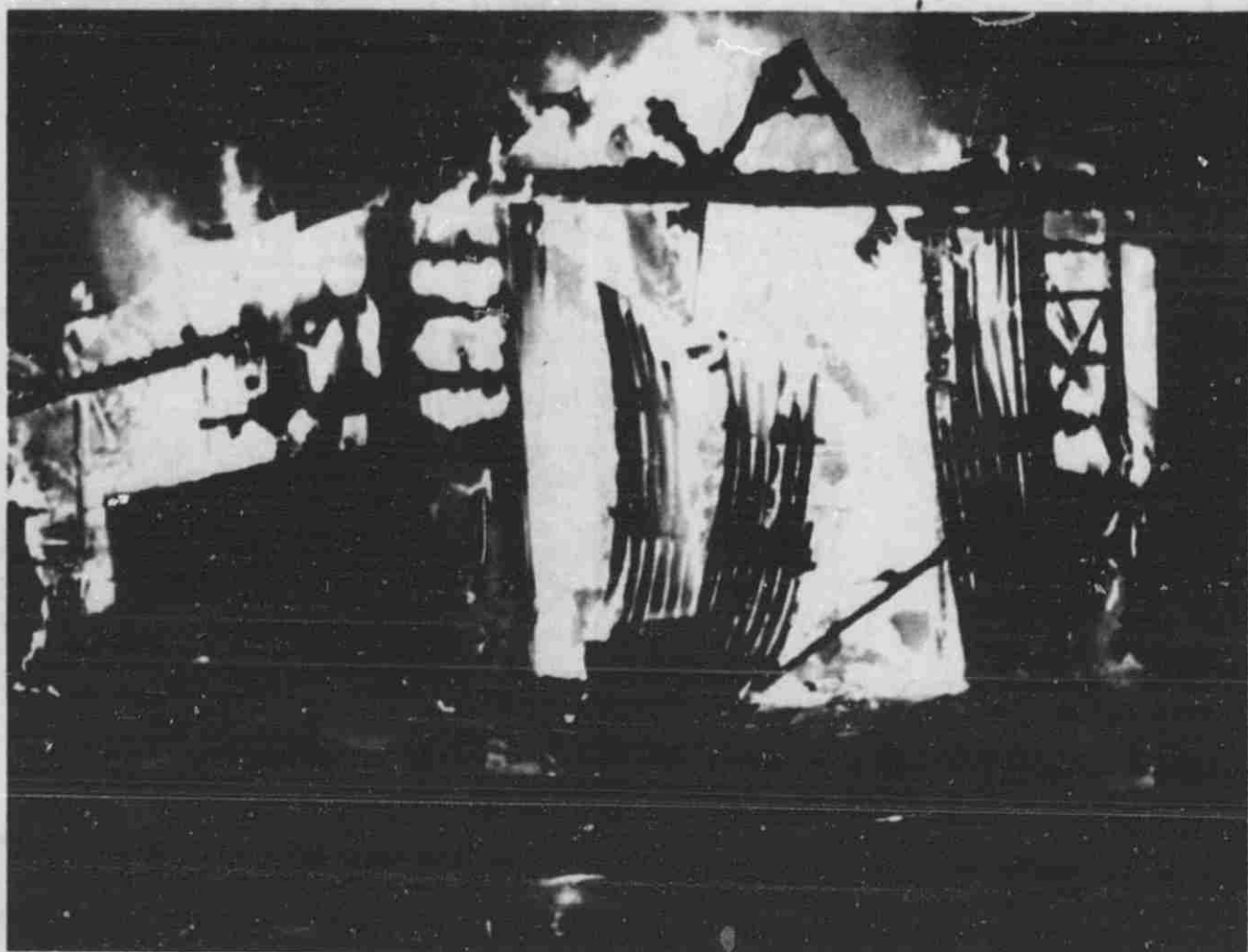


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\$50,000 Fire In Lowell

A spectacular fire drew hundreds of Lowell residents out of bed one night last week to watch thousands of dollars go up in smoke at Walter's Lumber Mart. Forty-eight fire fighters from Lowell, Ada and Alto brought the blaze under control in about 45 minutes. Damage, estimated at about \$50,000, was limited to a lumber storage shed. Operations in the retail store were not hampered by the blaze.

