

LOWELL SHOWBOAT — May look as if she's sinking, but with an active group planning big things for this summer, she'll be out of hibernation and become her beautiful glittering self come July.  
Photo by Brooke Johnson

LARRY WITTENBACH, 1971 SHOWBOAT PRESIDENT

## Lowell Showboat Directors Plan Weekend Performances For 1971

Directors of the Lowell Showboat voted to change Showboat from a week long program to two succeeding weekends, at their organizational meeting last week. Tentatively, the board has set July 22, 23, 24 for the first weekend and July 29, 30, 31 for the second program; different headliners are planned for each show.

The board discussed many headliners that were available including Ray Stevens, Al Hirt, Roger Miller, Bobbie Goldsberg, Mark Linsey, Sonny & Cher, Sand Pipers, The Associations and others. Prices vary for the acts but it was generally felt by the directors that the entertainment budget should be limited to \$15,000 for each weekend show.

Roger Roberts, chairman of the entertainment committee, was asked to continue searching for the best talent available within the Showboat budget. The board scheduled a meeting on March 3 to further discuss the entertainment available.

More work is involved by local citizens in staging two shows, but the board felt that this move was necessary to keep Showboat out of the red. The chorus and endmen will be on stage the same number of days but will have a four-day break between shows. The board also felt that this gave added protection with two rain dates instead of just one.

### Name Officers

Larry Wittenbach was elected president for 1971 by the Showboat directors at their organizational meeting; Dr. Roy Wescott, vice president, Keith Caldwell, treasurer, Barbara Curtis, secretary.

Other directors of Showboat are Terry Bambrick, Mike Doyle, Dr. Clark Vredenburg, Dee Doyle, Blaine Bacon, Roger Roberts.

Community representatives on the Showboat Board are Gould Rivette, School Board; Virginia Myers, Mayor's Office; Chuck Lippert, Chamber of Commerce; Jack Smith, Moose Club; Keith Caldwell, Treasurer; Gordon Gould, Norman Borgerson, William Doyle, advisors.

The directors also named their 1971 committee chairmen to operate the various phases of Showboat. They are to be known as the Board of Managers and all have been asked to attend the meetings of the board of directors.

### Board of Showboat Managers

General ticket sales, Jerry Roth; Ticket booth, Stanley Gardner; Talent night, Dr. Clark Vredenburg; Concessions, Terry Bambrick; Entertainment, Roger Roberts; Parking, Fred Phelps; Trailer Rally, Mike Doyle; Cushion sales and ground maintenance, Wm. Nowak; Pilot, Carl Fry; Decorations, Beverly Holst.

Gate committee, Herb Elzinga; Lighting, Bob Stewart; Make-up, Colleen Swan; Chorus and endmen, Dr. Roy Wescott; Stage and properties, Dave Clark; Traffic control, Barry Emmons; Advertising, Chuck Lippert; Public Relations, William Doyle; Stands and boat, Jack Smith; Electrical, Tony Bancroft; Ushers, George Dey; School, Gould Rivette; City of Lowell, Blaine Bacon and Virginia Myers; Chorus, Paul Balaam.

## Girl Scout Week

March 12th marks the 59th year since the founding of Girl Scouting. March 7-13 has been designated as Girl Scout Week and Girl Scout Troops all over the country and Girl Guides throughout the world will be celebrating this special occasion.

Girl Scout Sunday is March 7 and many churches are helping to celebrate this special day. Once again, the Forest Hills neighborhood will be holding their annual Girl Scout Sunday Service at 3 p.m. at St. Robert's Church on Ada Drive. The theme of the service is based upon the second law, "A Girl Scout is Loyal."

Rev. Gaylord from the Cascade Christian Church and Rev. Henning from St. Mathew Lutheran Church will be on hand to take part along with 29 Girl Scouts who will be participating in the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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An anonymous note informs us that the passing motorist who assisted Grand Rapids police in retrieving from the Grand River the safe stolen from Wallin Congregational Church was none other than William Havenga of Knapp St., one of Ada Township's scapable Fire Fighters.

Good show, Bill!

March may not have come in like a lion, but February sure went out like one. A large tree in the yard of Mrs. Byrne McMahon was split right in half by the high winds on Saturday.

Many lawns were littered with assorted pieces of roofing and a hatch cover blew completely off the library roof; it was replaced with the help of the Light Plant's bucket truck.

