

School Millage Requests in Voters' Hands Next Monday

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

Members of the Forest Hills School Board of Education and administration are completing a series of meetings with interested groups designed to better acquaint district residents on the importance of next Monday's special millage election.

Superintendent Robert Masten said the board is "hopeful of a large turnout" at the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in precincts located at Collins School at 4368 Heatherlane SE, and Forest Hills High School's multi-purpose room, 5901 Hall SE.

"The operation of the schools should not be decided by a few," said Masten. "Through these meetings, we hope that voters will be well informed when they cast their votes and that they turn out in large numbers."

The board is requesting 15 mills for each of the next three years to operate the district's growing school system. This is two mills greater than the operating levy approved in 1968 for a two-year period which has now ended.

The levy is made against state equalized valuation of properties within the district. SEV represents 50 percent of the true market value of property.

The board has pledged to "hold the line" should increases in property values and state aid be greater than anticipated.

"We have taken increased returns from these two sources into consideration in our planning," said Masten. "But we cannot anticipate a windfall. If valuations and state aid increase more than anticipated, the board will not levy the total millage."

It is the board's intention to maintain the present program and to upgrade and improve teaching methods and materials. It is possible that some critical needs not yet identified, such as changes mandated by North Central and the state, major mechanical breakdowns and necessary anti-pollution controls, will have to be met during the next three years.

Anticipated costs include additional financing to cover higher costs of supplies and equipment and to cover the cost-of-living increases to employees.

"A positive vote in Monday's election will give the schools of the district \$125,000 more dollars with which to operate this next year," said Masten.

"A negative vote will reduce the school's income \$800,000 dollars less than collected last year," he added.

BY FRAN SMITH

Though the board of education will ask 12.5 mills for operating purposes for each of the next two years, the likelihood of this amount being levied against properties in the Lowell Area School district have diminished.

This was the word from Superintendent Carl Hagen on the eve of the special millage election next Monday.

Polling places at Alto Elementary School in Alto and Runciman Elementary School in Lowell will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available daily between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and until Saturday at 2 p.m. in the superintendent's office at Bushnell School.

Hagen told board members at Monday night's monthly meeting that it now ap-

pears St. Mary's Grade School will continue in operation during the 1970-71 school year.

"We have been advised by St. Mary officials that the school will remain open," said Hagen. "Some of the planning that went into our request for 12.5 mills included the possibility of educating about 90 students from St. Mary."

"In addition," he said, "increased valuations in the district indicate at this time a lower levy... perhaps as low as 11 mills... will be required to operate the school system."

Much depends, he added, on the final formula for state aid that comes from Lansing. "We are continuing to anticipate an increase of about \$20 per student from state aid," he said.

Hagen again emphasized to a turnout of

about 45 residents that the board will levy only the amount needed to conduct normal school operations.

"The board has demonstrated in the past that it intends to keep faith with the voters," he declared.

The millage requested would replace tax levies that have ended. This includes seven mills voted three years ago and 5.5 mills of the seven mills approved last March to help erase about \$120,000 in accumulated debts.

If approved, the millage would be levied on the state equalized valuation of properties in the district. The SEV factor amounts to 50 percent of the true market (or cash) value of the property.

"If property is assessed at \$6,000," said Hagen, "the cost to the taxpayer on this millage request is \$75. Property with an SEV of \$10,000 will be taxed \$125."

In other action, the board: Recommended that the summer band program for both junior and senior highs be continued with students paying fees as they did in 1969;

Approved a recommendation that the transportation committee look into possible purchase of a 48-passenger bus with special lifting devices to handle severely handicapped students;

Approved tenure for 10 teachers and accepted, with regrets, the resignations of five others; and

Approved the election boards for Lowell and Alto for Monday's election.

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There are those among the faithful who tend not to agree with anything written by The Smithy... but I sincerely hope they will stop and reflect on that which follows and then, hopefully, attend the polls on Monday with firm resolve to back local school officials.

I might have used the word "beleaguered" school officials, which dates back to the 16th Century and denotes encirclement.

If ever anyone is encircled these days it has to be our school administrators.

On one side are the taxpayers, many of whom are simply sick and tired of paying taxes in any form... whether to sponsor schools or county, state and Federal governments.

On another side are teachers and staff personnel asking for new benefits, some economical and still others dealing with working conditions, but all of which cost the taxpayers money in the long run.

On still another side are county, state and Federal School officials, all trying their best to improve the educational standards of students... but most of them so hopelessly bound in red tape that local schoolmen need daily interpretation to determine just what it's all about.

And on still another side are our noble legislators in Lansing who do a mighty fine job of breast-beating about accomplishments in less important areas, but who don't seem to want to settle down on this matter of school aid.

In the middle of this great encirclement stand the elected and appointed school administrators seeking to peer over horizons that lesser men have not yet perceived even exist.

Well, now, what has preceded may appear to make The Smithy a close ally to our schoolmen. This may not necessarily be so. What we are may better be phrased as a friend to better education.

It takes money to create better education. In due time, much of that money may be raised on a statewide basis through income taxes or other means.

But for now, it is the obligation of local taxpayers to pick up the difference between that amount allocated by county and state and the amount realistically required to run the schools.

This is called "locally-voted operating millage." Please note the two important words... local and voted. There can be no assessment made against property by local governmental units unless voted upon by qualified electors of the school district.

Millage voted in for one year no longer exists after the one year. A two-year millage levy expires at the end of two years and so on.

If voters refuse to honor the request of their chosen representatives for new millage (as happened recently in Grand Rapids), there simply will be no taxes levied against property and all plans for conducting normal schedules and normal programs must be shelved.

This is the specter hovering over the educational system in Grand Rapids. It hovers, as well, over other communities whose electorate have spurned millage requests.

It is to be hoped that come next Tuesday the future conduct of our schools will have received a warm and whole-hearted endorsement from the local electorate.

Anything less, over the long haul, would be disastrous.

Will Visit City

Congressman Gerald R. Ford announced today that his special assistant, Gordon Vander Till, will hold office hours on his behalf in Lowell this Friday (March 13) in the City Council Room from 2:30 - 5 p.m.

Ford urged that all Lowell area residents needing help with a problem or simply wishing to express their views on national and international issues talk with his special assistant. No appointments are necessary.

