Forward Blair Cahoon.

Wittenbach scored a career-

high 28 points in leading Lowell to its victory over Belding and followed with 16 against Coopersville.

Cahoon was limited to two points in the Belding game, but came up with eight rebounds, then reached his varsity high with 12 points against Coopersville.

Senior captain Curt Fonger turned in two steady performances, scoring 15 points and nailing down 11 rebounds against Belding and following with a game-high output of 20 points last Friday while snaring 13 caroms against Coopersville.

Sophomore guard Denny DeWitt ripped the nets for 27 points in the Belding contest and followed with 18 Friday.

Lowell rode to victory over Coopersville on the strength of its best second half of the campaign. Deadlocked at 36-36 after two periods, the Arrows stormed to a 59-52 lead in the third quarter and blistered the nets for 33 points in the closing stanza while Coopersville was settling for 19 markers.

The Arrows had five men in double figures with Forward Steve Lessens adding 12 to go with Fonger's 20, DeWitt's 18 and 16 each by Wittenbach and Cahoon.

Lowell which boasts a 40 percent floor shooting average for the season, knocked in 35 field goals in 78 attempts for 44 percent.

Joe Wurm had 22 points and Hank Todd added 16 for the losers.

In the Belding game, the Arrows surged to a 22-10 lead at the first quarter break and

was comfortably ahead at half-time, 44-30.

The Redskins threatened briefly in the next eight-minute session by pumping in 27 points, two more than Lowell, but Kempker's cagers retained their momentum in the fourth quarter to coast to the win.

The Arrows got off 90 shots against Belding and converted 37 of them for a 41 percent average. They also hauled in 50 rebounds with Lessens tying Fonger in this department with 11.

LOWELL	fg	ft	tp
Fonger	7	8	20
DeWitt	7	4	18
Lessens	3	6	12
Johnson	1	1	3
Wittenbach	8	0	16
Roth	4	1	9
Cahoon	4	4	12
Herbiet	1	0	2
Total	35	22	82

COOPERSVILLE	fg	ft	tp
Wurm	7	8	22
VanHaver	5	0	10
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Todd	5	0	16
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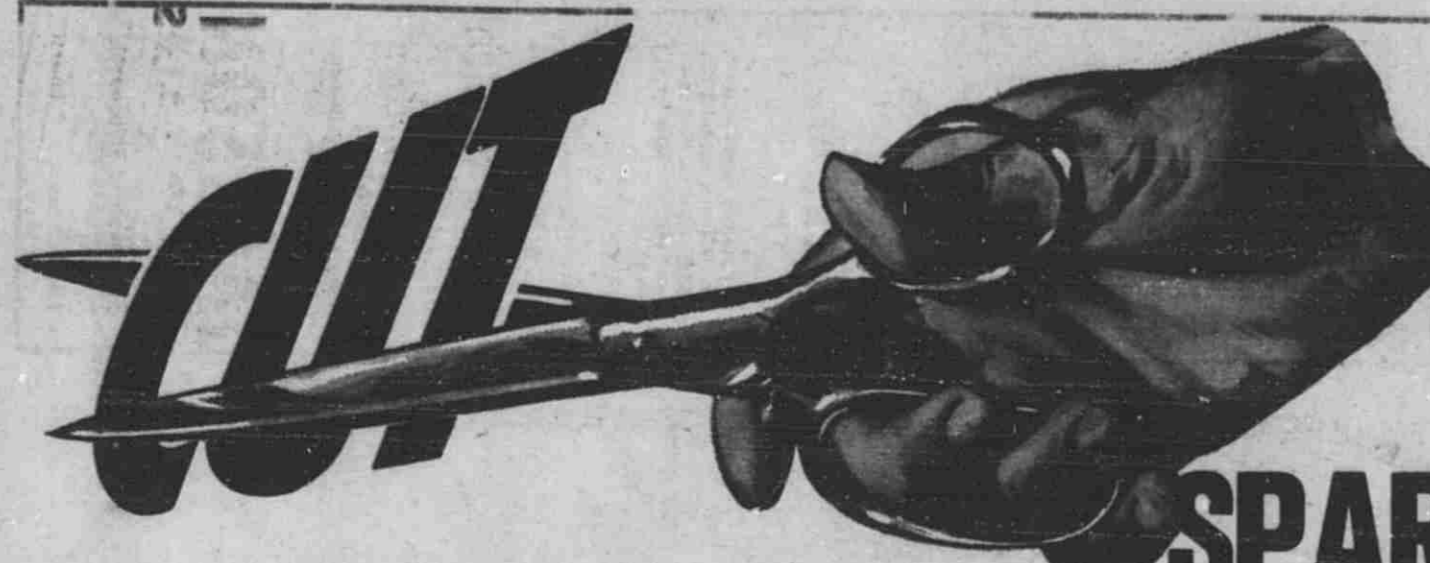
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Social Scene

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Dr. Robert Hall, assistant professor of Surgery at Upstate Medical Center, State University of New York, was raised in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School in 1950.