If you have any Betty Crocker coupons to donate to the Kidney Machine Fund, Thelma (Cookie) at The Levee will be glad to collect them.

They're running short and need many more.

Fishermen may now be able to snooze and catch their fish, too. I. A. Schneider & Co. of Los Angeles is selling a fishing rod holder that is said to activate a battery-powered horn when a fish tugs.

Happiness is losing an argument to your wife, only to find out later she was really wrong, after all.

## Ledger Receives First-Hand Report On Earthquake

Former Lowell resident, Clinton Hall, has responded to our sympathetic concern for his plight in shaly California with a personal description of what went on in his own home at the time of the earthquake.

Dear Friends:

Your February 18 issue just arrived and Former Lowell Resident acknowledges your deepest sympathy. As your self-appointed correspondent from Beautiful Downtown Burbank I hasten to give you a factual report on our recent earthquake.

To tell the truth it was a "doozie"! However, as I have often appreciated for different reasons, we were lucky to be living in Burbank. The most serious damage occurred in Sylmar and San Fernando which are located about fifteen miles north of us. The forty-year-old Veterans Hospital at Sylmar collapsed with the loss of 45 lives. One man, however, survived for nearly 60 hours, before being rescued, by rolling under a kitchen sink. In several places some of our freeways heaved and buckled causing monumental traffic jams on alternate routes that had to be used.

In Burbank there were no serious injuries and no property damage of any consequence. Large plate glass windows were particularly vulnerable and some have not yet been replaced.

Ruth and I were literally tossed from our beds and, as I landed on the bedside rug, I heard what I thought was the sound of shattered glass. "Oh, oh!" I thought. "There go our windows." But it was only several table lamps being simultaneously dumped onto the floor. However, none were broken and our only damage was the loss of a cup and a small pitcher which fell from a narrow shelf in the kitchen which displayed a number of decorative dishes.

For those of our mid-western friends who like to live dangerously — and I could name a few — Southern California (especially Burbank) is still an ideal haven from snow, ice and floods. We can even offer non-lethal after shocks — which are still occurring — as a reminder of titillating events that occasionally spice our otherwise peaceful existence.

Best regards to all,  
Clint

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## CUMBERLAND TRAILER PARK RENEWS REQUEST FOR CITY SEWER SERVICE

Mr. John Batzer, a principal in a co-partnership known as Key Heights, appeared at the City Council meeting on Monday night to request city sewer service for Cumberland Leisure Estates, Inc. Mr. Batzer told the council that he was in the process of completing the purchase of the trailer park from a corporation headed by Harold J. Englehardt and Gowen Ramjeet, both of Lowell.

The city was approached by trailer park officers last year to provide sewer service to the park; a tentative offer was made by the city but no further action was taken by the park operators. The terms of the city included building a gravity main from the lift station in Valley Vista to the city limits and a forced main from the trailer park to the city limits at the expense of the trailer park owners. The terms also included charging each trailer unit double the minimum quarterly sewer service charge paid by city residents.

Mr. Batzer, in his formal request for services to the trailer park, said he was willing to meet the city requirements which were estimated in 1970 to cost \$114,000. He also revealed that he wanted to start immediately so he could have 65 additional trailer spaces ready this summer. There are now 95 trailer sites

in the park. Over the next three years he plans to enlarge the park to over 300 trailer sites.

The City Council voted to refer the proposal and its implications on the city and its facilities to the planning commission that meets on March 22.

### Eastgate Expansion Limited

Mr. Batzer reported to the council that in a discussion with Everett Ladd, developer of Eastgate in the Woods, regarding sewer service for his plat in Lowell Township, Mr. Ladd stated that he would limit his project before he would become involved in sewers for Eastgate.

It is reported that LaRue L. Miller, Chief of Section of Environmental Health, Division of Engineering, has halted approval of any further plats until sewer services are provided for in the Eastgate development. Health Department has given approval for six plats of Eastgate, totaling 218 building sites. Only three plats have been accepted by the Kent County Road Commission which has refused to accept any further plats until an access road to a county primary road or state highway is provided. This has limited construction in Eastgate to 136 units that were in the first three plats approved.

## AMWAY'S GROWTH CONTINUES UPWARD

### Amway's History . . .

Since its organization in 1959, Amway has experienced a continuing and impressive growth. Retail sales volume was at the rate of \$500,000 in the first year; \$25 million in 1964; and \$38 million in the United States and Canada in 1966.