DON'T DRINK THE WATER - By Woody Allen. March 13 and 14, Lowell High School auditorium, 8:00 p.m. Admission, \$1. c-48



EASTER SEAL CHILD - Nine-year-old Carol Geldersma of Lowell will represent a six county area for the Grand Valley Easter Seal campaign. With Carol, from left, are Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. Russell Geldersma, Mrs. Arnold DeLoof and Mrs. Robert Perry. Mrs. Geldersma is district chairman for the society, the others are area leaders. Missing is Mrs. Gary Rash.

Area Miss Named Again as Easter Seal Honoree

A nine-year-old Lowell girl has been named to represent the Grand Valley Area Easter Seal Society for 1970.

Selected for the second time in her young life, Carol Geldersma, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Geldersma, 12583 McPherson Road, represented Kent County in the Easter Seal campaign of 1963-64. Her mother has been an area leader for Easter Seals for several years, and again heads up the Lowell district.

The Grand Valley Easter Seal Society, covers six counties, including Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm and Ottawa.

Volunteers, tagged as Easter Seal representatives, will visit homes in the area on

March 16, 17 and 18 to deliver sheets of the 1970 Easter Seals, explain local services available to crippled children and adults and accept contributions to help finance these services.

The Easter Seal Society of Grand Valley serves the handicapped by providing physical and occupational therapy at its center at 217 South Disision, Grand Rapids, and to the homebound. Recreational activities, a swimming program and a camping program for crippled children and adults also are provided. Easter Seals furnish braces, wheel chairs, hospital beds, and other equipment and therapy to help the handicapped help themselves.



CURTAIN NEARS - Bob Graham and Amy Lake are shown during final rehearsal for "Don't Drink the Water," a two-act comedy to be presented at Lowell High this Friday and Saturday evenings.

Valuation in Ada Up \$2-Million

Assessed valuation for Ada Township, as with other growth areas in eastern Kent County, rose more than \$2-million in the past year.

This was the report offered by Supervisor Fred Clancy at the bi-monthly meeting of the township board Monday night during which supervisor, who also serves as assessor, noted that property values were established at \$20,462,000. This was \$2,590,000 greater than 1969's figure of \$17,872,000.

In a major point of business, the board indicated a desire to assist in the county's sanitary landfill problem by having the Ada dump serve as a pick-up location for trash that would be hauled to the site eventually selected to service the country's needs.

The board noted that one of the landfill requirements calls for a 200-acre site, but Ada Township has no such site available.

The board also discussed with Fire Chief Stan Osmolenski and Assistant Chief Darwin Nellis the need for replacing the township's antiquated rig. A newer truck, owned by the county, also serves the township.

Discussions on the possible purchase of a truck, which takes about a year to deliver, will continue on March 23 when the annual township budget is reviewed.

Estimated costs for a new rig are set at between \$40,000 and \$45,000. There is presently \$5,000 in the equipment fund and, in all probability, a special millage proposal would be needed to fund the purchase, it was agreed.

Chief Osmolenski reported a total of seven runs for the previous month. Four of these were to Amway, several were grass fires and there was one false alarm. So far this year there have been twelve runs.

Cost estimates for the improvement of two sections of Spaulding Avenue were given. One section runs from Cascade Road north to Ada Drive. Another section goes between Ada Drive north to the Grand Trunk Railroad line.

Within a week the board members will decide just what and how much improvement will take place. The costs of road building and repair are up as much as 65% according to Clancy. A blow to budgeting for roads was received on February 3 when the board members were informed by the Kent County Road Commission that there was to be a cutback in matching funds usually allotted to each township.

Last year the townships could receive as much as \$10,000 if they could put up the same amount. This year the figure will be \$7,500.

Herman Stukkie, township building inspector, reported five permits issued during the past month. Only one was for a new dwelling, the balance were for additions and improvements to property. The total valuation of the permits came to \$47,300.

A year ago at this time, he had issued eleven permits, eight of which were for new homes, with the total valuation of \$378,500 for the two months.

Will Present Comedy at Lowell HS

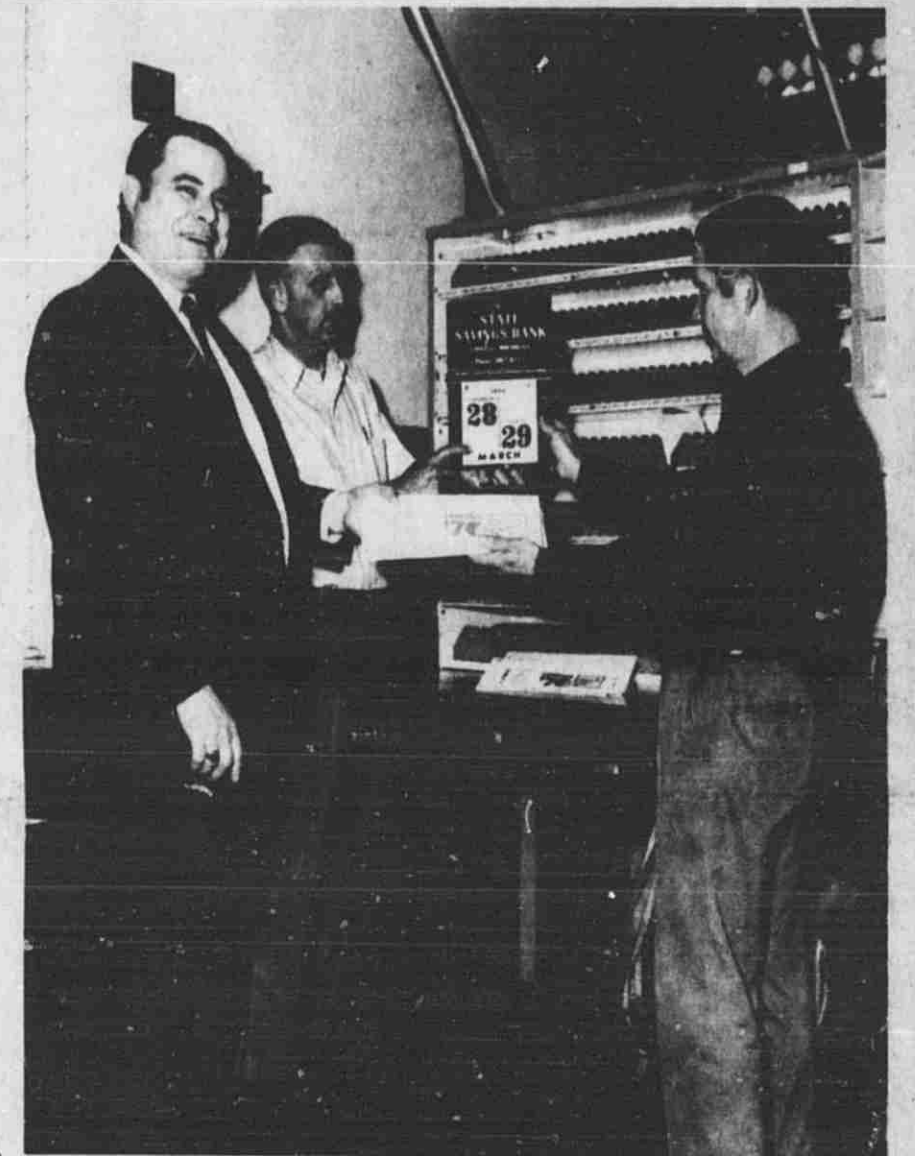
Where does an American tourist in trouble abroad go for aid and assistance? To the American Embassy, of course.

