

Around Alto

Vacation Church School

The United Methodist Churches of Alto and Bowne Center will have their vacation church school at the Bowne Center Church, June 19 through June 23. The classes will begin at 1:30 p.m. lasting until 4 p.m. and will include all children from nursery age through the 8th grade. Anyone wishing to come is welcome. If you wish a ride, please call 868-3203 or 868-5201.

Library Hours

If you're looking for an interesting book to read, a visit to the Alto Library could produce the results you want. Every Tuesday, 1 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. the library is open under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Smith, librarian. Fridays the library remains open from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 6 p.m.

RETURN FROM DENMARK

Nels Larsen of Wyoming, Michigan, and his daughter, Mrs. Karen Owens returned home May 22 after spending three weeks in Denmark. Larsen returned to his native Denmark to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Palace where he was one of the King's Guards when he was a young man. Eighty-four of the original 285 returned for the celebration; six were from America. Larsen and his daughter visited with his sister and toured Sweden. While they were in Sweden, Mrs. Larsen kept the home fires burning with her two grandchildren, Mark and Paul.

Straight 'A' Honor Student At Central

Annette Ujlaky, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Siegle of 5691 Bancroft Avenue, Alto, has been named to the academic honors list at Central Michigan University for the 1972 winter semester. She maintained a straight "A" average for the semester. To be eligible for the academic honors list, a student must have a cumulative grade average of "B" or better for his entire college career. Mrs. Ujlaky is a senior at CMU, and graduated from Lowell High School. David VanHeyningen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William VanHeyningen of 7247 McCords Avenue, Alto, a senior at CMU, was also among the 3,050 students honored for their academic achievements.

Gets Associate Degree

Christine M. Porritt received an Associate Degree in Applied Arts at Ferris State College June 11, graduating with distinction. She plans to continue studies in Social Service at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo this fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Porritt of Alto.

Mrs. Stahl Retires, Children Entertain, Mothers End Year

The Alto Mother's Club annual potluck supper took place Friday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the school's All-purpose room, which was enjoyed by all. Following the supper at 7:30 p.m. the room count winner was announced and Mrs. Clark's P.M. Kindergarten group received two games for their room next year. Mrs. Stahl, who is retiring this year, was presented with a lovely corsage of white carnations from her present class. The Mother's Club also gave her a silver pin with her name and the dates when she started and ended her teaching career engraved on it. Entertainment was provided by the fourth and fifth grade children under the direction of Mrs. McMahon. It was "Mr. Metternick's Toy Shop," where all the toys came to life and performed, splendid entertainment. The cast included: Engineer, Dawn Canfield; Puppet, John Waite; Teddy Bear, Lori Bergy; Clowns, Toni Posthumus and Alan Huver; Jacks-in-the-box, Debbie Thomet and Sharon Bancroft; Pink Panthers, Marcia Ralys and Lisa Willard; Buckaroos, Carolyn Merriman and Yolanda Miller; Raggedy Ann, Ellen Wheeler; and Raggedy Andy, Sheila Smith. The Alto Mother's Club would like to thank everyone for their great cooperation this year, and we hope you all have a very enjoyable summer vacation.

Jerri Courter Engaged



JERRI COURTER

Mr. and Mrs. James Courter of Clarksville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jerri Eileen, to Michael E. Bay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bay of Marine City, Michigan. Miss Courter will graduate from Central Michigan University in July with a B.S. in Education. Her fiancé also attended CMU. An August wedding date has been set.

IS HOSPITALIZED

Raymond Pitsch of Alto is a patient at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital, where he is recuperating from an operation.

Shelley Townsend, Jeff Steward Wed

Miss Shelley Townsend and Jeff Steward were united in marriage at the Hope Church of the Brethren at eight o'clock on May 26. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Townsend of Route 2, Alto, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Steward of Sunfield. The bride was adorned in a princess-style gown of white brocade. Her long train was trimmed with Chantilly lace, which was attached to a cathedral-length veil. Miss Diane Wieland was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Barb Bosworth, Mrs. Pam Duits, Shirley Fredrickson and Robin Colegrove. Ron Meyer was best man. Groomsmen were Art Phenix, Mike Catlin, Dale Rogers and Dave Reed. Ushers were Jim Thonas and Lynn Estep. A reception in the church's Fellowship Hall was held with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Deardorf and Mr. and Mrs. Ron France presiding as master and mistress of ceremonies. The couple will reside at 9908 Freeport Avenue, Alto.