If students at the Lowell Senior High School wander around the halls wondering which classroom they're supposed to be in, and what time, it's probably because they forgot to look at their new computer-printed schedule.

For the first time, the Lowell school system is experimenting with a completely automated scheduling system which is expected to save hundreds of man-hours and free teachers and counselors for work improving the curriculum.

At a cost of \$910, or about 65 cents for each of the school's 814 students, the Lowell school system, in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Board of Education's computer center, has scheduled classrooms, students, teachers, hours and textbooks and seats, in past years, the scheduling chores have taken four teachers' time, two to three weeks into the school session to figure out where students and teachers should be.

High school principal Donald Kelly said the school's students will benefit by the use of the computer. "We can balance the members in the classes by number, by sex or anything else. We won't end up with an English class with 30 girls and one boy, for example," he said.

Computer scheduling is not new to Kent County. The schools in Grand Rapids have been using the system for four or five years. "We haven't used it before this," Kelly said, because there's been so many bugs in it. This year, though, we think it's going to work out fine."

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Students will notice the change because they will receive computer printouts in several copies with their name, a student number, their classes and the times and days they're supposed to be in them.

Kelly said the growth of the school population necessitated the use of the computer for scheduling. "We had 760 kids enrolled (in the high school) last year and we've got 814 this year. With growth like that, hand scheduling gets to be more and more burdensome. We had to go to the computer.

Kelly admitted that the initial use of the computer won't save as much time as it will in the future. "We've had to spend a

lot of time in the last few weeks getting the program set up, and it's really letting us do things better. Frankly, though, we haven't had as much time this first time through - but we'll really save from now on."

Kelly, Mrs. Alice Wessell and Gordon Gould have several hours this summer programming the scheduling by computer and working with Data Center officials in Grand Rapids.

"Hand scheduling was murder," Gould said. "Last year we lost one girl for 14 weeks because she was in the wrong classroom. Hopefully, we'll be able to avoid that sort of thing this year."



KELLY, WESSELL, GOULD: Will the computer solve their problems?

RELAX, AMWAY

Ada Pollution Complaint Brings Investigation of Township Plant

Another group of Ada residents has a pollution complaint but officials at the Amway Corp. can relax. They aren't the targets of the complaint.

This time, an asphalt manufacturing plant on Egypt Valley Road, N.E., is the subject of a complaint filed by six residents of homes in an area about a mile downwind from the plant.

Township Supervisor Fred Clancy investigated the complaints late last week when asked by the Grand Rapids Pollution Control Board to check the plant.

The plant is operated by the Reith-Riley Construction Company and supplies asphalt for roads and driveways for contractors all over western Michigan. One of the firm's biggest customers is the Kent County Road Commission.

The complaining residents live along Conservation Street and Cranston on Ada's north end. One resident complained of "loud noises from the plant's crusher and huge billowing black smoke clouds."

Plant manager Dan Waller said the plant has no crusher and that the smoke billowing from the plant's huge stack is only steam which evaporates quickly. He denied that it produced any black smoke. He suggested that perhaps the huge Pickett and Schruer gravel pit nearby which is a county road commission storage area could be responsible for the crusher noise but that he thought the stone crusher there has not been in operation for several weeks.

Close to the asphalt plant, the loudest noise is that of a huge flame which heats a huge clothes dryer-like tumbler which takes all of the moisture out of the sand used in the asphalt production process. Additionally, heavy trucks along Pettis Drive and Egypt Valley Road have added to noise in the area. At present, how-

ever, there are no state regulations governing noise as a form of pollution.

One day last week, from a hill about a mile east of the Reith-Reilly plant, an Ada Township official and a reporter from the Suburban Life were able to hear a low rumbling from the plant—probably the plant's dryer drum and could detect a slight scent of asphalt in the air.

The plant, which is closed all winter and on days when there is no construction work, is operated by only a few men. The entire operation is highly automated and produced about 1,000 tons of asphalt a day. A dump truck pulls under the hopper and three minutes later pull away loaded with about 13 tons of asphalt—enough for about 125 feet of highway.

