

# Letters, Letters! We Get Letters!

**To The Editor:**  
In reply to a letter appearing in the "Letters to the Editor" column written by William S. Doyle, appearing in the issue of Thursday, February 20, 1969, we feel it is necessary to call attention to many inaccurate figures presented in Mr. Doyle's letter.

The enrollment at the Lowell Area Schools during the 1967-68 school year was 2531. The figure of 2441 used in the letter was the enrollment for the 1966-67 school year.

If Mr. Doyle had done as he requested other people to do, he would have found out at the Kent Intermediate School District office that the directory he refers to was published in July 1968, and therefore all attendance figures are based on the previous school year, not the 1968-69 school year.

Since all the basic data that Mr. Doyle used is incorrect, all of his assumptions on savings and costs are therefore in error. We are reminded again of his opening statement at the public hearing in which he stated that "figures don't lie, but liars figure."

If people are seriously interested in facts and figures concerning comparison of Lowell and other school districts, they are readily available. We would caution all persons to be sure to know on what basis the comparisons are made. Some of the districts that Lowell is compared with do not offer basic educational needs and have been unable to build needed school buildings. Residents of the Lowell School District must decide what type of education they want their children to have and then pay for it. Voters are not deciding on March 17 what type of education the students in Belding and Cedar Springs are to be offered, but what type of education is going to be offered in the Lowell schools.

Below are facts, and the sources of these facts are given. Anyone who desires to check them is welcome to obtain them at their source.

School District	Student-Teacher Ratio 68-69*		Costs Per Pupil	
	1968-69**	1967-68***	1968-69**	1967-68***
East Grand Rapids	21.9	21.9	\$711	\$631
Godwin Heights	22.7	22.7	702	658
Godfrey-Lee	22.5	22.5	672	571
Grand Rapids	24.6	24.6	608	572
Northview	25.1	25.1	587	524
Comstock Park	24.0	24.0	579	492
Byron Center	23.6	23.6	574	465
Kenowa Hills	23.9	23.9	562	502
Wyoming	22.2	22.2	549	575
Kentwood	25.2	25.2	545	508
Grandville	25.9	25.9	542	468
Sparta	24.7	24.7	542	468
Rockford	25.5	25.5	537	510
Forest Hills	24.7	24.7	535	494
Kent City	26.4	26.4	507	456
LOWELL	26.1	26.1	505	452
Cedar Springs	28.1	28.1	502	452
Kelloggsville	26.2	26.2	469	513
Caledonia	24.5	24.5	430	509

\*Department of Education form DS 4324, November 1, 1968.  
1968-69 Membership, Personnel and School Plant Facilities Report.

\*\*Survey by East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Feb. 1969.

\*\*\*Bulletin 1012, Department of Education, December 1968.

We would be more than happy to talk to anyone concerning school costs or enrollment per teacher or any other facet of education, if requested.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Robert Beagan, President  
On behalf of Lowell Area Schools  
Board of Education

**To The Editor:**  
you add it to the 24.6 mills you are already paying it equates 31.6 mills which means you will pay \$31.60 on every thousand dollars of state equalized valuation on your home, farm or factory.

This is in addition to over half of the entire state budget of \$1.5 billion going for education, half of your state sales tax and half of your state personal income tax plus how many billions of your Federal tax dollars also going for education.

It is no wonder that when people finally get saturated with taxes they become a little hesitant about voting more taxes on themselves.

Many of the millage supporters play on the emotions, sympathies and compassions of the voters, making retirees and grandparents feel guilty about not sacrificing more money for education.

While sympathy and compassion are very admirable traits in their place, it will take cash to pay your taxes. Even with our Government receiving all of these taxes, they have managed to go in debt over 300 billion dollars. It has been said it is regrettable that future generations cannot be here to help us spend their money.

Howard Gibbs  
RR No. 3  
Lowell, Michigan

At a glance, 7 mills may not look like much but when

**To The Editor:**  
In his eagerness to prove his points regarding Lowell Area School costs, Bill Doyle has apparently become confused with his own figures. In his talk on February 2, he divided the 1967-68 budget by the 1966-67 enrollment to come up with a cost per student which is meaningless. In his letter in the Feb. 20 Ledger he quotes numbers of teachers and membership for last year (1967-68) and labels them 1968-69 figures.

Mr. Doyle must have been reading the Kent County Directory statistics for the previous year in each case. The facts I quote have been computed by his methods, but using the correct amounts. In condensed form, these facts line up as follows:

	Doyle Statements	Correct Figures
1967-68 Expenditures	\$1,321,390	\$1,321,390
1967-68 Membership	2,441	2,531
1967-68 Gross Operating Cost per Student	\$541	\$522*
1967-68 Teachers	115	112
1967-68 Teacher-Student Ratio	21.2	22.6
1968-69 Membership	2,531	2,583
1968-69 Teachers	115	107*
1968-69 Teacher-Student Ratio	22	24.1*

\*The 107 teachers include librarians, remedial reading, counselors, elementary physical education—everyone except administrators. If we divide 2583 students by 99 regular classroom teachers we get a ratio of 26.1 and of course the class load in many classes runs much higher than this.

The \$522 includes about \$3 for Capital Outlay and Interest on Short-term Loans.

Now everyone knows that 1967-68 was the expensive year, but there is no call to distort costs to make the picture look worse than it is. The system is being run on a much more economical basis this year, as can be seen by reading this year's figures.

We should not get so involved in fiscal problems that we for-

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TOM DYGERT

## Ada Scout One of 72 Boys Feted

One of the boys honored at the annual Eagle Scout dinner Monday night in Grand Rapids was Tom Dygert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dygert of 1833 Buttrick SE, Ada, who recently attained that rank.

In the seven county area covered by the Grand Valley Council there are only 72 Eagle Scouts. An Eagle Scout Recognition program was held following the dinner and was attended by parents and scoutmasters.

Attending the dinner with Tom was his sponsor Robert Settergren, a civil engineer from Davenport Associates. Since Tom plans to study engineering in college he thoroughly enjoyed a tour of Davenport Associates offices with Mr. Settergren.