Their 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary at their home, 8910 Wingeier Avenue, from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 25. The open house will be given by their children.

Graduates From Michigan State

Two Alto area students were conferred degrees during Spring term commencement exercises at Michigan State University Sunday. Graduating with high honors was Richard Posthumus of 11960-100th Street, Alto. He received a BS degree in Public Affairs Management. James L. Sweiderski of 6329 McCords received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife.

A good woman inspires a man; a brilliant one interests him, a beautiful one fascinates him; and a sympathetic one gets him...

Marcia Rodgers Weds



Miss Marcia Lea Rodgers of Alto and Kenneth Steven Briney of Three Rivers were united in marriage Saturday, June 10 in the Caledonia United Methodist Church. The Rev. Lloyd VanLente performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rodgers of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Briney of Elk Grove Village, Illinois are the parents of the bride and groom. The bride entered the sanctuary in a gown of white organza which featured bands of Venice lace forming yoke and encircling the high neckline and also the attached cathedral train. Matching lace formed the camelot which secured the bouffant bridal illusion. She carried a basket of pink roses and white carnations with white satin streamers. Jorilet Paets of Caledonia was maid of honor. Pamela Briney and Lavonda Rodgers attended as bridesmaids. The attendants' dresses were lavender and pink, floral nylon swiss, and carried baskets of spring flowers. Acting as best man was William W. Eis of Albion, Wayne E. Rodgers of Caledonia and James A. Briney of Elk Grove Village, Illinois seated the guests. Following a dinner reception in the church parlors, the newlyweds departed for a Northern Michigan honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Briney will reside at 4022 Debbie Lane, Kalamazoo.

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The definite possibility of expanding the present Bushnell building to double its size, rather than build a whole new elementary school, was skirted by the school board Monday night as they talked about purchasing five and one-half acres of land adjoining Bushnell area.

Dave Miller and Dave Wingeier met with King Doyle, Lloyd Ritzema and Carl Christenson as representatives of St. Mary's.

No longer willing to sell all 11 acres, as they were last year, the men agreed that they would sell 5.75 acres to the public school but that the asking price was still \$10,000 per acre.

Miller said that following the meeting he paced off the present Bushnell property and came up with 3.2 acres, less than two acres of which is playground. If the board purchases the property and constructs the addition, they would wind up with approximately nine acres for 600 students rather than 3.2 for 300. "We would still be tight according to State recommendations but it would be much better than the 300 is now," Miller opined.

Another factor up for consideration in the contemplated purchase is the necessity of constructing a bridge over the present stream and the water level of Cherry Creek.

As board members groaned at the asking price of \$10,000 per acre, Miller said, "the seller, in this case, is well aware of the value of the property. However, there are sales going on right now in Lowell at a higher price than that." (One spectator at the meeting was heard to remark that if this is true he hoped the school wasn't the one doing the buying.)

Dr. Reagan suggested that the board meet later this week to begin evaluating its plans before going any further with talk of land purchase. Miller suggested also, and Supt. Leonard Sinke agreed, that it would be a good idea to have the land professionally appraised to see if the asking price is at all reasonable.

Good and Bad

The final report from the State Fire Marshall on

building plans was both good and bad. Expensive fire curtains for the stage area in the new Middle School will fortunately not be needed but, on the other hand, a sprinkler system for the high school addition will be required.

Pond Site Moved

Excavation has started on the Middle School and the black dirt has been scalped. It was decided to move the pond site because deeper top soil and muck was discovered where the pond was originally located. Since the contractor plans to use soil from the pond excavation for fill, it was not suitable.

The contractor has moved the pond to the north and stated that he would put in one or two duck ponds at no charge for permission to make the change.

The official groundbreaking ceremony has been set for Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m.

Accepts Bid

Board members voted to accept the bid from Grand Rapids Mill on cabinet installations for the new Middle School's combined arts, crafts, homemaking and graphics departments. Classroom Incorporated was given the nod for science furnishings.