Plant manager Walter Waller said his plant was cleaner than most. "We use the cleanest type of fuel possible—propane gas—and we really make an effort to keep it clean."

A spokesman for the pollution control board, Joe Holmes, says the Ada plant has not been tested but has been investigated. "When we looked at an identical operation in Algoma Township north of Grand Rapids, we ran extensive tests there and determined that the Algoma plant did not meet our requirements. This one would probably be the same."

Asked if the plant would have to be closed, he said, "No, the company has ordered additional scrubbers for their emission systems and we think they've acted quickly on all of our requests."

Clancy said a member of the pollution control board told him that the Reith-Reilly problem at Ada "wasn't bad enough that they would have anything to enforce."

The plant occupies 110 acres on both sides of Pettis Road.

Registered At Forest Hills Yet?

New families in the Forest Hills School District are advised to register their school-aged children next week, Superintendent Robert Masten said. Forest Hills does not receive tuition students from outside the district. To be a resident student, the family must be residing in the district prior to October 2, 1970.

An exception is made for those families who are building homes in the district. They may send their children on a tuition basis for one year to the Forest Hills schools. Tuition for a full year must be paid at the time of registration and will be refunded on a pro-rated basis when the family moves into the district.

Masten added that kindergarten classes will begin on Wednesday (Sept. 9) in half day sessions. Special education classes will also begin on that day.

Hot lunches will be served throughout the district the first day of school. Prices are the same as last year for students.

Elementary - \$1.50 per week or 35c for individual meals; secondary (7-12) -

\$1.75 per week or 40c for individual meals; staff members - 50c (on a daily or weekly basis); milk - 30c per 10 punch ticket or 3c per day. The school will endeavor to hold the line on meal prices; however, rising costs are making it a tight operation financially.

Business 'Slow' At Kent Airport

Operations at Cascade's Kent County Airport dipped 2.13 percent for the first six months of 1970 compared to the previous six month reporting period.

The Michigan Department of Commerce blamed a general economic slowdown which has affected the use of the state's airports by airlines and private and corporate aircraft.

Landings and takeoffs at Kent County Airport for the six-month period ending June 30, were 70,365. During the previous six month period there were 71,900 landings and takeoffs.

Fire Chief Solves Police Problem

Reports of two bicycle thefts at the last week's Kent County 4-H Fair brought investigations by Lowell Police this week. The first place they looked for the stolen vehicles was in the Grand River on the edge of the fair grounds. Rather than don scuba gear, police called in Lowell's fire chief, Frank Baker, who fashioned a hook long enough to pull the missing bikes out of the water.



DR. MARILYN HUNTER

Dr. Hunter Honored

Dr. Marilyn Hunter of Lowell has been named one of the Outstanding Women of America by the Marion College Alumni Association.

Dr. Hunter is a 1958 graduate of the college.

She is about to leave her practice in Lowell for work at a medical mission in Haiti.

School's Open For Catholics, Too

St. Mary's Catholic School will open for grades 1-5 in Lowell Tuesday (Sept. 1). Students will meet at the church for mass at 8:10 a.m.

Book rental fees can be paid at the school office from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. any weekday or may be sent with the students, according to the Rev. Ben Marciulonis, pastor.

His Edsel Is No. 2

A one-time Lowell resident placed second in the International Edsel Club rally in Tecumseh over the weekend. He's Bernie Dawson and his 1958 Edsel Ranger was second in a field of 70. The event is held annually by owners of the classic Ford Motor Company car which is no longer in production.

Groups Join, Residents Rally-- And Bieri Fund Grows and Grows

One thing's become clear to Kenneth C. Bieri. He has a lot of friends in Lowell—and in fact, all over the county.

Bieri was stricken with kidney failure early this year and is preparing to adapt his life to an artificial kidney machine shortly.

Last month, a group of area churches and civic groups began the Kenneth C. Bieri Dialysis Fund and by midweek, had collected more than \$3,200.

"We've set a goal of \$5,000," Fund Chairman Donald E. Kelly, principal of Lowell Senior High School said. "The machine will cost about \$2,600 and other costs are about \$2,800. But materials and operating expenses will run up to \$3,000 a year. Blue Cross will pay that until the end of next month but we don't know if they'll pay it after that."