In 1967, retail sales exceeded \$50 million; in 1968, over \$65 million; in 1969, sales exceeded \$85 million; and in 1970, retail sales were in excess of \$120 million.

Amway has been dedicated to the principles of "free" enterprise, as expressed in the name itself, a contraction of "American Way." Moreover, Amway features a sales plan which is outstanding in its generosity, fairness and equitability.

Today, Amway produces over 150 laboratory-tested products, which are fully guaranteed and are sold exclusively on a person-to-person basis in 50 states, Puerto Rico and throughout Canada by over 150,000 independent distributors.

Now located on a 282-acre plant site, Amway opened production in 1960 for the manufacture and packaging of a liquid cleaner in a 2,400-square foot building. The first plant expansion occurred three months later. With the first seven years, there were 45 plant expansions, raising the total covered floor space to almost 300,000 square feet.

During 1966, a private railroad spur, two miles long, was built to provide rail shipment connections from Amway to major markets. Sixty building projects have raised the total square feet owned and in use by Amway to 686,615 plus an additional 22,000-square feet at London, Ontario, Canada; with five buildings now under construction at the Ada industrial site; and 125,000-square feet under lease and in use by Amway in the Grand Rapids area.

In July, 1970, Amway of Australia Pty. Ltd., was established in Australia.

Annually, 24,000 visitors from all over the world tour the office and production facilities in Ada.

### Bans Burning

Air pollution is much in the news, and all burning has been banned at Amway. Instead, two compactors handle carton and paper wastes, preparing them for recycling. A 440-square foot can-crushing building, in use since October, 1970, reduces solid wastes in bulk prior to shipping to approved disposal sites. Special screened areas will conceal outside material storage.

In the area of reduction or elimination of phosphates in detergents, Amway's aggressive drive to reduce phosphate content in all its phosphate containing products and to introduce new lower-phosphate and no-phosphate detergents, has resulted in two new formulations.

### Employs 1,500 . . .

VanAndel and DeVos reiterated, "Not only the independent Amway distributors, but also those who are employed here at the manufacturing facility, who number about 1,500 at the present time, have an opportunity to grow with us and share in the fruits of the free enterprise system.

"Coupled with that growth, we have long recognized our obligation to the community in which we work and reside. We feel that Amway is making a vital contribution in many ways, not the least of which is the share of tax dollars which we contribute to the Forest Hills School District, to Ada Township, and to Kent County. We have received many compliments on our business, our policies, architecture and landscaping. By next fall, we anticipate that our very attractive, odor-free, sewage treatment facility will be a credit to the area.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the year 1971 marks the 100th year of the building of the FALLASBURG COVERED BRIDGE, one of four remaining covered bridges in Michigan, and

WHEREAS, this important milestone provides an opportunity to focus our attention on the growth and progress of our area, and

WHEREAS, there has been formed a citizens committee to carry out plans for the celebrating of this memorable event, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of us all that this event be a self-sustaining event financially,

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN, that the LOWELL AREA FALLASBURG COVERED BRIDGE CENTENNIAL CORPORATION anticipates revenue from such projects as admission to an historical pageant, and an historical program advertising booklet, a carnival, and the sale of such novelties and souvenirs as Booster Badges, Membership Certificates, Wooden Money, Commemorative Coins, Hats, Bonnets, Old Fashioned Wearing Apparel, plus Ties, Plates and similar items,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that no individual, company or organization will sell, trade, or give away anything that has a celebration reference or connotation without first obtaining written permission from the REVENUE COMMITTEE, and that no permits, franchise or privileges pertaining to celebration activities will be granted anyone by the City of Lowell unless such written permission is granted by the aforementioned REVENUE COMMITTEE.

Approved by LOWELL CITY COUNCIL  
Harold Jefferies, Mayor

## World Day Of Prayer



REV. JAMES L. THELEN

Father James L. Thelen, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, will be the speaker at the World Day of Prayer service in Lowell on Friday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. The theme this year is, "New Life Awaits."

Special music will be provided by Peter and Robin Walter and soloist Mrs. William Wood accompanied by Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, organist.

Women from the First Congregational Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church will take part in the scripture reading, special prayers and as leaders and ushers. Rev. Ervin Hyde and Rev. Dean Bailey will also participate in the program.