Tom is a senior this year at Forest Hills High School where he has been a member of the varsity football, wrestling and baseball teams. He was elected to the All Star Team last year as a catcher.

## Rescue Pair from Icy Flat River

Quick thinking by employees of Lowell Light and Power was credited today for averting a possible tragedy on the Flat River.

Five men working in the plant rescued a pair of 14-year-old students who fell through ice on the river last Thursday afternoon.

The boys, Keith Johnson and William Frazier, were attempting to cross the ice when it capsize within a few yards of the shore, immediately in front of the power company.

Superintendent John Jones joined Herb Hanes, Del Furman, Jack Ryan and Joe Campanero in pulling the pair from the icy waters.

The Johnson youth went through the ice first and Frazier followed when he attempted to come to his friend's rescue.

Police report that Dorothy Kaye Forbes, 26, of Grand Rapids was arrested Monday on a charge of driving in Lowell while under the influence of liquor. She pleaded guilty upon appearance before District Judge Joseph B. White and was fined a total of \$103.

## Registration Deadline Near

The deadline for registration to vote in the City of Lowell general election, scheduled for April 7, is Friday, March 7.

Registrations will be accepted until 8 p. m. that date.

Residents wishing to register this Saturday, March 1, may do so between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. at the home of City Clerk Laura Shepard, 663 Shepard Road.

## 'B' District Pairings

Here are the pairings for the state Class B high school basketball tournament next week at East Christian High School gymnasium, 2300 Plymouth SE, Grand Rapids (all games at 7:30 p. m.):

- Monday—East Christian vs. Lowell
- Tuesday—Forest Hills vs. Central Christian
- Wednesday—Monday's winner vs. Northview
- Friday—Finals

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## SEV Increase Could Aid School

Officials of the Lowell Area School District today are analyzing projected figures that could play a major role in resolving the district's financial problems.

Twice rejected by voters in appeals for additional operating millage, the board is seeking approval for an extra seven-mill operating levy for one year in a special election scheduled for March 17.

During its meetings of December and January, the board re-affirmed its pledge to voters that it would assess only that portion of the seven mills required to operate an "average" education program.

A lesser levy is a definite possibility if tentative figures for the 1969-70 fiscal year are to be used as a base.

Upgrading of state equalized valuation on real property in

the City of Lowell plus an expected increase in SEV in township properties included in the district could boost total SEV from \$25,008,911 for the present fiscal year to approximately \$26,300,000 for 1969-70.

The school's budget for 1969-70 is currently being projected at slightly more than \$1,300,000.

There are many "ifs" still involved, according to outgoing

Superintendent James C. Pace, but current projections indicate that total operating millage required to operate the school next year... and at the same time wipe out a deficit of about \$91,000... would be 22.1.

This is five mills greater than the 17.1 mills allocated (10.1) and previously voted (seven) under which the district has been operating this year.

Pace projects that total needed millage for 1969-70 may not exceed 28.6. The present 7.5 debt millage will be reduced to 6.5 with increase in the district's SEV, inclusion of four rural districts in the district's debt retirement program for the first time and retirement of the 1959 debt tax.

"The single biggest 'if' is, as it always has been, the amount of state aid that can be expected," says Pace. "We won't know this figure much before June, but it could be from \$5 to \$35 higher per pupil than for 1968-69."

## Absentee Ballots Available

Applications for absentee ballots for the March 17 special millage election may be made by Lowell Area School District voters until noon on Saturday, March 15.

They are available from the superintendent's office, located in the Bushnell Elementary School.

## New Power Substation in Cascade

A new substation is to be installed in Cascade on Orange Street approximately 2 blocks northeast of the Cascade Pharmacy on Cascade Road.

This will be a 5000 KVA regulated unit supplied from the Consumers Power 46 kv transmission system presently running through Ada, by means of a new 3 1/2-mile line extension.

The substation will be of the newest low profile design with a steel structure not higher than twenty feet, surrounded by a chain link fence. Some screening and landscaping will be done immediately, with additions to be made later when the area develops.

This substation will provide a reinforced source of power not only to Cascade but also the surrounding urban and rural area. It will replace a smaller distribution type substation at Cascade Dam.



**The Village Smithy**  
BY FRAN SMITH

If the Smithys were asked to give a self-appraisal, we would be quick to admit that someone locked the door when they passed out the brains and good looks!

We also got short-changed when it comes to athletic prowess, having been too light to play football, too short to participate in basketball and not sharp-eyed enough to learn how to hit a curve ball.

So, for lack of anything else to do, we developed a flair for reading and understanding that which was written.

Perhaps this is why we often get more than a little vexed at the great mass of Americans who do not bother to either take the time to read properly or who choose to read only that which is of immediate importance.

All this by way of introduction to an ugly rumor that has popped into the picture of recent date concerning the March 17 special millage election in the Lowell school district.

"I have heard," said a recent caller, "that the board of education will keep this millage on the books indefinitely."

Well, friends, nothing could be farther from the truth. If district voters approve this millage (or any other, for that matter), it must only be for that period of time so stated on the ballot.

In this instance, the ballot specifically reads "for the year 1969." No more, no less.

I don't know, by exact count, the number of times we have been criticized for not publishing certain items... when, in fact, most were published and, oft-times, given prominent position in the newspaper.

It also is disturbing, that stories based on conjecture... with appropriate words to so designate them... are accepted as fact.

No doubt there are many reasons why people tend to misinterpret the written or spoken word. In the eyes of the world, we Americans are viewed as rather crude individuals who move too fast to properly digest that which sustains us most... knowledge and food!

Perhaps the time has come for all of us to slow down. The pace we are leading is a killer.

More to the point, perhaps the time has come for each of us to take time for self-appraisal... and to take corrective steps to strengthen our weaknesses, no matter what they be.

Several weeks ago, you may recall a story that appeared about a once-in-a-lifetime event that cribbage players dream about, but seldom ever see.

It happened to Ronnie Heether, a fine lass from up Parnell way, who put together a perfect 29 hand while playing in a six-handed game.