Last Saturday and Sunday, the Grand Rapids Skydivers Club held a benefit competition at Lowell Airport. More than 600 people attended the two-day event and which raised \$75 for the Bieri Fund.

The Grand Rapids Skydivers Club awarded 16 trophies in the event and the club's members picked up 11 awards for themselves.

At the Levee Restaurant, Thelma "Cookie on the Bridge" Roth gave the fund receipts for drinks served all day Monday at the restaurant. Mrs. Roth said combined receipts and donations to the fund totaled more than \$100.

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a meeting for all businessmen and interested residents to discuss the idea of an auto, home and sports show in Lowell next month. Proceeds from the show will go to the Bieri Fund.

The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., Thursday (Aug. 27) in the Lowell City Hall. All area merchants are urged to attend.

On Tuesday, (Sept. 22) the Lowell Lions Club will sponsor a pancake supper to benefit the fund.

Area housewives were donating hund-

reds of Betty Crocker coupons to the fund. Mrs. Roth said that the coupons would be sent to the General Mills Corp. to be converted to cash.

Page One Laughs

A stranger knocked on a door, tipped his hat to the woman who answered, and asked: "Could I interest you in some insect powder I am selling at a most reasonable price?"

"No, I don't need it," she told him. "Fine," said the stranger. "I'll take that room you advertised in the paper."

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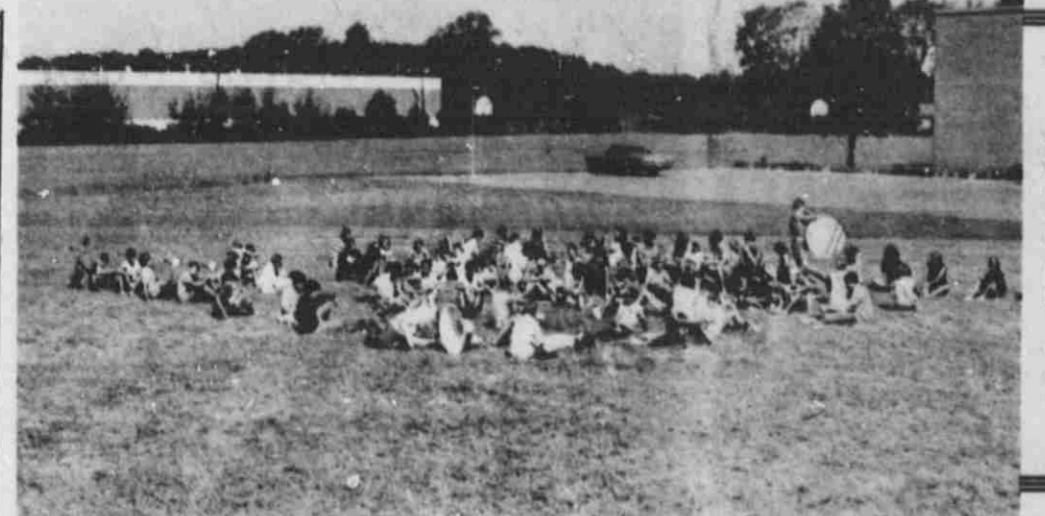
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EVERYBODY TAKE A REST! Everybody, that is, except poor Cora McKay. Cora plays the big bass drum for the Lowell High School Red Arrows Marching Band...

ALTO George Blocher 865-2451 Pamela and Gena Roth from Elma, Mich. are spending a few days with their grandparents, Walter and Leona Wieland and their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wieland...

Sen. Hart Announces Loan Program

Senator Philip A. Hart has announced that the Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corp. has received federal approval to establish an educational loan program.

Talent Search Set for Belding Festivities

A state-wide talent search is getting underway to bring some of Michigan's best performers to the 65th annual Belding Labor Day festival Sept. 5-7.

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Area Student to be Senior at D.B.C.

Donald E. Smith, of Lowell, will be returning for his Senior year at Detroit College of Business in Dearborn, next month, it was announced by Dr. Robert Sneden, president of the college.