Members of the planning committee were Mrs. Harold Jefferies, Mrs. Olen Miller, Mrs. Dean Bailey and Mrs. Orval Jessup, assisted by Mrs. Leonard Thomson. A nursery will be provided in the kindergarten house.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this world-wide observance of a day of thoughtful prayer.

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## FH SENDS MATMAN TO STATE MATCH

Following the regional Class A wrestling tournament held last weekend, Forest Hills will send one representative to the state matches this weekend.

The preliminaries will be held on Friday, March 5, at Calvin College on the Knollcrest campus. The finals will be on Saturday, March 6.

Tom Sypien of the Ranger team will be the lone FH matman, having taken a third place in the regionals. Tom's first defeat of the season came as he lost on a pin to Dave Bartlett of East Lansing. Going into the consolation, he beat John Harris of Battle Creek Central 8-1. His final win was over Mike Brann of EGR 8-5 to remain in contention in the state matches at 101 pounds.

# Sports

George McCargar won his first match in the regionals against Ron Rogers of Mona Shores in overtime at 3-0. He was beaten by Don Glass, last year's runner-up in the state from Lansing Waverly, in a decision 7-3. He was eliminated in the consolation by Paul Sinniger of Niles 6-4.

John Price lost his first match to undefeated Bob Pollitt of Lansing Sexton 13-4. He was eliminated in the consolation matches on a pin by Tom Sever of Battle Creek Lakeview. This was the first pin on Price in sixty-four high school matches.

## Rangers Lose Close Game To Hudsonville

In the final basketball game of the season for Forest Hills before the district tournaments began, the Rangers lost a tight contest to Hudsonville Unity Christian.

Although the score at the end of the game was 77-71 in favor of the opponents, the local team actually played a winning game until the last thirty seconds. The early quarter scores were in favor of Forest Hills; 23-20, 41-38 at the half, and 53-54 at the three-quarter mark.

It was a bad period in the third quarter for the Rangers with a press that cut down an eight point lead. The team didn't shoot as well then, only thirty-five percent. In other quarters the shooting was at least fifty percent.

The last quarter saw the lead cut down by seven points. The visiting team was stalling when the Rangers fouled at thirty seconds. The two free throws for Hudsonville Unity were made and

the Rangers threw the ball away twice. The opponent's last moment try produced a score at the buzzer to end the game with a six point difference.

"The team really played a better game than the final results would indicate," said Coach Larry Wilson. "This was probably as good a team as we have come up against all year. The boys played some of their best ball."

The Rangers produced thirteen out of seventeen free throws against twenty-three out of thirty for the Hudsonville team. Dirk Van Westrin made fifteen rebounds while Ron Vander-Baan and Scott Vashaw both made twenty points as high scorers.

On Wednesday, March 3, the Rangers are to meet Kentwood in the District Tournament at East Grand Rapids High School at 8 p.m. The teams have split wins before this season. Forest Hills lost to the red and black team 83-70 and won one game 68-65 recently. Winner of this contest will go into the semi-finals on Saturday, March 6 at EGR.

## FH Tumblers Win At Tournament

In the boys' tumbling tournament held at Forest Hills High School last week Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. ribbons were awarded to four doubles teams.

Breaking a school record, the team of Cal Laufer and Greg Gutos piled a total of 154 points to take first place. Twelve stunts listed in the order of difficulty are attempted and judged. They include: elephant roll, dive roll, belly swan, back to back roll, pike pitch, knee and shoulder stand, hand to foot balance, thigh stand, foot to shoulder stand, foot pitch, leg pitch, and arm to arm balance.

The second place team consisted of George Manus and Al Terbeck. Third place went to Jim Tannis and Steve Rotman and fourth place to Craig Nedenthal and Dan Missad.

### FORMER FOREST HILLS WRESTLERS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Two former Forest Hills High School wrestlers who are now both students at Grand Rapids Junior College are attending the National Junior College Wrestling Tournament being held at Worthington, Minnesota.

The tournament begins on Wednesday, March 3, and runs for four days.

Representing Junior College at 118 pounds will be Jim Lundy, who took second place in the regionals, losing by only one point to the man who took first place in the country last year.

Also in the tournament is Larry Cardinel who placed third in the regionals at 132 pounds. During his senior year in high school he was the state champion in his weight group.