But when the American ambassador has a history of expulsion from a dozen or more countries, the situation does become a bit difficult.

Thus the story goes in "Don't Drink The Water," a two-act comedy written by Woody Allen and scheduled to be performed by Lowell High thespians this weekend.

Heading the cast are Mitch McMahon, who plays the lead role; Mary Manigold, who portrays his wife, with Kris McKeage as the daughter.

Curtain time Friday and Saturday evenings is 8 p.m. at the Lowell High School auditorium.



PREPARING FOR BIG DAY - Postal employees will do much to help expedite the 1970 census, scheduled for April 1, by delivering questionnaires to homes throughout the area. Shown getting ready for the event are Lowell postmaster Charles R. Doyle, city carrier Rex Collins and rural carrier Paul Kerekes (left).

Calm Prevails Following Troubled School Meeting

A flare-up in the Lowell High School athletic department that threatened at one time to embroil the community in controversy has apparently been resolved.

Almost 50 residents and teaching colleagues were in attendance Monday at the monthly board of education meeting and witnessed verbal fireworks centering about alleged violations of school policy by football coach Al Rowe.

Tuesday morning, however, Rowe met with school administrators to go over a number of grievances aired in the tense confrontation.

"Much of what was said at the board meeting was spoken in anger," said Rowe. "I like this community and I feel that I can be of assistance to the young people of the community."

"If I did not feel this way, I would have simply walked away and said nothing."

The apparent difficulty stemmed from Rowe's refusal to attend driver training school as a qualification for driving a school bus as part of his assignment as golf coach.

Rowe said Tuesday he had agreed to conform to the policy and Athletic Director Robert Perry said he had advised board members that he was recommending Rowe be given the golf coaching assignment.

Perry pointed out in Monday's meeting that coaches in six of the eight Tri-River Conference schools are required, by school policy, to handle some bus driving responsibilities.

"We operate our athletic on a most restrictive budget," Perry said, "and for this reason we ask that coaches drive buses when possible. We hope the time will come when this may not be the case."

Rowe, Perry, Principal Donald Kelly and Superintendent Carl Hagen all were involved in airing several charges and counter-charges during the board meeting.

A list of alleged violations of school policy, contained in a memorandum from Kelly to Hagen, was read in part.

In addition to refusing to drive a bus to and from golf practice, Rowe reportedly did not conform to school policy on the matter of letter awards.

"Several aspects of this policy do not meet with my philosophy," explained Rowe, "but I think we can resolve these differences of opinion."

Both Perry and Kelly told the board and audience that they had great respect for Rowe's ability as a coach and as a disciplinarian.

The parents of several athletes also defended Rowe's coaching ability.

A loss of certain credits from his prior schooling in Ohio also left Rowe four hours short of Michigan accreditation, it was noted. Rowe said he will fulfill this requirement within the week.

Late Tuesday, it appeared the troubled waters of the previous night, if not calm, were only slightly ruffled.

Lift Station Aids Future

If residents and commuters in the Cascade area have been curious about the construction project at the edge of the village on Thornapple River Drive, it is the site of a lift station for water and sewer services, that will connect to the Grand Rapids system.

The station is being built by the City of Grand Rapids, using funds from a Federal Grant and no local assessment will be required for the station or the main.

Although the need for this service does not exist in the residential area at this time, there is a growing interest in city water and sewer along the industries developing along 28th Street.

The station is located where it is because engineering studies found it to be the best for serving the present and future needs of the entire natural drainage area.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

Monday, March 16:
Ada Township planning commission. 7:30 p.m., township hall.
Bonne Township board meeting. 8 p.m., Alto library.
City of Lowell council meeting. 8 p.m., city hall.
Tuesday, March 17:
Grand Rapids Township board meeting. 7:30 p.m., township hall.
Forest Hills school board meeting. 8 p.m., school administration building.



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Thursday, March 12
"Pap Tests" a film produced by the American Cancer Society, will be presented jointly by the VFW Auxiliary and the Lowell Woman's Club on Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m., at the VFW Hall on East Main. All interested women are urged to attend.

The Alto Garden Club is invited to meet with the Thornapple Garden Club in Hastings at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Friday, March 13
South Boston Extension will meet with Mrs. Glendon Bove Friday, March 13, potluck dinner at 11:30. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, OES will hold its regular meeting Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at Lowell.

Snow Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Alderick, Cascade Road on Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14
The regular meeting of the South Boston Grange will be held on Saturday, March 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Northington of rural Portland. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

Monday, March 16
Ionia County Pomona Grange will be held at Berlin Center Grange Hall on Monday, March 16. Potluck dinner at 7:30 p.m. Bring table service for family and a dish to pass.

Tuesday, March 17
The Island City Rebekah Lodge of Lowell meets at their Lodge Hall Tuesday, March 17 at 8 p.m. Preceded by a 6 o'clock potluck supper. Please bring dish to pass and service. Remember it's St. Patrick's Day!

The Lowell High Varsity Club annual Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, March 17, at the high school cafeteria. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18
The Alto Garden Club will meet for potluck dinner at 12:45 on March 18 at Alto Methodist Church. Bring own service and dish to pass.

BIRTHS
A daughter, Tracy Lynette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thuston March 12. Tracy tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 5 1/2 oz.
A daughter, Catrina, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Stotts of New York. Catrina was born on February 28. Mrs. Stotts is the former Catherine Hamer.