NEW 'IKE' STAMP ON SALE - Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Grand Rapids was one of the first to receive a sheet of the new 6-cent stamps honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE 50th ANNIVERSARY Post Office Issues Two New Stamps

BY CHARLES DOYLE Postmaster, 49331 Two new commemorative stamps are being issued by the U. S. Post Office this week.

Christia Returns from German Trip



After spending a few months with a family in Germany, Fallaway's Christia Yelter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yelter, took a few notes and passed them on to the editor.

tion that after the car was washed, she would finish fixing her bike. I started to search for it. Well, I found it sure enough, only there was a little dealing needed to get it back.

Betrothal Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Detgem Sr. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Jean Nelson to Albert E. Hail of Alaska, Mich. They plan an October 10 wedding.

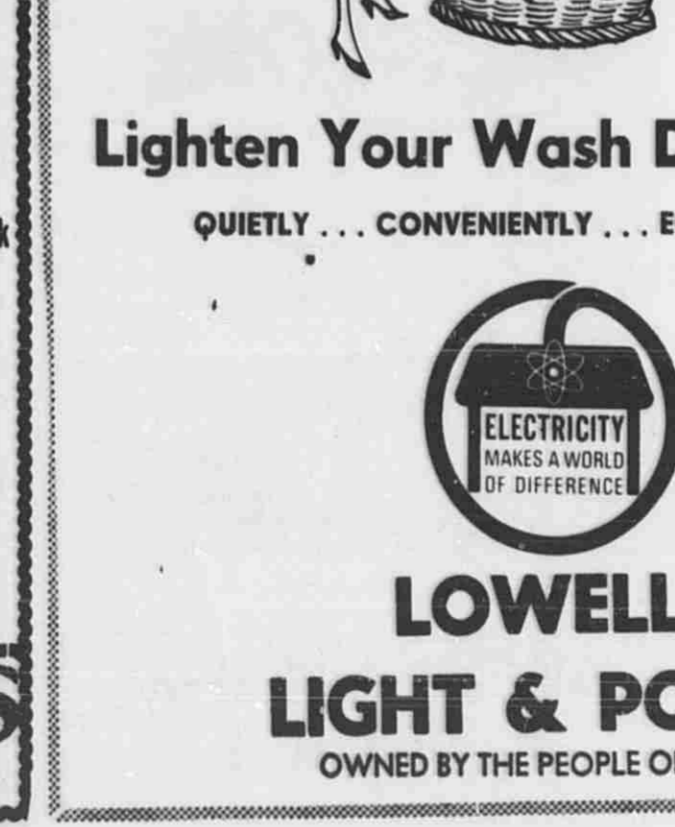
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Johnson Saga, continued
The Johnsons had planned to return to Michigan by way of South St. Marie, but shortened their trip a few days by coming through Port Huron...



MRS. LARRY THOMAS DEAN

Sharon Walman Is Now Mrs. Thomas Dean

Ada Community Reformed Church was the setting Friday (Aug. 21) for the wedding of Miss Sharon Lynn Walman and Mr. Larry Thomas Dean...

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boersma and Mrs. Louise Stowe and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thon called on Mrs. Ethel Yeiter at the Provincial Rest Home at Hastings...

ELMDALE Mrs. Sargeant 693-2242

The Annual District of the Churches of the Brethren at Carson City, August 28, 29 and 30th. Delegates from Hope Church are Mrs. Franklin Townsend, Rev. Arthur Heiser, Rev. Earl Atkinson and Mrs. Wayne Kauffman...

SNOW AREA Mrs. S. F. Reynolds

David Blanding returned home Friday from British Honduras where he has been for the past month with taking the time to go there and come home...

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KATHY JUNE KOSTER

Announce Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koster Sr., Timpson Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy June, Gladstone, St. Grand Rapids, to John Danewicz, Fulton St., Grand Rapids...

Forest Hills Hi-Lites BY SHIRLEY DYGERT 676-3721

Retarded children will be the beneficiaries of Celebrity Day at Silver Lake County Club on Monday (Aug. 31). The event, which will be held in honor of the late Mr. Danewicz...

The Walter Perschbacher has just returned from Switzerland. Muriel says that she is now anxious to build a 1 1/2 acre "chalet" for her own.

Was that Chris Frits on page 45 last week's Life Magazine? If so, where was he? If not, has he a double wandering around Europe the way Chris wandered around the U. S.