**TRI-RIVER TEAM** - Pictured above are grapplers from the Tri-River teams who comprise this year's All-Conference squad. Listed with each wrestler's name is his weight and overall record. Front row (from left) - Steve VanOeffelen, Sparta, 105, 8-0; Tim Hubert, Sparta, 112, 6-0-2; Curt Inman, Lowell, 119, 6-0-1; Don Schoonmaker, Cedar Springs, 132, 8-0; Randy Holt, Belding, 119,

3-1-1; Dale Dawson, Lowell, 98, 7-1; Barry Andersen, Greenville, 98, 7-0. Second row - Kris Reyburn, Cedar Springs, 145, 7-1; Steve Pates, Sparta, 138, 7-0; Tom Rasch, Lowell, 155, 7-0; Dave Wisner, Lowell, heavyweight, 6-1-1; Gordon Kelly, Lowell, 167, 8-0; Dennis Sherman, Cedar Springs, 185, 5-2-1; Jim Richard, Lowell, 126, 8-0. (Photo by Camenga, Greenville Daily News).

## THREE ARROW WRESTLERS TO REACH STATE TOURNEY

PLACE 2nd 3rd 4th IN REGIONALS

By: Brooke Johnson

Along with Lowell High School's outstanding dual and tournament record and its three district champions came an opportunity for six Arrow Grapplers to compete in the regional wrestling tournament at Kenowa Hills High School Saturday afternoon.

The regional action produced a chance for three Lowell matmen to continue on to the state wrestling tournament at Sturgis, Michigan this Friday and Saturday.

Lowell racked up 19 team points to tie for a seventh position beside Belding. Fruitport took first overall, with 42 points, followed by Orchard View with 35.

Tom Rasch, Jim Richard, and Dale Dawson placed second, third, and fourth respectively, to be Lowell's only wrestlers to continue to state this year.

Rasch breezed through his first three matches to meet Chris Reyburn, last year's state runnerup from Cedar Springs, in a match that an official called "one of the best matches of the tournament." Rasch battled Reyburn on even terms until Reyburn scored two points which Rasch was unable to make up. Rasch's three wins and one loss brought his record to an outstanding 28-4.

Jim Richard grabbed Lowell's third place after two overtime matches. Richard's first match was won in overtime against Tom Thaler of South Haven who last year took third in state. Richard's second match also went into overtime but the score was still tied at the end of overtime and the match was thrown into an overtime referee's decision. The referee decided in favor of Richard's opponent and Richard took his only loss of the tourney and his second loss by ref's decision on the road to state.

98 pound sophomore Dale Dawson placed fourth and pushed his season mark to 28 wins and eight losses. Dawson won two of his four matches and finished in fourth place after losing one of his consolation matches.

Gordon Kelly fell out of the competition after losing his first match and then having his opponent defeated in his following match. Kelly's record now stands at 30-5.

Heavyweight Junior, Dave Wisner, brought his season to a close after he lost his first match of the tourney and his opponent was also defeated later in the tournament.

Pete Porritt, wrestling 138 pound division, fell in both of his matches by scores of 11-0 and 6-0. Porritt's season record is now 21-16.

Six Lowell wrestlers took on extra honor when they were chosen for the Tri-River All-Conference team. They were 98-Dale Dawson, 112-Kurt Inman, 126-Jim Richard, 145-Tom Rasch, 167-Paul Klifman, Hwt.-Dave Wisner. Lowell totaled the most positions followed by Sparta and Cedar Springs with 3 each and Grandville and Belding one each.

## Defeat Lakewood, Districts On Thursday

The Red Arrow basketball team brought its regular season to a close with a very satisfying 85-68 win over Lakewood.

The Arrows will now move to Greenville to play in the Class B District Tournament. Lowell will meet the winner of the Greenville-Belding game this Thursday night.

Lakewood looked the sharpest in the first quarter when they out-rebounded and blocked many of the Arrows shots. Lakewood's tight man to man defense gave the Arrows scoring troubles as they could take only outside shots. Forward Denny DeWitt was finally able to break their defense in time to tie the first quarter score at 15-15. DeWitt topped the Arrows with his 28 points and 11 rebounds.

Lakewood showed off its team depth in the second quarter with an almost complete line-up change.

Coach Meredith also substituted heavily and the substituting produced scattered scoring but showed defensive results.

Instead of the usually slow third quarter, the Arrows picked up the pace and topped Lakewood's third quarter, scoring by 13 points.