We have played cribbage for many years and several times have had all the ingredients for such a hand. On most of these occasions, we were fortunate enough to come up with a 28 hand, which may mean nothing for those of you who do not participate, but is quite an accomplishment in itself.

Good Friend Wife and I enjoy sitting down to a competitive hand or two of cribbage now and again, probably because it's one of the few games at which she has been known to beat me.



DETERMINED! Forward Blair Cahoon of Lowell High pulls down rebound over stretched arm of Tom Teft of Forest Hills while teammates Craig Wittenbach (left) and Steve Lessens wait for a passout. No. 42 for Forest Hills is Steve Grabarek. Action took place Tuesday night at Forest Hills High gym.

## Deadline FRIDAY!

You may have to stand in line but there is still time to get your 1969 license plates before the March 1 deadline.

Carl Smith, local representative of the Secretary of State's office, says that license plate sales are still running behind last year's totals.

## Rangers Defeat Arrows

Anticipating a last minute rush, Smith has made plans to be open Thursday afternoon and to remain open Friday evening until all present are supplied with their new tags.

Forest Hills High's basketball team will be shooting for a winning record for the 1968-69 season when they complete the regular campaign this Friday night.

Coach Don Kemp's Rangers struck for an early lead, then hung on to edge neighborhood rival Lowell on the Forest Hills hardwood Tuesday night, 88-83.

Senior guard Doug Koessell turned in the finest game of his prep career to pace the Green and White cagers, netting 21 points and adding four assists.

Tom Teft connected for 19 points, Glenn Collins chipped in with 13 more and Scott Wingleer and Dan Mosher each pumped in 10 for the winners.

Forest Hills managed to stop Lowell's high scoring sophomore Denny DeWitt with 11 points, but couldn't put the clamps on Curt Fonger. The 6'4" captain connected on 12 field goals and nine free throws for a game-high 33 points.

Forward Blair Cahoon followed with 15 for the Arrows.

Wingleer was the big man on the backboards for Forest Hills, nailing down 15 rebounds, the same number as Fonger. Forest Hills held a 54-39 advantage on this department.

Lowell had one of its worst shooting nights of the campaign against the stubborn Forest Hills defense, sinking 27 of 89 attempts from the floor for just 30 percent. The Rangers sank 33-for-84 for 39 percent.

The win was the eighth in 16 starts this year for Forest Hills. Lowell now has won 12 and lost four.

Photo by Scot Jefferies

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## Community Calendar

**Monday, March 3:** Cascade township meeting, 8 p. m., township hall. Lowell Township meeting, 7:30 p. m., township hall. Vergennes township meeting, 8 p. m., township hall. City of Lowell council meeting, 8 p. m., city hall.

### S. W. Bowne

Mrs. Gertrude Glidden is convalescing nicely at her home here following surgery at Ferguson Drouot Hospital recently.

## Community Calendar

**Tuesday, March 4:** Grand Rapids township meeting, 7:30 p. m., township hall. Board of Review of various townships as outlined on page 8.

### Read the Want Ads

## Attention Taxpayers

Table with 4 columns: Valuation, Additional Mills, Existing Mills, Total. Rows for \$4,000, \$8,000, \$12,000, \$16,000, \$20,000.

Why 21.6 Mills? What will it cost me? 3.3 mills will pay the deficit! We already are paying 17.1 mills for operating plus 7.5 building millage. This is 24.6 mills, an additional 7, mills would be 31.6. This would cost you:

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## Vote 'No' ON MARCH 17

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## PRE-SPRING CLEANING SALE CHRISTIANSEN'S

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FUN PLUS KNOWLEDGE came into the 5th and 6th grade classroom of Mrs. Tom Davis at the Ada Elementary School when during their recent three week study of the St. Lawrence Seaway the students constructed a 15-foot simulated canal showing various types of ships and bridges along the seaway.

## Letters, Letters!

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get that there are human problems to consider. One reason teacher-student ratios appear low is that Lowell offers remedial reading, unlike some of the schools that have been used for comparison. If all schools had offered remedial reading a generalization, some of the social problems we now have might not be so bad. Non-readers, if not helped at an early age, may grow up with a permanent handicap.

As to the millage issue, everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but—please—let it be based on the facts.

my life to running a four-minute mile, but due to lack of physical requirements, proper state of mind, or lack of training, I will never make it. Since dedication absolutely will not make up for poor administration.

Our American way of life has been built on the principles of democracy. Among other things it means we live by the majority rule. Democracy has spoken twice why not accept it for the time being?

I do not know exactly what got into this financial mess, but I am sure it did not happen within one day's time, and I don't believe we should expect to get out of it overnight. We have to get ourselves on a sound economic basis.

If our increased millage fails, which I feel it does not feel we should throw up our hands in desperation. Let's remember until one day's time, and I don't believe we should expect to get out of it overnight.

Throughout all my travels, I never lost contact with him, and years ago Alec said: "Now that you have left the hills, you seem to be doing all right for yourself. I hope you will be able to afford a Cadillac and a swimming pool, but if you can't, don't be too proud to drive a Chevrolet and go swimming in the creek just like your Dad always did."

Are we sure we are having the right kind of election when we continually vote for increased millage for school operation? Maybe we should be voting for a new school board?

### With Our Servicemen



Alrman James E. Meeuwisen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeuwisen, 10369 Grand River Dr., Lowell, has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training as a fire protection specialist. Alrman Meeuwisen is a 1968 graduate of Lowell High School.

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Printed First Class Mike C. Goggin, 20 son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Goggin, 10336 Bailey Drive, Lowell, completed a land combat missile systems repair course Dec. 29 at the Army Missile and Munitions School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

During the 34-week course, he learned to maintain the Pershing, Sergeant, Redeye & Shillelagh missiles and their equipment. He also learned operating principles, functions and troubleshooting techniques of these missile systems.

Spec. Taylor, 20 son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Taylor, Grand River Drive, Lowell, Mich., also received the Air Medal for combat aerial support of the ground operations in Vietnam during the same ceremony. He is assigned as a radio-telephone operator where he is assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 17th Airborne Brigade's 503rd IN.