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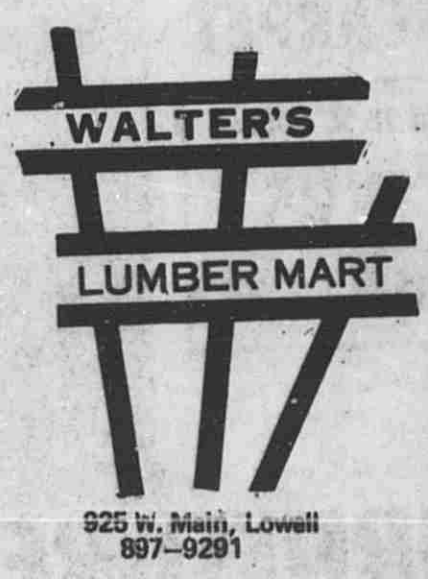
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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
Next Monday, March 16, the voters in Forest Hills school district will either accept or reject an increase in millage for the Hill Board of Education, the cost of the increase to the taxpayer is estimated at \$1.00 per \$1,000 cash value home (FOCUS dated March 3, 1970).

Last week, page 1 of the Ledger-Suburban Life headlined the seven increase in property valuations. In Cascade Township alone the valuation increased over \$8 million. Coupled with an increase of \$2.5 million in Ada Township, the increased assessments in Kentwood and the growth of Grand Rapids Township, plus the sale of the old Ada School for \$26,000 and the Egypt Valley School for \$10,000, it appears that the Forest Hills schools will have a substantial increase in revenue without additional millage being levied on overburdened taxpayers.

I contacted the president of the school board and asked him how much additional revenue the increases in valuations and assessments would yield to Forest Hills schools. He said he didn't know - but, that an increase in valuation also meant an increase in student enrollment. Now really, I question this. Especially when I view the new commercial construction in Forest Hills School program wherein Girl Scouts will extend themselves in groups or singly into urban, poverty and ecological problems of their own areas.

Workshops and panels were designed for all-girl participation, with leadership augmented by professionals in social, musical and psychological areas.

GIRL SCOUTS
Glori Chartier, Chrys Childress, Shari Smart and Nancy Van Noord, all of Ada, attended a Senior Girl Scout Conference sponsored by the Senior Girls of Michigan Trails Council of Grand Rapids last week.

Two hundred girls from three states convened in Grand Rapids on this week-end preceding National Girl Scout week to share thoughts and talents, looking towards an "Action 70" National program wherein Girl Scouts will extend themselves in groups or singly into urban, poverty and ecological problems of their own areas.

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'Y' Offers Course on Stock Investing

The Lowell YMCA will offer a special short-term course in the Basic Fundamentals of Stock Investing which will begin March 16 at the Lowell Senior High School.

The class will begin at 7:30 and will run for three consecutive Mondays. Class content will include the study of the stock exchange, investment analysis, financial statements, open accounts with brokers, bonds and mutual funds.

Instructors will be F. Wayne Hathaway from the firm Paine, Weber, Jackson & Curtis and Ed Veneklas of W. C. Roney & Co. Both of these men and their respective firms have had successful classes at the Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids and in the surrounding areas.

There will be no charge for the class and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

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Alto PartyLine

The Ledger is searching for a new Alto correspondent. If you'd like to be our gal from Alto, or know someone who would, contact Pett Bambrick at the Ledger office, 897-9261.

The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Alice Pitsch held a birthday get-together on March 4 to celebrate Mrs. Pitsch's turning 76 years young. Ice cream and cake was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Pitsch is at present in Osteopathic Hospital undergoing a checkup and tests.

BEAUTY HINTS
Beauty suggestions followed by famous models are outlined in "Eileen Ford's Book of Model Beauty" which can now be obtained at the Kent County Library in Lowell.

STAR CORNERS
Mrs. Ira Blough 868-2505

Mrs. Harold Seese with Mrs. Robert Burkhardt of Freeport were Hastings shoppers Thursday. They also visited Mrs. Otto Colvin while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and family and Lyle Miller were Friday supper and evening guests at the Lloyd Miller home.

Harold Miller of Shipshewana, Ind. called at the Francis Shaffer home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Swanson and Jeffery were Tuesday supper guests of their mother, Mrs. Esther Swanson at Grand Rapids.

Lloyd Miller with young people of Calvary Church enjoyed bowling at Lowell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Heasley and daughters of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaffer in the afternoon they all called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCaul in their new home at Pedder Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schondelmeyer of Middleville were Friday supper and evening guests at the Harold Seese home.

Mrs. Russ Swanson and Jeffery had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough Thursday.

Irvin Rodgers, Alex Wingeier, John Krebs, also Ray Seese of Freeport, David Krebs of Grand Rapids, Ivan K. Blough of Lowell were callers the past week at Ira Bloughs.

Mrs. Helen Burkey and granddaughter of Hastings were Sunday afternoon callers at Francis Shaffer's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fuss, Fred Fuss and sister Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. David Wingeier, John Krebs, the Wingeier sisters were among the many friends that attended the open house for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roth at Lowell Sunday afternoon in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Freeman Hoffman was a Sunday dinner guest at the Lloyd Miller home.

John Krebs and son David called at Alex Wingeiers Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Clair Kauffman returned home Wednesday from St. Mary's Hospital following surgery. Callers at the Kauffman home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker and Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stahl and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nash, Mrs. Wm. Porritt, Mrs. Cletus Wieland, Mrs. Ernestine Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lofters of Hastings, Steve Elliott and Tom Holworth of Grand Rapids.

PLAN ANTIQUING DEMONSTRATION
A home decorating and antiquing demonstration by Jerry Helmholdt, Jr., one of the Helmholdt Decorating Center on South Division will be open to men and women on Thursday, March 19 at 8 p.m.

The program is being sponsored by the Mother's Club of Ada Christian School.

Useful hints and recipes for cooking for two are given in Janet Hill's revised "Cooking for Two" which has been added to the Lowell branch of the Kent County Library.

FREEZER COOK BOOK
Everything from soup to desserts are covered in Charlotte Erickson's new book, "The Freezer Cook Book" which can be obtained at the Kent County Library in Lowell.