People are always asking what they can do about pollution. Every ton of newspaper recycled represents 22 trees saved from cutting for paper pulp. See that your newspapers are not wasted.

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All of the hard work has been done for you. To transport yourself in the past, take a look at a couple of booklets produced by David and Marilyn Hanks. They call them pictorial essays and they read like poetry.

One of the books, "On the Michigan Stage," includes familiar landmarks to historians of this area such as The Coach Stop in Ada, the Whitesney Inn, and Cascade's old Stage stop and inn.

The other book is filled with pictures of buildings and homes that line "The Old Road to the Lake" - that is, from east Leonard Street to the main thoroughfare in Spring Lake via Tallmadge, Lamont and Eastmanville.

Did you know that anyone interested in the sports program at Forest Hills High School will be welcomed at the Athletic Boosters Club meetings? You don't have to have a child in any of the sports - just have an interest in its future.

Lowell's B & O Grocery Has a New Management While we're replenishing our shelves and getting things in order, we'd like you to stop in and say hello. Lowell's B&O Grocery is open to serve you seven days a week until 10 p.m.

STAR CORNERS Mrs. Ira Blough 868-2505

Mrs. Carl Fox, Mrs. Ken Meyers and children, Mrs. J. C. Schondelmeyer of Middleville were coffee guests of Mrs. Harold Seese Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koster Sr., Timpson Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy June, Gladstone, St. Grand Rapids, to John Danewicz, Fulton St., Grand Rapids...

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs and Mrs. Walter Kowalczyk of South Bowae attended funeral services for their sister and aunt, Mrs. Oscar Dinkler at the Creston Funeral Chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seese and family were Sunday dinner guests at the J. C. Schondelmeyer home at Middleville. Gale Stahl spent overnight Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fox and Lois were Saturday evening guests at the Keith Fox home at Pleasant Valley. David Wiegner, John Krebs, Oliver Peterson and Fred Grabow of Clarksville enjoyed a day of fishing at Charlevoix last week returned with a nice catch of blue gills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan K. Blough and daughter, Melinda L. Lovell, and Mrs. Maude Nichard of Petoskey were Sunday evening guests at Ira Bloughs. Miss Lenore Mapes, Miss Dorothy Mapes, Mrs. Alma Meeh, Mrs. Bernice Shanfelt and Mrs. Pancy Emmert spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Francis Stauffer enjoying her lovely flowers and plants.

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Lowell Area Schools

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Table listing staff for Alto Area Elementary School including Principal Roger Buck, Teachers Ruth Walters, Elsie Sheehan, etc.

BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 700 ELIZABETH STREET, LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331 Telephone 897-8387

Table listing staff for Bushnell Elementary School including Principal Roger Buck, Teachers Marjorie Kropf, Ruth Walters, etc.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 300 NORTH MONROE STREET, LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331 Telephone 897-9257

Table listing staff for Intermediate School including Principal Dirk Venema, Teachers Paul Smith, Patricia Ellis, etc.

RUNCIMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 300 HIGH STREET, LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331 Telephone 897-9257

Table listing staff for Runciman Elementary School including Principal Dirk Venema, Teachers Carol Stormzand, Ruth Thurlall, etc.

Table listing staff for Lowell Junior High School including Principal John Gabrion, Teachers Ruth Arheart, Marjorie Benedict, etc.

Table listing staff for Lowell Senior High School including Principal Donald E. Kelly, Teachers Bob Perry, Mary Richard, etc.

School Hours

Table showing school hours for Senior High School, Junior High School, Bushnell Elementary School, Runciman and Intermediate Schools, and Alto School.

Bus Transportation

All classes at the Lowell Area Schools will start on Tuesday, September 1. Children attending school in Lowell will start their classes at approximately 8:30 A.M., while those attending the Alto School will start at 9:30 A.M. KINDERGARTEN CLASSES WILL ALSO START ON SEPTEMBER 1. Buses will maintain their regular schedules. All students should be outside, waiting for their buses.

Below are the names of the bus drivers and the bus numbers:

Table listing bus drivers and bus numbers for ALTO and LOWELL areas.