U. S. Air Force Captain Thomas E. Kulgren, brother of Robert D. Kulgren, 1357 Roosevelt, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at Randolph AFB, Tex., for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces.

Captain Kulgren was cited for his performance as an HH-43 Huskie helicopter pilot at the Royal Thai AFV, Thailand.

U.S. Air Force Major Charles C. Perdock, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pieter Perdock of 322 E. Patton, Ada, and husband of the former Miss Susan A. Simons is serving aboard the coast landing ship USS Belle Grove, which left its Long Beach home port late in January to begin a Western Pacific tour.

After a month of refresher training and two amphibious landing exercises off the coast of Southern California, Belle Grove deployed as an operating unit of the Seventh Fleet's Amphibious Squadron II.

The captain is presently assigned at Randolph in a unit of the Air Training Command.

## Notice of Special Election TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE Lowell Area Schools

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the Lowell Area Schools in the Counties of Kent and Ionia and State of Michigan, on Monday, MARCH 17, 1969

from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

"Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against property in the Lowell Area School District, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, for all purposes, be increased as provided by Sec. 8 of Article IV of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 by not to exceed 7.8 mills for the year 1969, on the equalized assessed valuation of all property for the purpose of using the proceeds of any taxes levied hereunder to provide funds for the operation of the Lowell Area Schools."

Harold Metternick, Secretary

### 'BEARLY' WORTH IT!

Further bear limits for U. S. sportsmen remote Siberia are being planned. On the first venture, 10 hunters ended with six Siberian bears, shivered in 60 degree below zero, and the trip cost \$3,500 apiece.

### Art's Radio & TV Service

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### BEHIND the COUNTER with CHARLES WESTON

There is a widespread belief that physicians must limit themselves to prescribing only those drugs that are absolutely safe. And we expect the government and the pharmaceutical industry to provide us with this protection, without realizing that it isn't realistic or wise.

You see, no form of medical treatment is absolutely without risk. We realize this when we're talking about surgery, but many of us don't accept this when it comes to medicine. We expect wonder drugs and medical "cures" to be available without any danger of side-effects—and that is almost impossible.

Naturally, we want to keep the danger to a minimum—and the FDA does a good job in providing that protection—but we must realize that each and every drug has more than one effect on the body's complex chemistry.

This doesn't mean we should stop using drugs, or stop searching for the best form of medical treatment. It does mean that the patient must be extremely careful in following the advice of the doctor and pharmacist regarding a prescription. One tablet twice a day means just that, two tablets a day won't work any better, and could be dangerous.

Physical education instructors Chuck Matthews and Bob Daugle explained the boys' portion of the program as students participating in the class.

### Cascade Pharmacy

PHONE 949-0590

### Plaid Pants for Spring

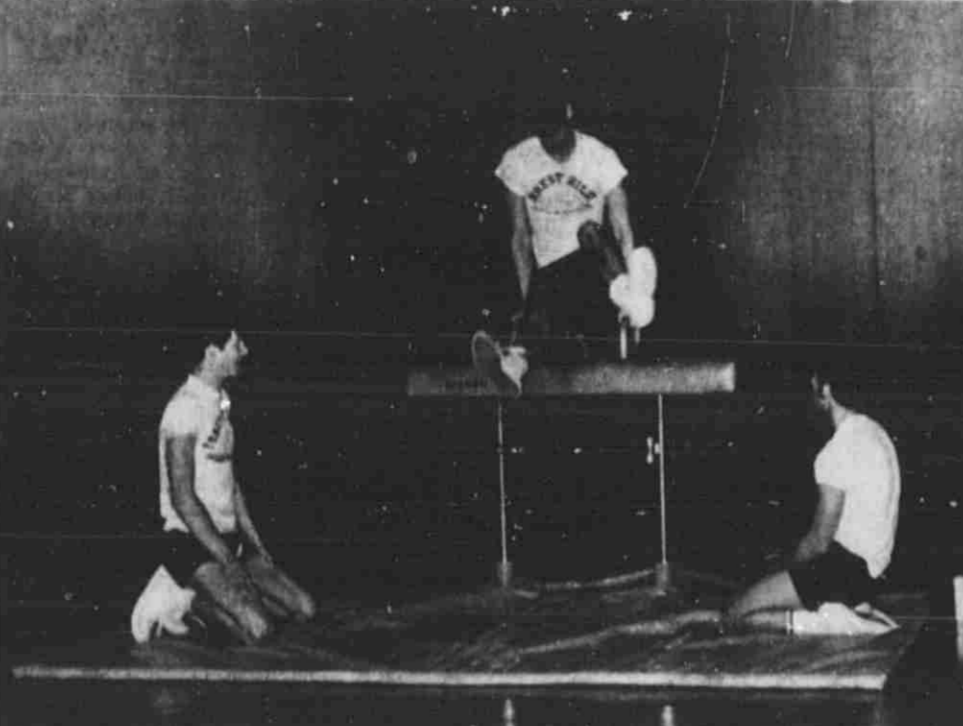
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GYM CLASS PERFORMS - Members of the Forest Hills High gym classes held a "gymposium" recently. Shown above performing on horse back is Dale Wiersum with Steve Bowles (left) and Dick Cook observing. Girls who demonstrated creative dancing include (pictorial) Janet Belding, Peggy Bradley, Sara Campbell, Martie Kirsch, Sue Eggeding and Barb Pullan.

Parents and friends of students participating in gym classes at Forest Hills High School attended a gymposium recently to determine for themselves "what it's all about."

Bob Fase and Bob Daniel, for example, made it in championship time (Just over eight seconds) in the Olympic rope climb.

The team of Guy Kirsch and Carl Jones won the doubles tumbling event with Mark Kelly and Bill Vanderlogt tying for second place with Cliff Sauer, and June Bird, woodwork trio; Dawn Richard, Mary Chaffee, and Luane Buehler; and Joann VanDer Mar, and Dan Spitzberger, brass ensemble.