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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis are rejoicing over the birth of their first great-grandchild, Scott Alan, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drier of Wyoming, Michigan, weight, 7 lbs. and 9 oz. Mrs. Drier was Sue Ann Hawley before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Douglas Hornich, Kraft Avenue, called here one day last week. She helped me when Charles and Cara Lee were babies, and attended school at Caledonia.

I was surprised and grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Timponi. I worked for the Timpons several fall when Charles' parents operated the orchard at Alto.

Don and John Dutcher flew to Florida last week to visit their father, Maynard, who was very ill.

Suci Matek of Cologne Germany, who was a Lowell High exchange student in '66-'67, is presently visiting the R. D. Siegel family at Alto.

Mrs. Edward Pattison (nee Dorothy Schroeder of Caledonia) passed away Saturday morning at the home of her son in Holland, Mich., where she had been convalescing following the removal of a brain tumor. Fred and Maude Pattison (Edward's parents) were next door neighbors to me, in Alto, for several years. . . . And what wonderful neighbors!

Alex Wingeier died early Friday morning. He was stricken while feeding the chickens, and had to be helped into the house, where he died a short time later.

Mrs. Clifford Martell, of Cumberland Estates, is confined in Sunshine Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida. Her daughter, Velma Hartley, was one of my music pupils when the Martells lived just west of Kettle Lake and we lived on the other side.

Five ladies of the Alto area attended the regular meeting of the Farm Women's Group, at Schenual's. Mrs. Esther Bancroft, Mary Linton, Marian Carlson, Elsie Johnson and Gladys Shade. They were entertained by the Caledonia exchange student, Hanne Matek, from Germany.

SNOW AREA
Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Snow United Methodist Church has purchased a new organ which we think will be much appreciated by the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and family and Miss Janice Snyder of Sanford were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dalstra.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox and in the afternoon all called on Mr. and Mrs. John Overholt of near Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doezema, Dawn and Robin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Dorothy Lowry of Zeeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McCune Sunday afternoon. Mrs. McCune is recovering very nicely from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaler and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller and sons of Kingsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole and the Post children went to Ferguson and Droste Hospital Sunday to call on Don Post.

Mrs. Alice Reynolds, in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ward Geb of Ada, attended the funeral of her cousin, Sid Geb, of Caledonia. Mrs. Reynolds spent the night with Mrs. Geb and attended the Denison Guild at Cascade Church Tuesday.

Spec. 4 Leo Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and their baby are at home for a month's vacation from Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. Alice Reynolds was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanHesteren of Grand Rapids.

ELMDALE
Mrs. Sargant 693-2242

The writer wishes to correct an item which she had in a recent edition of the Ledger. It was the "Craig Brothers Builders" who bought the Hershel Wolford farm. The writer had been told that it was Richard Craig. I am also aware that the Craig brothers have been very busy the past couple of years on construction work.

The writer is listing the address of Mrs. Gertie Ware who resided in South Boston for so many years. Her address is 9137 W. Vienna Rd., Montrose, Mich. 48459. The aged lady will be 90 years old on March 29th. A sister, Mrs. Lorna Fish of Freeport, four years in quite good health, loves to get cards and letters but due to failing eye sight, is unable to do any writing.

Let's give her a birthday card surprise.

The local communities were deeply saddened as the news was given of the sudden passing of Alex Wingeier, Saturday morning. Sincere sympathy is extended to the widow Edwina and sons Walter and Clair and families.

Mrs. Albert Carigon of Big Pine Island Lake and Mrs. Howard Carigon of Grand Rapids were Friday visitors of Mrs. Grace Carigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mishler, Mrs. Grace Carigon, Mrs. Pearl Stahl and Richard Crisner and brother enjoyed Sunday dinner with Rev. and Mrs. Dan Zook.

Mrs. Harold Alderick has informed ye scribe that her son, Duane Weeks of near Freeport, will undergo major surgery at the hospital at Belding.

Ralph Stahl is a patient at Pennock Hospital of Hastings, where in a few days he will undergo surgery.

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Arrows Drop Lone Start in 'B' Tournament, 81-65

A season that offered prospects of glory, but produced one disappointment after another ended quickly and decisively for Lowell High School's basketball squad last week.

The Arrows wilted under East Christian's attack in the second quarter of the Class B District semifinal game at East Christian High gym and came off the floor, an 81-65 loser in the one-loss-and-out event.

East Christian also failed to make it into regional play, however, when the Panthers dropped a 58-50 decision to Central Christian in the district finals.

The lone bright spot throughout the campaign for Lowell was the play of junior Denny DeWitt, who connected for 21 points in the finale.

"Denny gave us a good game and so did Blair Cahoon," said Coach Jack Kempker, "but we just didn't have the personnel to handle them."

Cahoon scored 16 points before fouling out in the final game of his prep career. Other seniors who saw action in the finale were Ted Hesteth, Ken Roth and Craig Wittenbach.

DeWitt hit for five hoops in the opening quarter to help Lowell overcome an early 12-5 advantage built up by the Panthers and the Arrows, surprisingly, held a 17-16 edge at the end of the first eight minutes.

That's when East went to work in earnest, dominating both backboards to carry a 37-29 lead into the dressing room at half-time. Lowell managed to hit on just four of 19 field goals attempts in the quarter for 21 percent.

"The Arrows were almost as cold in the final stanza, netting five of 22 attempts as the Panthers, who held a 56-47 third quarter lead, won going away by outscoring the Red and White, 25-18.

Final statistics indicate that DeWitt finished fourth in Tri-River Conference scoring ... collected one point out of the runner-up spot.

The 6'2" sharpshooter collected 100 baskets and 44 free throws in 14 conference tilts for 264 points and an 18.9-per-game scoring average.

Rod Helzel of Cedar Springs, which shared first place with Greenville in the final standings, set the scoring pace with a record-setting 321 points for a 22.9 average.

Steve Stuts of Rockford and Pete Lamberts of Comstock Park were tied for second with 265 points, good for 18.9-point averages. Larry Jones of Cedar Springs was a close fifth with 263 points and an 18.8-per-game mark.



ARROWS FAREWELL — Pets Olson takes to the air to avoid two East Christian High defenders in the Class B district tournament, but his effort was in vain as Lowell dropped an 81-65 decision to Panthers. Seeking to stop Olson are Bob Kingma (52) and Al Jensen (20). At the left are Christian's Jim Van Goo and Lowell's Blair Cahoon (45). PHOTO BY KEVIN SMITH

Sports

Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, March 12, 1970

LHS Contender for Loop Award

Lowell High School is a definite contender to pick up its sixth all-sports trophy in 10 years in the Tri-River Conference, according to Arrows Athletic Director Bob Perry.