Dr. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hall.

Mrs. Lila Stiles of 28th St., Ada, was injured in a sledding accident on January 3rd. She suffered a broken left leg and ankle, a sprained right ankle, pulled ligaments, and a cracked pelvis on the right side. She is doing fine but has to have her left ankle pinned till January 14th. She has to remain in the hospital at least two more weeks and will not be able to return to work for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons entertained 30 relatives Sunday to celebrate Mrs. Arthur White's 80th birthday. Relatives were from Mount Pleasant, Clarksville, Alto and Lowell. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Able of Lowell, longtime neighbors of Mrs. White. Due to ill health, Mrs. White is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons.

'68 WAS BIG YEAR FOR ELECTRIC SHAVERS

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Nominations are now being accepted for mothers all over the state of Michigan who are fully qualified to represent the mothers of America in all responsibilities attached to her role as "Mother of the Year."

Those traits which are sought are courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, understanding and homemaking ability.

Candidates must be an active member of a religious body; have a sense of responsibility in civic affairs and be active in public service to society; be a legal mother and not divorced; and whose youngest child is over 15 years of age.

If there's someone you would like to recommend, write to the Michigan Mothers Committee, 408 Fifth Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49804, requesting a nomination blank for the 1969 Michigan Mother.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nead of 110 Horation Street in Lowell have named their new baby girl Shellee Kay. The young lady weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces at the time of her birth December 28th at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clare Phillips of Lowell and Mrs. Demeris Nead of Saranac.

A daughter, Chris Joy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John DeHoog, 5210 Cascade Road, S. E., at Blodgett Hospital, on Monday, January 6.

A son, Frank Donald, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Tranuse (she is the former Brooke Mullen) on January 4 in Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Sgt. and Mrs. Monty Tousignant announce the birth of a daughter, Lisa Marie, born on December 14 at Ireland Army Hospital at Fort Knox, Ky.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cueni of Ventura Drive announce the birth of a daughter, Colleen Annette, 6 lbs., 1 oz., Thursday, January 9th, at Butterworth Hospital.



MRS. ADRIANSE

Local Couple Exchange Nuptial Vows

Susan Marie Griffith and Robert Wesley Adrianse were united in marriage on December 21st at First United Methodist Church in Lowell with the Rev. G. Robert Webber officiating.

The parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Griffith of 218 North Center Street, Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wesley Adrianse of 114 Smith Street, Lowell.

Honor attendants were Mrs. Roger Liles and Thomas Shimel. The guests were seated by Douglas Wester and Kerri Tap.

For her wedding the bride chose an empire style dress with a train of Venice lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of miniature carnations and pine greens.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the VFW Hall in Lowell.

The young couple will make their home in Lowell.

First Aid Classes Start

There is still time to register for and attend the first class of the Red Cross First Aid Program which will be held on Tuesday, January 21, at 7 p. m. in the Cascade Town Hall. Final enrollments will be taken at the first class.

The next class will be held on Wednesday, January 22, at Forest Hills High School.

Keith Wager and Grover Buttrick will be the instructors.

GETTING SMARTER

Because so many women today dye their hair or wear falls and wigs, new British passports will omit reference to hair color.

Local Girls Take State Riding Honors

Out of approximately 100 junior riders in the state of Michigan, two riders from Kentree School of Horsemanship were awarded Championship and Reserve Championship awards at the annual Michigan Horse Show Association Banquet held January 4th in the Lansing Civic Center.

Jeanne Metsker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Metsker, Beechwood Drive SE, received the championship award in 2nd level Dressage with her horse, Scooter T.

She also received the championship award in Equitation on the Flat, and in Equitation over Fences for riders between the ages of 14 thru 17, with her horse, Secret Way.

Jeanne and Secret Way also received Reserve Championship awards in the Michigan Hunts Perpetual Junior Trophy for equitation, the Grants Perpetual Trophy for Over-All Champion Hunter Seat Equitation, and for the performance of her horse Secret Way, in the Junior Working Hunter, 14 thru 17, and the 2nd year Run in Junior Working Hunter.