Swedish gymnastics consists of a series of exercises set to music with dance transitions. The girls presented 15 numbers in groups of three to eight, with Sidney Johnson performing a solo.

Point-top winners in parallel bars was Dale Wiersum while Larry Cardinal finished first in side horse competition.

Creative movement dancing and Swedish gymnastics were presented by girls under the tutelage of Miss Joy Boelmer and Miss Joan Vandenberg, respectively.

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Others taking part were Larry Gabrion, Chris Wolfe, Merry Jo Hackstead, Elaine Stormstad, Janet Linton, Kim McKay, Cindy Buche, and Bernie Sarniak.

Both the full bands will also participate in the District 10 Band Festivals to be held next month. The Senior Band will appear at South Christian on March 8 and the Junior Band will travel to Hamilton March 15.

Those who took first were: Greg Hoyle, flute; Mary Lancaster, clarinet; Debbie Stanard, alto sax; Greg Oubeck, clarinet; Marcia VanHorn, oboe; Conroy Madison, alto sax; Herby Sherd, cornet; Marcia VanHorn, piano; Brad Berry, French horn; Mark Butler, snare drum; James Lancioni, snare drum.

Further details on this or any other program offered by the Lowell Branch can be obtained by calling the "Y" at 897-7375 or 897-7715.

On completion of the course, he will qualify for the school's certification as an electronics technician.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Determination, composed of Robert Bremer, Lloyd Hill and Gerald Systma, will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 1969, at 10 A. M., at corner of Dunbar and Marbury Dr., in the Plaid Ada, Michigan, and adjourn to the Ada Township Hall, 555 Ada Dr., S. E., Ada, Kent County, Michigan at 10:30 A. M. to hear all interested persons and to determine whether the drain in Drainage District, known as Adacraft Commons Drain, as prayed for in the Petition to locate, establish and construct, dated February 18, 1969, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, in accordance with Section 72 of Chapter IV of Act No. 40, P. A. 1956, as amended.

## Bands Compete in District Festivals

A number of the members of the Lowell Senior High and Junior High Bands recently took part in the Solo and Ensemble Festivals sponsored by District 10 of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

Rating was given according to the level of performance and musicianship of the event being judged. Comments and constructive criticism provided a basis for the pupil's understanding of the rating received.

The following ratings were awarded students entering the senior high festival on February 8 at Otsego:

Division I - Susan Bauer, bass clarinet solo; Christa Yeter and Sue Bauer, piano duet; Tom Thomas, Shirley Krebs, and Elizabeth Stormzand, clarinet trio; Tim McLaughlin and Peter Walter, percussion duet; Marcia VanHorn, sax solo; Dave Jones, and Mike Potter, trombone quartet.

Division II - Shirley Krebs, piano solo; Diane Northof, Frances Northof, Jeanne Lesman and Carol Clemenz, sax ensemble; Esther Rogers, flute solo; Tim McLaughlin, Pete Walter, Barbara Kelly, David Shelley, Richard percussion duet; Sue Bauer, piano solo; Marcia VanHorn, sax solo; Joanne Vader, Ruth Lee, Martha Coons, Sharon Wissman and Dan Spitzberger, brass ensemble.

Division III - Joan Sullivan, piano solo; Kathy Haybarker, Luane Buehler, Ken Roth, Dave Boone, and Mike Potter, brass ensemble; Christa Yeter, Sue Bauer, and June Bird, woodwork trio; Dawn Richard, Mary Chaffee, and Luane Buehler; and Joann VanDer Mar, and Dan Spitzberger, brass ensemble.

The winning Division I ratings will participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 22.

At the Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival at Middleville, on February 15, the following received Division I ratings from their judges:

Janet Bieri, flute solo; Nancy Coons and Dan Lamas, French horn solos; Patty Hagan, Nancy Rotter, and Charlie McKee, brass trio; Kathy Kryger and Debbie Thuston, clarinet, duet.

Division II medals were awarded to Dawn Phillips and Kim Marvin, flute duet; Janet Bieri and Patty Kelly, flute duet; Pat Hagen, Nancy Coons, Jack Pace, and Phil Gerard, brass quartet; Bonnie Shade, trombone solo.

Others taking part were Larry Gabrion, Chris Wolfe, Merry Jo Hackstead, Elaine Stormstad, Janet Linton, Kim McKay, Cindy Buche, and Bernie Sarniak.

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Those who took first were: Greg Hoyle, flute; Mary Lancaster, clarinet; Debbie Stanard, alto sax; Greg Oubeck, clarinet; Marcia VanHorn, oboe; Conroy Madison, alto sax; Herby Sherd, cornet; Marcia VanHorn, piano; Brad Berry, French horn; Mark Butler, snare drum; James Lancioni, snare drum.

Further details on this or any other program offered by the Lowell Branch can be obtained by calling the "Y" at 897-7375 or 897-7715.

On completion of the course, he will qualify for the school's certification as an electronics technician.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Determination, composed of Robert Bremer, Lloyd Hill and Gerald Systma, will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 1969, at 10 A. M., at corner of Dunbar and Marbury Dr., in the Plaid Ada, Michigan, and adjourn to the Ada Township Hall, 555 Ada Dr., S. E., Ada, Kent County, Michigan at 10:30 A. M. to hear all interested persons and to determine whether the drain in Drainage District, known as Adacraft Commons Drain, as prayed for in the Petition to locate, establish and construct, dated February 18, 1969, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, in accordance with Section 72 of Chapter IV of Act No. 40, P. A. 1956, as amended.

## Camp Fire Girls 25 Years Old

A Silver Anniversary theme will be celebrated by the Camp Fire Girls of Lowell at their annual Dad-Daughter Dinner.

The organization is proud of the fact that it is now in its 25th consecutive year in the community.

In the fall of 1944 three Camp Fire groups were organized in Lowell, where there had been no similar activity for several years. Later, Blue Bird and Junior Hi groups were added. Such events as the Christmas Tea for mothers, the Dad-Daughter Dinner, and the spring Council Fire were started and became annual affairs.