Hot Lunch Program

Mrs. Marilyn Bove, school cafeteria manager, has planned to start serving meals in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, September 1. Students may purchase hot lunches at the Runciman, Alto, Bushnell, and Senior High Schools.

The cost of the hot lunch meal will be 30c for students in grades 1 through 8, 35c for students in grades 9 through 12, and 50c for adults. Students carrying their lunches may purchase milk for 3c per half pint.

Parents should pay special attention to the fact that many students will have only 30 minutes for lunch, and that length of time will not allow too many students time to walk home for lunch. Most students should plan to purchase or carry lunches this school year.

The first week's menu is:

Table showing the menu for Tuesday, September 1, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Special Education Classes

All Type A Special Education students will attend classes at Forest Hills this year and will start on Wednesday, September 9. Students attending Orthopedic, Lincoln and Oral Deaf Schools will start on Wednesday, September 2. Students attending KOETC will start on Wednesday, September 9.

Kindergarten News

Due to the new state law, kindergarten children will start school along with the other students on Tuesday, September 1. Parents are asked to bring their kindergarten child to the assigned classroom the first day of school during the assigned time. This will help facilitate the registration. Medical and dental forms and birth certificates should be brought in at the time of registration if they have not been turned in previously. All kindergarten students who have not been pre-tested or assigned should be brought to the Bushnell or Runciman Offices at 9:00 A.M. on September 1, and assignment will be made at that time.

School Calendar

Table showing the school calendar for August and September.

We Urge You To Use Added Caution Now That Our Children Are Back In The Classroom

Drive Safely!

Tri-County League Ends Season--Well, Almost

The Tri-County Baseball League's regular season was supposed to end Sunday but the winner in either division is still in doubt. Two rained-out games and a protested game will be made up for this weekend to determine a winner in either division.

In Saturday's action, Belding downed Portland, 8-3 with Dave Mahar picking up the win. Carl Bauer was the loser. Jim Olsen, Phil Clements and Jack Skivington all had two hits each for the winners. Rick Drake and Roger Trierwiler had two hits for Portland.

In Sunday's action, Portland bounced back to defeat Lowell, 9-5, as Steve Spitzley scattered eight hits to pick up the win. Denny McCrumb belted out two home runs for Portland including one with the bases loaded. Bill Conklin had two hits for Lowell.

Eisewhere, Belding downed Perrinton, 12-0, with Wes Shoen picking up the win. Bill Sutherland banged out three singles and a bases loaded home run to lead Belding's attack. George Conklin collected two hits for Perrinton.

Pewamo downed Sheridan, 9-0, with Bill Werner picking up the win.

Over Hubbardston, Hubbardston upset Sidney, 5-4, to throw the Northern division lead into a tie between Belding and Sidney. Mickey Barker was the winning pitcher with Herb Lovelless being charged with the loss. Chris Williams, Tom Reese and Dick Smith all had two hits each for Sidney.

Next Saturday Portland and Pewamo will finish a protested game at Pewamo with Portland leading, 3-1, in the third inning. Also on tap for Saturday will be Sidney at Lowell and Belding at Sheridan. All games to start at 2 p.m. If necessary Lowell will play at Perrinton on Sunday.

Northern Division		Southern Division	
W	L	W	L
		LOWELL	9
		Portland	6
Sidney	12	Pewamo	7
Belding	12	Hubbardston	9
Perrinton	4	Vermontville	7
Sheridan	0		15



Lowell High School Football Coach Al Rowe looks on attentively during opening day practice session. Lowell's first game is September 18 at Ionia.

Photograph by Kevin Smith

Youth, Speed Key to LHS Grid Season

BY KIT SMITH

The 1970 football season officially got underway early this week for Lowell High School, and thus far second year head coach Al Rowe is pleased with the performance of his prospects.

With only eight returning lettermen on his roster, Rowe looks for his squad to be comprised heavily of Juniors and

Sophomores. "We may carry as many as ten sophomores this year," said Rowe.

This week's drills have put emphasis on conditioning as Rowe is conducting two sessions per day.

In comparison to last year's teams, which compiled a 2-5-1 record, Rowe said, "We will be about as strong, but we will have more speed than last year. I have a few boys who, if they break loose, are not going to be caught by anybody."