Greenville tops the circuit at the halfway mark with 76 points with Sparta second just one point behind Lowell's 66 points are good for third place. Rockford (60), Cedar Springs (58), Belding (51), Coopersville (50) and Comstock Park (12) trail in that order.

Under conference rules, a team championship is worth 14 points and each position thereafter is worth two points less. In addition, each win in a double-round schedule is worth one point and each win in a single-round schedule earns two points.

Lowell accumulated 28 points in wrestling, 24 in cross country and seven each in football and basketball.

"It may be early to say, but a respectable showing in the four spring sports ... baseball, golf, tennis and track ... could give us the points needed to win the all-sports trophy," said Perry.

Only two schools have ever won the award. Rockford has won it three of the past four years and a total of four years in all.

If the Rams hope to tie Lowell's five-time mark, it will have to be this year or never. Starting next fall, Rockford enters the Ottawa-Kent Conference along with Comstock Park.

TAKES HONORS AT MSU SWINE SHOW

A Hampshire shown by Orlo Roth of Lowell in the MSU Swine Show rated sixth in the carcass competition and fifth on foot. This animal was one of 203 entered in the show.

Ranger Matman Drops Two Close Decisions

In its first year as a Class A high school, Forest Hills was able to send one representative to the state finals.

"Craig Van Shuyters did a splendid job," said his coach, Chuck Mathews. "He went in against all of that fine competition and gave his best."

In his first round, Van Shuyters decided Don Nagy of Hazel Park by a resounding 9-0 score. At the quarter finals, Van Shuyters lost to the eventual state champion, Ron Thrasher of Port Huron Northern, in a close decision, 4-3.

That loss put Van Shuyters in the first round consolation where he lost a heartbreaker to Charles Young of West Lansing John Glenn. The score at the time of the bell, just as Van Shuyters had his opponent on his back, was 1-1. The other matman had a total of five seconds more riding time than the Ranger, and thus won the decision 2-1.

This year's state champion in Class A was Detroit Catholic Central with Pontiac Northern as runner-up.

Will Fete Matmen

Parents, brothers and sisters and fans of the Forest Hills wrestling team who would like to honor team members and coaches have been invited to attend a desert smorgasbord this Friday (March 13) at 7:00 p.m. in the high school's multi-purpose room.

All guests are asked to bring desserts for eight. A film showing the national championship wrestling team for 1969 will be shown.

GRID REGISTRATIONS MARCH 19

Registration of boys aged 8 through 13 who wish to play in the Lowell region of the Thornapple Valley Youth Football League will be held in the American Legion Hall on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Parents of interested boys are also urged to attend. Registration will be closed this spring.

TRACK, BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Forest Hills High School track and baseball players will be asked to stay after school for meetings and registration next Monday (March 16).

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Campfire Girls Mark 'Their' Week

Camp Fire Girls across the United States will be celebrating their 60th birthday as an organization the week of March 15-21. The first day of the week will be observed as Camp Fire Sunday, in recognition of the first tent of the Camp Fire Law, "Worship God." In Lowell, the girls will be attending in groups the churches of their choice. A birthday week display will be in Speer's window on Main Street, arranged by Mrs. Carl Shore's 4th grade group.

The Keewano Council of Camp Fire Girls, which includes Lowell, was started 50 years ago in Grand Rapids. This theme of the Golden Anniversary is being carried out in the 12th annual Pow Wow, to be held at Northeast Junior High School on Fuller, N.E., March 13th from 5 to 9 p.m., and March 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Demonstrations of the numerous activities of Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds will be shown, entertainment will be provided continuously and refreshments will be available. The proceeds will be used to pay the land contract on the resident camp at Hesperia, Camp Keewano. Tickets are available from any Camp Fire Girl or Blue Bird. Door prizes will be drawn for at intervals throughout the two days.

Plan Art Show at Sparta Church

Jann Arsen will jury the entries for the Ninth Annual Christian Art Show scheduled for Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta, March 22-29. Artists may bring their works to the Sparta Church, 1225 12 Mile Road NW between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. March 13-15.

The Belgian-born Mrs. Arsen is fine arts coordinator for the cultural affairs department of community services at Oakland Community College in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

More than 200 entries are expected for this year's exhibit. From these, Mrs. Arsen will choose between 80 and 90 pieces for display in the Lutheran Church March 22-29. She will also award prizes.

Each artist is limited to three entries, and there is no entry fee. All works submitted must be original works and must have a Christian motif, that is, expressing a Christian thought or idea. The works may be painting, watercolor, sculpture, ceramics, prints, drawings, weaving, banners, crafts, jewelry, and scale models.

CHURCH SERVICES

K. L. D. S. ALASKA

Sunday, March 15, 1970, Church School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Speaker, Elder Robert Buller. Theme, "Let This Mind Be In You." Junior worship service for ages 7, 8, and 8 year olds during 11 o'clock service. Evening worship, 7 p.m. Speaker Elder Floyd LaLone. Theme, "In This World, But Not Subjected To It."

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. The Zioners will have a Taffy Pull.

Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. Midweek Fellowship Service. Speaker to bring lesson, Pastor Ken Colburn. Theme, "Response Through Repentance."

Teens Take Honors in Bible Quiz

In the tradition of David and Goliath, the Elmde Church of the Nazarene has sent out a team which took top honors at the Junior Bible Quiz in Grand Rapids. This is the second year Elmde has sent a winning team and this year's group will go on to Lansing on March 21st to compete for the title of Michigan District Champions.

Members of the winning junior team are Julie Rosenberg, Coleen Erdman, Tim Seese, Tammy McCall and Merry Heaven.

Although the Teen Team were not winners, one of their members, Pam Erdman, was high scorer and was selected to represent the Grand Rapids Zone Team. Other team members from Elmde were Sue Seese, Jane Heaven, Maryann Courter and Sue Kranenberg.

Form Ministerial Association in City

Formation of the Lowell Ministerial Association has been announced.

Presiding officer for LMA is Reverend Earl Decker of First Baptist Church. Reverend F. Ervin Hyde of First Congregational Church serves as secretary-treasurer.

Member churches, in addition to the two mentioned above, and their pastors are Calvary Christian Reformed (Reverend Bernard Pynaard), Church of the Nazarene (Reverend James E. Leitzman) and First United Methodist (Reverend Dean Bailey).