At present, over one hundred Lowell girls are members of groups which are part of the Keeweenaw Council of Camp Fire Girls, Inc. David Coons has served as chairman of district activities since 1944. Mrs. George Dey, as Special Funds chairman, is in charge of the annual Camp Fire and Blue Bird candy sales.

Those listed are Joanne Myers, 544 Lincoln Lake, Lowell; James Vekasi, 1501 Buttrick, Ada; Ann Gleaser, 378 Benjamin NE; William Schuller, 1740 Westwood NE; Thomas Werner, 1784 Schlegel SE; Michael Boytan, 1345 Cornell Drive; Thomas Genson, 1212 Langley and Kenneth Zick, 2805 Carwood Street, all of Grand Rapids.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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FILE NO. 118-230  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS  
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.  
Estate of **PHYLIS WITTENBACH**  
Deceased.  
IT IS ORDERED, that on March 20, 1969, at 10:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Edwin Wittenbach for appointment of an administrator and for a determination of heirs.  
Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.  
Date: February 13, 1969.  
A. DALE STOPPELS, Judge of Probate.  
VanderVeen, Frahofer & Cook  
Attorneys for Estate.  
1125 W. Main Street  
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A true copy.  
ROLAND R. ROBEY, Register of Probate. c48-49

**OCONNOR, McNAMARA & O'KEEFE**  
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PUBLICATION ORDER  
FILE NO. 118-230  
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND DETERMINE HEIRS  
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.  
In the Matter of the Estate of **TERRY ALAN WILLIAMS**  
Deceased.  
IT IS ORDERED, that on May 2nd, 1969, at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Harold Williams, executor, at 14306 52nd Street, Lowell, Michigan, prior to said hearing.  
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RICHARD N. LOUGHRIEN, Judge of Probate.  
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IT IS ORDERED, that on March 27th, 1969, at 10:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Jay DeWester for probate of a purported will, and for appointment of an administrator and for a determination of heirs.  
Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.  
Date: February 20, 1969.  
By: George R. Cook, Attorney for Estate.  
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Date: February 13, 1969.  
A. DALE STOPPELS, Judge of Probate.  
VanderVeen, Frahofer & Cook  
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IT IS ORDERED, that on May 15, 1969, at 9:30 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Harold DeWester, administrator, at 808 Carlton, Muskegon, Michigan, prior to said hearing.  
Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.  
Date: February 20, 1969.  
A. DALE STOPPELS, Judge of Probate.  
VanderVeen, Frahofer & Cook  
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Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule.  
Date: February 7, 1969.  
JOHN P. STREKETEER, Judge of Probate.  
OCONNOR, McNAMARA & O'KEEFE, Attorneys for Estate.  
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## Star Corners

Mrs. Ira Blough 880-2346

Roger Hestley and daughter, Marcia, of Grand Rapids spent Saturday afternoon at the Francis Hoffman home at Hastings Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Colvin's wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blough and children of Freeprest visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough Tuesday evening.  
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Mrs. Jennie Antonides is not feeling very well at present.  
Byron Greco from Ann Arbor spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalsira.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Plinger of Lowell called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Thompson of Grand Rapids Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and family of Flint were Saturday afternoon callers of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Overholt of Clarksville spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dalton were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Yake.  
Monday night fish dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antonides were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blocher and Paul Paquette of Esher, Caledonia and Cascade, and the Gary Davenportmans.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Verle Stahl and family ate Sunday dinner with their mother, Mrs. Kenneth Stahl. Later all called at the hospital to visit Kenneth who is not gaining as well as had been hoped.

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HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE CONCERNED PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS  
1. Why 31.4 mills?  
The maximum operating levy will be 34.1 mills. Bond millage will be reduced, before your next school tax bill, to 6.8 mills. This means a maximum levy of 27.3 mills, not 31.4.  
2. Why a 7 mill increase—38 will pay the deficit?  
The 7 mills is FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. 2.85 mills will pay the deficit. The remaining 4.15 mills, FOR ONE YEAR ONLY, is for operation of the schools 1969-1970. This year, including work on buildings and equipment not done this year, because of lack of funds.  
3. Why does it cost more for education in Lowell than in other comparable schools?  
It does NOT cost more. In a survey conducted by a disinterested party, the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, in February, 1969, Lowell was 1st in the state for per pupil ranked 16th out of 19 schools in Kent County. This is for the current year. Compared with all of the state's 236 High School Districts, Lowell ranks number 238, or a little below the average throughout the state, according to the Michigan Department of Education's Bulletin 1961 and 1962. Compared to the national median or average, according to the January, 1969 issue of School Management Magazine, Lowell ranks below the national average. Current Education Tax Per Pupil figure of \$16.48. This shows Lowell's current costs are not higher, but 1,238 THIRDS the normal.  
4. Why is the pupil-teacher ratio smaller in Lowell than in other comparable schools?  
Parents who are "concerned" for their children's education should be trying to lower the size of the classes, and raising the level of the teacher. The dollar seems to be the only guideline considered by the "concerned" citizen. It can only be pointed out that the current year's Official School Membership is 2,583 pupils; which, when divided by this year's 102.2 teachers, yields a ratio of 24.1. Excluding 8 teachers, who are reading teachers, the ratio would be 24.1 to 1.  
5. Why is the time spent by instructors for broad new curriculum not worth including in pupil-teacher ratio? It makes these courses appear not worthwhile.  
This question is a deliberate attempt to confuse the reader-voter. The only certified positions enclosed in the figures listed above are administrators, librarians, counselors and remedial reading teachers.  
6. Why does the school board refuse to represent the majority of the voters?  
A MAJORITY of voters signed petitions asking for another election. This is the will of the people. The board is representing a majority of the voters.  
7. Why dismiss 28 teachers representing over \$300,000 when the deficit is expected to be only \$91,000?  
28 teachers' salaries does not represent \$300,000.  
8. Why threaten parents with half day classes when it becomes obvious that that is not necessary if the board would ask for only enough millage to pay the deficit?  
This question represents someone's opinion, based on unknown figures. The fact is that the Board, when the voters elected, has said that payment of the debt by a 4 mill levy will not provide enough money to operate the schools, maintain buildings and equipment and instruct the students for the day program. There is no alternative except to reduce the staff to carry on a morning and an afternoon 3 hour session.  
9. Why run buses twice a day for half day classes? Would doubling present transportation costs be economy?  
The cost of transportation would not be doubled. This cost would increase from the present \$94,538 to \$121,180. This is due to 7 round trips per day rather than the two trips at present.  
10. Why would anyone without an eye on the job project next year's superintendent's salary to \$18,000? This is not M. S. U.  
The School Administration Placement Bureau Notice which Public School Superintendents are in the \$18,000 per year salary range. In 1969-1970 school year, the average salary paid to superintendents in Kent County is \$19,200.  
11. Why are teachers entitled to automatic salary increases yearly without an accompanied increase in productivity? Negotiations between teachers and School Boards are required by Public Act No. 279—State Law. Our present negotiated contract requires automatic salary increases! This is in line with current School practice.  
12. Why do school boards announce they are going to raise teachers' salaries before contract negotiations? No such statement has been made.  
13. Why hinder retirees on fixed incomes with more taxes? Under the present State Law this is the only alternative. This is State Law.  
14. Why should grandparents sacrifice more of their retirement checks for education while loving their grandchildren a heritage of fiscal insolvency? We are on a pay-as-you-go basis on school financing. Is this fiscal insolvency? We think not.  
15. Why should non-property owners be allowed to vote a millage tax on property owners?  
The landowner transfers this overhead cost to the renter which is the reason why the Law allows this. It is a State Law.  
16. Why should over half of our entire state budget of \$1.5 Billion go for education?  
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## Pleasant Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoffman of Logan and Dendall Craven of North Freeprest were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Dana Kaufman's.  
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In all, 114 students in the upper four grades made the honor roll for the marking period.