Kim Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, Beechwood Dr., SE, received Championships for her horse, Society Sort, in 1st year Green Working Hunter and for her horse, Madison Run, in 2nd year Green Working Hunter. In 13 years and under she received the Reserve Championship award with Madison Run in Working Hunter.

These awards are made on the basis of points accumulated throughout the 1968 year show season in point approved shows in the state of Michigan.

LHS Drama Class Perform 3-Act Comedy

"Any Wednesday" a full-length three-act comedy which graced the Broadway stage a few years back, will hit the boards at the Lowell Senior High School Thursday and Saturday evenings, January 16 and 18, at 8 p. m.

Presented by members of Ivan Haney's Drama class, the play features Linda Anderson, Sherri Doezema, Rick Shook and Pat Hobbs.

Mr. Haney indicated that the play will also be presented several more times at other area high schools.

The public is invited to join the cast of "Any Wednesday" in an evening of fun and hilarity. Admission \$1.

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SHIRLEY ERLER

The engagement and approaching marriage of Shirley Erler to Kerry Tap is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Erler of Lowell.

The groom-to-be, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tap of Lowell, has recently completed a tour of duties with the U. S. Army and is now employed by Rapistan Incorporated.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Montcalm Community College of Practical Nursing and is now employed by St. Mary's Hospital.

An August wedding is being planned by the couple.

Hospital Notes

Susan Huyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huyser of 8716 Bailey Drive, Ada, will return home this week from Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital where she had minor surgery.

Karen Fluscher, 1016 Robinhod N.E. is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital for ear surgery.

Richard Hansen, Patterson Ave., SE and Richard Lanz of Farnsworth S.E. are patients at Osteopathic Hospital.

Albert Oates, Jr. 5830 Buton St. S.E. underwent eye surgery at Blodgett Hospital.

Mrs. Donald Cheyne of 3180 Thorncrest S.E. is a patient at Blodgett Hospital where she had eye surgery.

Mrs. Robert E. VanShuyters is a surgical patient at Butterworth Hospital.

Coming Events

The WSCS of First United Methodist Church will meet on Thursday, January 23, at 8 p. m. in the lounge. Robert Davis, layman missionary to Brazil, will be guest speaker.

The Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, will meet Monday, January 20th, in the club rooms at 8 p. m.

The Golden Chain Farm Bureau will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tichelaar, the 21st at 8:30 p. m.

Cascade Thornapple PTO area coffee group meetings will begin the week of January 20. The time and place of the various group meetings will be announced next week. Make plans to attend now. Support your PTO.

The Lowell Child Study Club will meet on Thursday, January 16, 8 p. m., in the home of Mrs. King Doyle. Mrs. Wilhelmina Wright from Family Service will speak on "You and Your Teenager."

Snow Farm Bureau will hold their January meeting on Friday, January 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Baker on 36th Street, 8 p. m.

Island City Bebekah Lodge will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, January 21st, at 8 p. m. Notice: The installation of Lodge officers will be on February 4th.

The Annual Meeting of the Lowell Showboat Corporation will be held Tuesday, February 4, 1969, at 7 p. m. at the American Legion Building. The public is invited to attend.

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Young Poet Receives Encouragement

Jo-Anne Vader, a member of the sophomore class of Lowell High School, has been notified by the editor of the National Poetry Press that her poem, "The Covered Bridge," has won a place in the poetry anthology "Young America Sings."

Jo-Anne, who credits the Fallsburg covered bridge for providing the inspiration for her poem, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Vader of 9430 Vergennes Road in Ada.

THE COVERED BRIDGE

For the last time, the rays of the sun
Beat the warped wooden structure
Causing each board to crack and creak,
As an old arthritic man in the morn.

For the last time, the wind rhythmically rocks
The sway-back, twisted body
Which nature has shown no mercy
And mankind has shown no thanks.

For the last time, the bridge views its abode,
For, like the old man,
The pain of progress has destroyed
This mellowed framework of memories.

Pioneer Girls

The Pioneer Girls met Monday night on January 13th at 7 p. m. Nineteen girls present.

The Pilgrim's leaders are Mrs. Joanne Schreuer & Mrs. Sarah Ortiz. We all welcome any girl from 3rd grade on up. It is held at the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

FOREST HILLS HI-LITES

Due to the fact that Shirley Dygert has been ill the Forest Hills Hi-Lites will not appear this week.

If you have society notes for next week or any future issue, please call Mrs. Dygert at 678-3721 no later than Monday noon. Pictures must be in our hands on Friday.

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