The lead remained in the hands of the Arrows for the rest of the game.

Joe Rinard, a junior, totaled 11 rebounds to set his season mark at a team high of 173 rebounds.

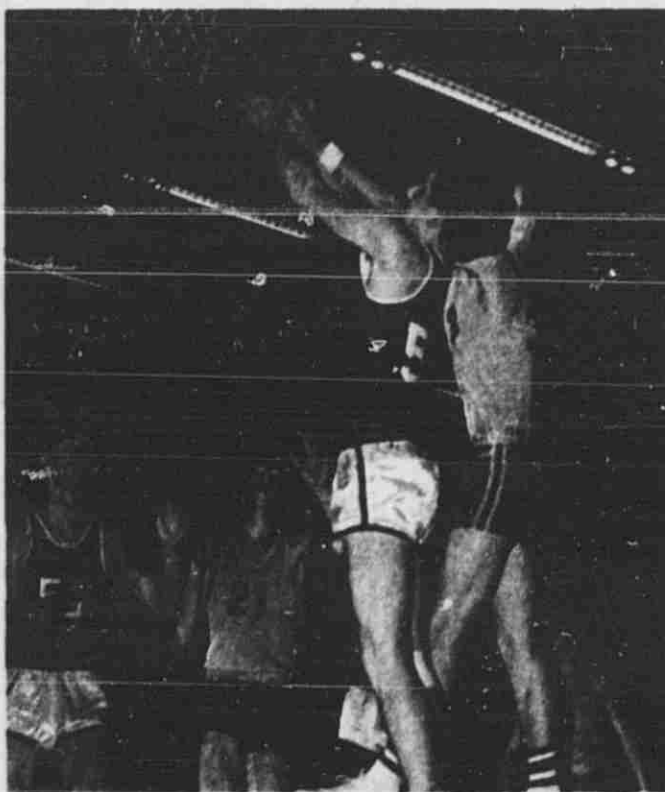
Rinard netted four steals, 14 points and 7 assists, primarily during the Arrow's third quarter press.

Denny Kissinger chucked in for 12 points and seven rebounds, followed by sophomore Kris Kropf, who substituted for Pete Olson with 10.

Guard Chris Collins, slowed a bit from last week's scoring of 32 and 16 points to total 8.

F	Year	FG	FT	F	TP
F Joe Rinard	3	6	2/5	3	14
*F Denny DeWitt	4	10	8/10	3	28
C Denny Kissinger	4	5	2/8	1	12
G Pete Olson	4	1	2/2	2	4
G Chris Collins	3	4	0/1	1	8
C Mike Oberlin	4	2		1	4
G Kris Kropf	2	2	6/6	1	10
F Jim Bovee	3	0	2/5	1	2
F Dale Marshall	4	1	0/2	2	2

\*High scorer



**REBOUND BATTLE** - Bob Kropewnicki, No. 33. St. Charles, and Lowell's No. 55, Ron Thompson, battle for a rebound in St. Charles' 40-35 defeat in the finals of the Lowell junior high tournament. Waiting for the rebound at left are No. 50, Ronald Phillips, Lowell, and No. 21, Jeff Winters, St. Charles.

-Photo by Steve Sims (Greenville Daily News)

## Junior High Wins Own Tournament

Lowell Junior High basketball team defeated Greenville's St. Charles Catholic School team in a championship thriller with a final score 40-35 in Saturday night's Lowell junior high tournament.

Down 16-3 after one quarter, St. Charles cut the margin to 28-17 by halftime, 32-23 after three quarters and sliced four more points off in the final period but couldn't quite make it.

Bob Kropewnicki and John Wolfe led the Greenville team with 16 and 11 points. For Lowell, Ron Thompson had 14 points and Willie Harden and Robert Thompson nine each.

The Lowell team was elated to squash St. Charles' undefeated record.

## Benefit Game Friday

Have you heard about the junior high school family night basketball games? The junior high faculty team will play the student team in the feature event, following games with the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The first game is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the feature event, 8th grade A vs. "Fabulous Faculty" will begin at 8:00.

Your favorite teachers will appear as outstanding basketball stars. Our cheerleaders are star material, too. Bring the whole family and join the crowds!

The proceeds from this event will be used for our own students. We have needed a fund of money to meet emergencies occurring in the junior high school. With your help, our "fun and game night" will start this student benefit fund. Remember the date, Friday, March 5.

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