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Junior with perfect ratings were Vicki Hagemeier, Kathy Haybarker, Shirley Krebs and Esther Rogers.

The list of similar honorees in the sophomore class included Dave Blanding, Martha Coons, Tim DeHaan, Mark Healy, Jeanne Leeman, Bonnie Weemhoff, Joann Vader and Christa Yeter.

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The full list of honor roll students follows (those designated with an asterisk made the list for both the marking period and the semester):

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Alexander, Karen; Asplund, Cathy; Bauer, Sharon; Beach, Perry; Bigelow, Cindy; Bigelow, Babe; Brower, Jeff; Boone, Donna; Davies, Leo; Doyle, Louise; Doyle, Sally; Ellis, Nancy; Fairman, Don; Gabriel, Lori; Hall, Mary; Hendrick, Dan; Heintzleman, Nancy; Hill, Dan; Hoag, Kevin; Jones, Bandy; Kemper, Deb-  
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Chick Steak... 8c  
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Swiss Steak... 7c  
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RIB Steaks... 7c  
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**SPARTAN MILD MIDGET**  
Longhorn Cheese 59c  
OVEN FRESH CREME FILLED Flake Pastry 39c

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**CHURCH NEWS**  
ALTO METHODIST CHURCH  
The World Day of Prayer will be held at the Freeport Methodist Church on Friday, March 7, at 2 p. m.

**Adventure Series Continues**  
The congregators of Ada Congregational Church will present the 5th of their 7-Act and Adventure Series on Saturday, March 1, 8 p. m.

**Campfire Girls**  
The Kilgop Campfire group made plans for the Dad-Daughter Banquet and made invitations for it too.

**Bluebirds**  
The 3rd grade Happy Bluebirds met Feb. 18th. We answered roll call with something we knew about George Washington.

**Obituaries**  
EMORY FRIESNER  
Emory John Friesner of Ionia passed away early Monday morning at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

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**Baptists Welcome New Pastor**  
The Rev. Earl Decker will be the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell beginning on March 1.

**Rev. DECKER**  
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**JOHN BYRNE**  
John Byrne, lifetime resident of the Parrish area, passed away Saturday evening at the age of 88.

**BYRD BEACHUM**  
Byrd Beachum, aged 74, former resident of Lowell and Ionia, passed away at Avon Park, Florida on February 18.

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# Lowell Lamplighter

BY PATT BAMBRICK

This week we are instituting a new weekly column for and about Lowellites.

If you have any items, little bits of humor, or other material you feel are just the thing for the 'Lamplighter,' call Patt at 897-9261.

The home of Mary Lou and King Doyle was the scene of a seemingly innocent Valentine's Day party. But to Bob and Carol Reagan's surprise, friends had gathered not only to celebrate the red heart day, but to fete a red letter day for the Reagans—their 18th wedding anniversary. Helping to remember years past and toast future years were Carl and Jean Christenson, Lloyd and Jo Ritzema, Dan and Phyllis Lessens, Rose Ball, and Bud and Bernadine Norton.

Jan Lippert and daughter, Stacey, recently spent the day in Big Rapids, the town called home before Lowell happily claimed them. They spent a pleasant day visiting old friends.

Spring is just around the corner (I say this with crossed fingers), and once again our

"Moose," 80 pounds of Labrador-German shepherd, is greeting the warm season with mixed feelings.

Now Moose is afraid of absolutely nothing, with the possible exception of the sometimes weird noises emitted from our dishwasher. He is an excellent watchdog and protector of home and family, as anyone who even so much as drives into our driveway will testify to. As a matter of fact, he is an out and out bully, a vociferous protector against noisy trucks and boys on bicycles.

Birds, however, appear to be his nemesis.

Now the birds in our neighborhood aren't dumb. They know a patsy when they see one, and Moose is their special patsy. All spring, summer and fall, birds swoop over his head, just out of reach. They sit not two feet from the end of his chain, just staring at him while he slowly goes out of his mind.

Ah, spring. How do you soothe the jangled nerves of a bird-persecuted canine?