An early project of the LMA, according to Reverend Decker, will be sponsorship of a community-wide Good Friday Service scheduled for March 27 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS

At the March 3rd meeting of the TaWaAya group we earned two honor beads in sports and games card by playing three relay races and playing singing games.

Barbara Miller brought the treat.

At the March 3rd meeting of the Aowakya Campfire group we made plans for the Pow Wow. We worked on the play for the Dad-Daughter banquet.

Mrs. Eickhoff is our leader.

Diana Keim

The KiLoPo Campfire group elected new officers at their last meeting. Those elected are: president, Joni Hanson; vice-president, Lori McCambridge; secretary, Melinda Blough; treasurer, Doreen Collins and scribe, Laurie Stormzand.

On January 28 Nancy Coons taught us some Campfire songs. We all had a good time and thank Nancy for coming to our meeting.

On February 11 Cathy Jankowski had a Valentine party at her home for our group. We all had a good time.

Laurie Stormzand, Scribe

INCREASE GOAL OF CANCER CRUSADE

A goal of \$148,897, representing a 5% increase over last year's total, was announced by Ray Bauer, 1970 General Cancer Crusade Chairman. The increase was made necessary due to growing needs both locally and nationally.

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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO BREAKFAST — Members of four churches in the Ada area will join for an ecumenical breakfast to be held at the Ada Community Reformed Church, Planning Committee members are, from left, Mrs. B. James Roggenbuck, Mrs. Charles Sodenberg, Mrs. Charles Van Timmeren and Mrs. Grace DeYoung.

Ada Area Churches Join for White Breakfast

A truly many faceted community effort will unite members of four churches in the Ada area at the third ecumenical White Breakfast.

This year's program will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the new Ada Community Reformed Church on Thornapple River Drive. Other churches taking part are the Ada Congregational Church, Ada Christian Reformed Church, and St. Robert's Catholic Church.

All women in the community are cordially invited to attend the breakfast for rolls, juice and coffee, and the program which will include Rev. Benard Pekelder, Chaplain of Students at Calvin College. In addition, Rita Johann will give the devotions and Mrs. Wayne Beld and Mrs. James Tichelaar will join in singing "Remember Calvary."

Reservations may be made by calling a church representative or 676-3701 or 676-9490. A nursery will be provided, at cost of the tickets is seventy-five cents. All reservations should be made before Friday, March 20.

WMU SENIORS BEGIN PRACTICE TEACHING

Education majors at Western Michigan University are fulfilling their directed teaching assignments in schools throughout Michigan this semester. A total of 1,284 students will complete their practical classroom experience in April.

Included are area students Christine Mary Bacon of Ada who is teaching at West Kelloggville Elementary School; Gary Lee Beimers of Ada who is teaching at Comstock Park High School; and Patricia Jan VanLaan of Lowell who is teaching at the Hills and Dale Middle School in Northville.

Remember! This week is Girl Scout Week! Thursday (March 12) is Girl Scoutings birthday and any girl from grades four through six is welcome. Try it! Meetings are from 3:15 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Mary's School, Lowell.

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FHHS Choir to Present American Folk Operetta

An American Folk operetta will be presented by the Forest Hills Varsity Choir on March 20 in the multi-purpose room of the high school. The performance of "Smoky Mountain," a musical based on American folk songs, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Square dancing, fiddle and guitar music, and voices lifted in song follow the story line of the play. Principals in the cast are: Becky Grant, Barry Nicola, Scott Crossen, Julie Miller, Dan Elinger, Dick De Vos, and Karen Decker.

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Announce Engagements



Roberta Poulson



Elees Poulson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Poulson of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughters, Roberta Kay to James W. Hesse of Lansing and Elees L. to El Sayed E. M. El Rayess of Tucson, Arizona.

Parents of the prospective bridegrooms are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hesse Jr. of Youell Avenue SE and Mr. Dawlat H. Abdullah El Rayess of Cairo, Egypt, and El Sayed M. El Rayess, Mataria, Dakhia, Egypt.

Roberta attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Lansing Community College while her sister Elees attended the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Mr. Hesse attended Grand Rapids Junior College and is attending Michigan State University. He and his fiancée plan a June 6 wedding.

Mr. El Rayess received his BA from the American University in Cairo and his MA from the University of Arizona. A September 5 wedding is planned by Mr. El Rayess and his bride-to-be.

Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT 676-3721

It must have been a splendid birthday party... under the circumstances. Jim Van Haren, a patient in Blodgett Hospital following an automobile accident, held a reception in his room equal to the old royal family gatherings. A birthday to remember. There were so many well-wishers that they had to arrive in shifts. By the time the evening was over Jim had tables loaded with presents and FIVE cakes!

Jim is still flat on his back with breaks in both lower legs and in both upper legs. He's in traction, but nothing daunted, he has learned to wield a wicked squirt gun. The nurses are pretty used to this now from one of their favorite patients, but new arrivals are sometimes surprised. The reward for battling through is to sign his casts.

Also hospitalized are Bruce Phillion and Ralph Schurtz at Blodgett, Mrs. Ella Buttrick and Mrs. Beatrice Bassett at Butterworth, and Irving Alexander and Mrs. Margaret Cordtz at St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bitte, Jr. have announced that their son, Louis Bitto III, is now the father of Louis Henry Bitte IV. The new namesake was born in Indianapolis on March 5 at 5 a.m. He has a sister who is now one and a half named Sheryllyn. Louis III was a graduate of the 1952 class of Forest Hills High School. Mrs. Bitto, Jr. says that there is no sure-fire way to keep all of these fellows straight... you just call for Louis and hope that the right one answers!

Congratulations to the Forest Hills Varsity Band who received a first division rating at the District Band Contest last Saturday at Otsego. This is the first time in the history of the school that the band has earned such an honor. They will now compete at the State Band Contest in Flint in April.

More congratulations to Curt Linscott, Laurie Schooley, and Pat Estes who represented Forest Hills over the weekend at the Michigan United Nations Conference held at Hillsdale College. Out of the 57 schools attending, Forest Hills had two of the four proposals accepted by the General Assembly.

Coming: Big garage sale to benefit the Thornapple Community Theatre on March 20 and 21 at 954 Breton Road which is the northeast corner of Breton and Gilmore, S.E. Might find something good for Easter surprises.