Rowe noted the early performance of Pete Olson, Denny DeWitt and Rick Seese. "All these boys are hard hitters and have good speed," said Rowe. He also noted sophomore Bernie Hardin's performance as a running back.

"We lack size. Our biggest man is only about 185-190, but we make up for it with speed and enthusiasm."

This year's schedule is different because of the shift in the league. For the first time Lowell will play nine games instead of the usual eight. Among these includes four with Class "A" teams. Rowe stated that "Greenville could be real tough again this year."

Returning lettermen who will face Ionia in the Red Arrows' non-league opener on September 18 at Ionia are, Gordy Kelly, Perry Beachum, Dave Yeiter, Bob Reynolds, Pete Olson, Leo Hardin, Rick Seese, and Denny DeWitt.

G.V.S.C. Will Have Football This Year

Interscholastic football makes its debut in the expanding Grand Valley State College athletic program with the first call of candidates scheduled for mid-September.

The first varsity football program in the history of the college will be unveiled with two-a-day practices under the direction of Robert (Rip) Collins, newly-appointed coach.

This year, varsity football will be on an 'informal' basis with the Lakers engaging junior varsity and freshmen teams from colleges throughout the state. A goal of six to eight games for the 1970 season has been set by Charles Irwin, director of athletics at the college.

"We must crawl before we walk," Irwin said. "Our goal is to get the program off the ground against JV and freshmen competition with hopes of working into a regular varsity schedule for 1971."

Plans call for the first game to be played the weekend of Sept. 26. "We are working on the game now. We have agreements with Ferris State College, Grand Rapids Junior College's second team and Oakland University in Rochester," pointed out Irwin. "There's a possibility of several more." Collins was a former standout football player at Grand Rapids South high school and attained added stardom as an All-MIAA lineman at Hope College. He coached several championship teams at Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills high school before resigning to take over as assistant principal.

"We are going to concentrate on freshmen and sophomores for football this fall," explains Collins. "The aim this fall is to gain experience and start building for the future as we hope to move into varsity status in '71," said the new Laker coach.

"The interest at Grand Valley is high with the students and faculty. We have had inquiries from many former high school players from all sections of the state," said Collins. "We are equipped to handle at least 60 players. When we start practice, it's going to be twice and three times a day until the college opens. We are going to be ready for our big opener."

All home games will be played on the new Grand Valley State College football field which is now being completed. "We actually have three fields here and they are slowly getting into shape," pointed out Irwin. "We will play our home games during the afternoons on Friday or Saturday for the first year."

Home Team Loses Bond Polo Trophy

For the Sixth Annual Bob Bond Challenge Trophy it was Barrington, Illinois at the Kentree Polo Club all the way. In the first game, Barrington's B team beat Kentree's Blues, 8-3. In the second game Saturday, Barrington's team, 10, Kentree Reds, 9. In the third game, Barrington's A team, 7, Detroit Polo Club, 3.

In Sunday's action, the Barrington B team, 5, Barrington, C team 4. In the championship match Barrington A team, 11, Kentree's A team, 4. So, Barrington took the Bob Bond Challenge Cup back to Illinois.

Nearly 400 people attended the match. Next Sunday at 3 p.m., the Cascade Reds will play the Ada Blues at the Kentree Club. The admission is \$1 for adults and kids are free. Kentree Polo is located on Michigan Street two miles east of East Beltline. For more information, call Bert Hathaway at 949-0337.

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Lowell Student Gets Fraternity Post

David L. Roth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Roth of 821 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, has been elected pledge trainer for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Roth is majoring in architecture at U-M and is a junior. Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, the largest international college social fraternity in the world, has nearly 300 campus chapters in the United States and Canada. The fraternity offers members an interesting and balanced program which includes emphasis on scholarship, public service, leadership development and a balanced social program.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

The James C. Veen Observatory on Kissing Rock Road is holding open house, Friday, August 28th, from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ATTENTION: WRC-Potluck dinner, Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Vergennes Co-operative will meet Thursday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Connie O'Dell with Peg Ryder as co-hostess. The program is in charge of Pat Babcock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Misfits Bowling League starts Wednesday, September 9, at 6:45 p.m.

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