Carol and Jim Lillie, and Margaret and John McCallard spent an evening recently learning a new card game called Tunk. Everyone was gloating because Margaret was out of chips and they were sure she was all defeated. However, the last laugh was hers. Not only did she recoup, she kept right on winning and trounced everyone else, ending up as Tunk Supreme.

Carol and Larry Lawrence and daughter, Lisa Lea, have moved to their new home in Lowell, 606 Grindle Drive. Home for the weekend from their base in Texas were Rich Lyons and Dave Hoshet. It was their first visit with their families since they entered the Air Force.

Two Lowell couples were among the guests at a birthday dinner held on February 16th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Neilson in Ionia. Helping to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Donald Melcher of Muir were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melcher, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard of Lowell.

## Parents Reveal Couples' Wedding Plans



DIANA LABINE

Mr. and Mrs. Budd LaBine of 416 Kent Street in Lowell this week announced the engagement of their daughter, Diana, to Paul Denny.

He is the son of Lyle Denny, Sr. of 168 South Bridge St., Saranac.

Miss LaBine, a 1967 graduate of Lowell High School, is employed by the J. C. Penny Company in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé who is employed by Eberhards in Grand Rapids and is a Saranac High School graduate. No wedding date has been set.



ROSEMARY DELOOF

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Rosemary DeLoof to Darrell R. Beimers has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian DeLoof, Jr. of 2391 Alcott, Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Beimers of 14311 Oberley Dr., Lowell, are the parents of the prospective bridegroom.

Miss DeLoof is a 1968 graduate of Forest Hills High School and also a 1968 graduate of State College of Cosmetology. Her fiancé was a 1966 graduate of Lowell High School and is now attending Weaver Airlines School.



LINDA COOK

A June 21st wedding being planned by Linda Diane Cook and Len E. Hamp was announced this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Cook of 525 High Street in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hamp of 3005 Alden Nash in Lowell are the parents of the prospective bridegroom.

Miss Cook will graduate from Lowell High School in June of 1969. Her fiancé, a member of the Lowell High School Class of 1966, is a Kent County Sheriff's deputy.



CINDY PINCKNEY

Cindy Sue Pinckney and John W. Stremier are engaged to be married. The engagement was announced this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tildon Pinckney, Sr., of 403 Jackson Street, Lowell.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Stremier of Hudsonville.

He is at present serving his country with the US Navy while stationed aboard the USS Independence at Norfolk, Virginia.



SHIRLEY SEAMAN

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Shirley Jean Seaman to Patrick J. Murphy is proudly announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Seaman of Route 1, Lowell.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murphy of Alden Nash Avenue, Lowell.

Miss Seaman is a graduate of Lowell High School, class of 1966, and of Davenport College.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Lowell High School, and Grand Rapids Junior College.

### Coming Events

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet on March 6 at the home of June Wittenbach. Edith Roth is program chairman. Tom Bellows will give a talk on rocks.

St. Mary's Altar Society will hold their monthly meeting on March 3 at 8 p. m. at St. Mary's school. The business meeting will be held at 8:00 p. m., with guest speaker, school superintendent James Pace, scheduled to speak at 9 p. m. His talk will be on the upcoming school election and related questions.

Island City Rebekah Lodge will meet on Tuesday, March 4. Please come and see what the committee has in store.

The Women of the Moose will hold their chapter night meeting on Monday, March 3, in the club rooms.

The Annual Meeting of the Lowell Women's Bowling Association will be held at Legion Lanes in the meeting room on Monday, March 3, at 7 p. m. Tournament prize money will be handed out. Very important business to transact. Mark your calendar now.

The WSCS of the United Methodist Church will meet on Thursday, February 27, at 8 p. m. in the lounge. Mrs. Orion Thaler has the program, "Two in a Tussle." Mary-Ester Circle, hostess.

Parents of children in the Lowell Area School district interested in the topical fluoride program for their children should contact Mrs. Ervin Church, 868-6675, now for information.

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### Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

By able to start working immediately.

Spring also brings on the desire for fashions so a whole contingent of gals from the Paradise Lake Road area attended the Women's Symphony Committee showing at the St. Cecilia on Tuesday. Some had luncheon together in the Women's City Club prior to the program.

Reservations for the day were made by Barb Gallagher, Liz Pitcher, Enid Sprich, Sally Danhof, and Marilyn Eley. Joining them with many oohs and aaahs were: Pat Vander Maas, Lillian Scherd, Jean Guy, Mary Lou Moll, and Nancy Barrows.

Also on hand were Gerry Greenwood, Jill Carrick, Betty Nicely, and Sue Jarrad. In addition, watching neighbor Betty Monohan model in the fashion show were: Peg Kramer and Jan Stuart.

This season is also the time of the Bluebirds' candy sale. It has been on since February 11 and will continue until Mar. 4. Its proceeds are helping to pay for camp fees for the girls, for crafts, and for the council. It's a good product too.

Earning achievement records is for Cub Scouts too so Dan Doyle and Victor Walker of Den 6, Pack 3364 have written excellent reports of their activities throughout the year. Victor's letter tells us that the members of his den have taken a number of field trips with their den mother, Mrs. Dunk, and that they have been ice skating and tobogganing as well.

The pack plans its annual Blue and Gold banquet for this Friday at the Cascade school. There are eight dens with over 70 boys. What a potluck that will be!

Chas. Gallagher was awarded a four-day vacation in the Bahamas by Eureka-Williams so he and Barb made a real trip of it by also visiting Key West and Bradenton, Florida, as well.

Barb flew from here to Miami where she met her husband.

### Engaged

Jane Ann Smrcek and John Dennis Snider III are engaged and will marry on June 29.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smrcek of Charlotte and Dr. and Mrs. John D. Snider of 1827 Argentina Drive SE.

The future bride is a sophomore nursing student at Andrews University.

Mr. Snider was graduated from the University of Michigan School of Engineering magna cum laude. He is stationed in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donahue of 8101 East Fulton in Ada are the proud parents of a girl, Debra Kay, born at Butterworth Hospital on February 24. She weighed in at four pounds, twelve ounces.

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