The purchase of a Clark Scrubber, to come out of this year's budget, was okayed with the understanding that although it will be used mostly in the high school, it can be moved to other buildings when necessary.

A request to blacktop part of the playground areas at both Bushnell and Alto this summer was tabled for further study.

Pay Tuition

Board members decided to again pay tuition and transportation for the students from this area attending Lincoln Trainable School for the summer. It is felt that these students lose too much valuable ground if they have the summer off.

Dr. Siegle also recommended that the board write a letter of appreciation and commendation to Margaret Knowles who is retiring from Lincoln School this month for her years of service to the children in the area.

Commended

Barb Vos was commended by the board for 10 years of excellent service to the Lowell system as special education bus driver.

Mrs. Vos is joining the staff of Western and Eastern Universities working in their bus driver training department.

Data Processing

The board voted to join the Kent Intermediate School District in using the Interstate system of data processing for its general fund accounting. The additional cost will not be great and it will save office personnel. It is expected that the school payroll and student scheduling will be transferred to the new system as soon as practicable.

New Equipment

Douglas Brothers' bids were accepted for new equipment in the high school kitchen. It is expected that federal funds will be available to help pay for this.

Several Delays

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Prins appeared before the board regarding the time it took for the school insurance program to pay bills resulting from a football injury to their son two and one-half years ago.

Bob Perry explained that there had been several delays and mix-ups in the process but that the bills were finally all paid. He added that part of the medical attention that the son received had not been completed until April of this year and that the company does not pay until all work is done.

Teacher Suspended

Superintendent Sinke informed the board that a high school teacher had been suspended without pay for disciplinary action for the remainder of this school year and requested that the board support the action, which it did.

The board also expelled a high school student for having excessive absenteeism.

Dennis McMahon, high school principal, stated that the student had been given several warnings, including a final warning.

Students To Register For Summer Band

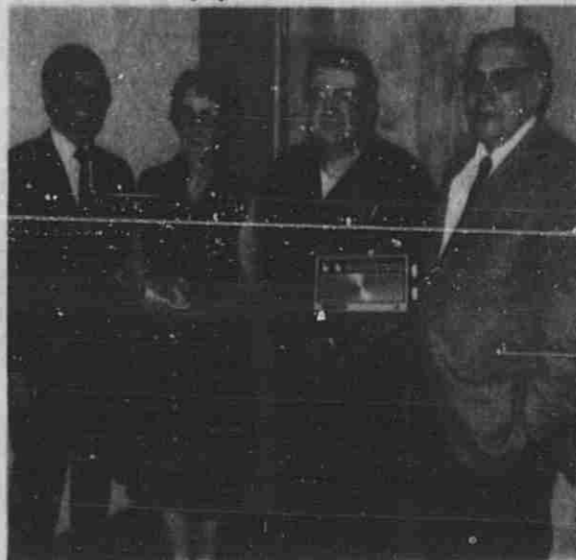
Summer band for Lowell School students begins Monday, June 19 and continues for four weeks, until July 14th.

Junior High and High School students should register with their respective directors this week.

Beginners will register on Monday, June 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the high school band room.

Cost for the four week program is \$8.

Whipples Retire



HUSBAND AND WIFE RETIRE—Oliver and Nina Whipple center, both retired from Universal Metal Products, Saranac, Friday, June 2, after 18 years of service. In honor of this occasion they were presented gifts of a radio and an electric mixer by Roger Hattem, personnel manager, left, and Art Smith, plant superintendent, right. They also received a sum of money, a contribution from fellow employees. After the presentations they were joined by co-workers for coffee and cake. Guy Mutchler, plant manager, said, "it is the first time a man and wife have retired from the plant at the same time." Their future plans are to retire to a cottage on the Big Canon River near Sharon, southeast of Kalkaska.

Flush Mains

The City of Lowell's Water Department will flush the city main this Friday, June 16, commencing at 8 a.m.

Flushing the mains does bring out rust in the water, so city residents are urged to alter their washing, etc., schedules accordingly.

Lost & Found

Forest Hills Schools have a number of articles in their Lost & Found Department consisting mostly of clothing items, towels and a few pieces of pottery.

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