On March 20 the Varsity Choir of FHHS will present "Smoky Mountain" in the multi-purpose room at 7:30 p.m.

It is hoped that March 25 will dawn to a clear day, but whether or no, the women of the Ada area have been invited to a White Breakfast sponsored by four churches. Call 676-3701 or 676-9490 for reservations.

Both men and women have been invited to attend the decorating and antiquing lecture to be given on Thursday, March 19, by the Helmholtz Decorating Center at the Ada Christian School. The Mother's Club plans to begin the program at 8 p.m.

If you are planning to attend the dessert smorgasbord Friday night in honor of the FHHS wrestling team and Coach Mathews, be sure to provide dessert for eight. Those boys are looking forward to the food as much as they are to the impressive film that will be shown.

The LeRoy VanWyck home is brighter these days due to the arrival home of Thomas 20, and Michael 19. Both boys are in the marines. Tom is a Lance Corporal stationed at Camp Pendleton and Michael a corporal, just finished his tour of service in Vietnam with the 9th Marines. Mike is home on emergency leave to attend the funeral of Jack Zoodmsa.

Caribbean travelers, Betty and John Lucinda, send word back that on the island of St. Croix they stayed in the home of friends who had converted it from an old distillery. In Antigua they stayed in a converted powder magazine where Lord Nelson first sharpened his sword.

On St. Croix abandoned sugar mills dot the country side and one now plays the part of a gazebo in the garden of a house remodeled from the main mill.

Conchology is one of the island's hobby-sciences. Rare specimens make a marine still life to be mounted in a picture frame or placed under the glass of a table top.

One thing Betty particularly found impressive was the lack of curtains and draperies... you just look out at all of that sunshine, or you close the wooden shutters. No half way measures with the floors in most homes either. They are wide expanses of tile, or stained wood. Sometimes a design is painted on to further decorate in any style you choose. Earlier settlers were French, Danish, Dutch, English. Most homes are a tropical cosmopolitan combination of whatever delights the owner.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Alyn Fletcher of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boerema and son of Wyoming and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens of Lowell were Sunday evening luncheon guests of their grandmother and mother, Mrs. Iva McIntyre.

PORTER GUILD PRESENTS FASHION SHOW

The annual children's fashion show, entitled "Fashions on Lollipop Lane," will be presented by the Porter Guild of Butterworth Hospital at the Park Congregational Church on March 19 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Fashions by Steketee's of Grand Rapids.

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An Alto woman, Mrs. Edward J. Sprite, has recently been named as the Kent County Chairman of a newly formed group, Michigan Women for Highway Safety.

The new organization, the only woman's group in the state devoted solely to traffic safety programs, was formed to institute and support programs and legislation designed to lessen the rising toll of traffic accident victims and fatalities.

Mrs. Sprite has been actively interested in traffic safety, and recently worked for two years with the Traffic Safety Commission in Lansing.

Any woman interested in joining the organization should contact Mrs. Sprite at 868-3701.

LCSC Sets Annual Banquet Date

The annual Lowell Child Study Club husband and wife dinner will feature a guest speaker from the Grand Rapids Child Guidance Clinic.

Gerald VanderTuig, director of the clinic, will speak on "Dad's role in child rearing."

The annual event is scheduled for March 19 (Thursday) at the education building of the Lowell Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations should be in by Monday, March 16. For further information call 897-8194 or 897-7195.

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Bursitis is almost always due to abnormal movement or altered position of those structures that the bursa is supposed to protect. Such an altered position or movement of a muscle or bone tends to squeeze the bursa or "bind" against it with increased pressure. This causes irritation and inflammation of the bursa.

The term Bursitis is most frequently used when pain due to loss of the smooth rhythmic movement of the shoulder girdle is considered.

The coordinated movement of the shoulder depends upon the extremely fine coordination of the shoulder muscles and the nerves that supply them. The nerves which supply the shoulder muscles and provide the precision of movement exit the spine through small openings between adjacent spinal segments in the neck.

Should a fall, accident or gradual postural change force one of the spinal segments into an abnormal position or limit its range of movement, the size and shape of the nerve opening may be altered. The nerves which supply the shoulder muscles suffer irritation as they pass through the altered openings in the spine. The shoulder muscles that are supplied by the injured nerves lose a degree of coordination. The shoulder structures fail to function smoothly with resulting irritation of the bursa.

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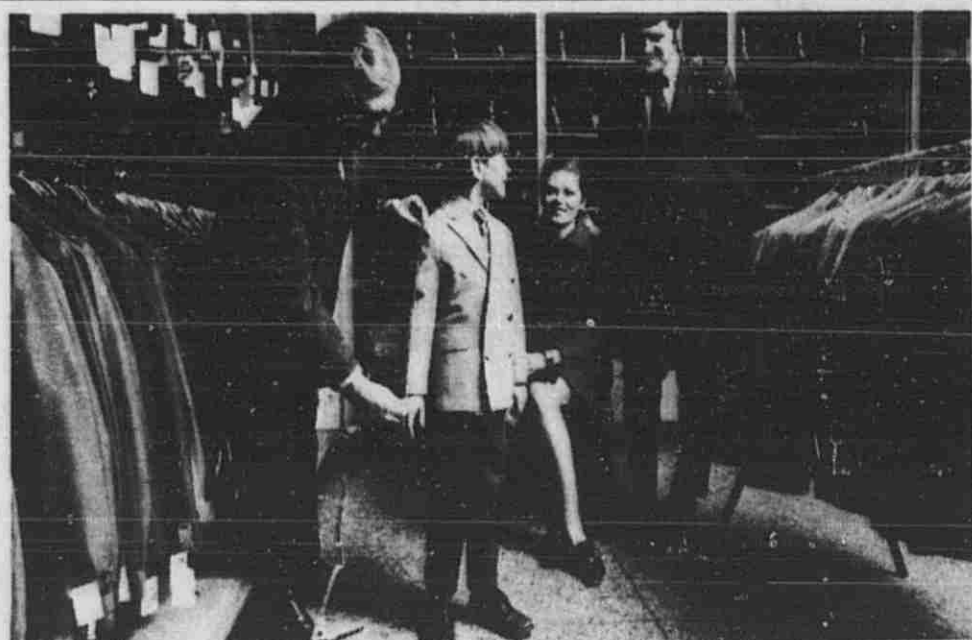
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