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Sewer Program In Limbo

HUD Grant Announced

After a 2½ hour session attended by approximately 70 citizens, the Lowell City Council at their meeting held on Wednesday, July 5, decided to delay a decision on the proposed \$1.9 million Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation Program.

Despite announcement by Representative Gerald Ford and Senator Robert Griffin on Monday, July 3 of a grant of \$411,000 from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, there were a number of citizens at Wednesday night's meeting who felt the grant did not "constitute adequate funding."

Council had previously voted to delay further proceedings after being presented with petitions bearing over 700 names protesting the sewer program without adequate federal assistance.

Bids were taken in April by the Kent County Department of Public Works (which would construct the sewer), after having been told by HUD that no funds would be available for the City in the fiscal year ended June 30th. The low bids received were \$300,000 under the engineer's estimate of \$1,794,001.71.

David Despres, DPW director, explained that because federal funds now are involved and a contract pay raise for construction workers in the offing, the cost could probably be from 10 to 15 percent more.

Despres said the low bids were received at a time when contractors were lining up summer work. Now the work could not be started before late August or September. The implications were that any delay could only result in higher costs.

The City has applied to the State Municipal Finance

Commission for approval to issue \$1.9 million in bonds to fund the project. That amount would still be sought but Mayor Carlen Anderson told the citizens that any savings realized through the federal grant would be returned to property owners, thereby lowering their share of the project cost.

There were some citizens who seemed to favor a further delay in the hope that more federal money might become available and others questioned why the cost couldn't be spread over the entire city.

Ironically, apparent approval of the project was voiced by two retired citizens on fixed incomes who admittedly did not relish the added assessment, but as one of them said, "You can argue for 14 months and still get nowhere. There has never been enough money—there never will be enough money! I would like to see this go through so that I can get some benefit from it before I pass on. I don't like paying for it, either, but I think the thing to do is to go ahead. Lowell's been in the horse and buggy era long enough."

Continue Meeting on Thursday

Thursday night the council took up items of routine business remaining from Wednesday night's adjourned session. No action was taken on the Sewer Separation Program. The decision on whether to proceed was to be delayed until more exact costs to the individual property owner could be determined. City officials would have to wait for results of the negotiations between the DPW and the contract bidders before making a decision. The deadline for accepting bids was July 8.

Family Injured In Head-On Holiday Crash

James Thompson of Lowell, his wife, the former Peggy Sinz, and their three children, Allen 7, Luanne 1½, and Linda 4, were injured in a two-vehicle accident at 7 p.m. July 3 at the intersection of Portland and Jackson Roads in Ionia County.

Thompson was admitted to the Ionia County Memorial Hospital and his wife and son were transferred to Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she remains in serious condition. The other two children were treated and released. Thompson was released Sunday.

The family, enroute to a holiday event, traveling east in their pickup truck were hit head-on by a car driven by Toni Minard, 17, of Saranac, who also reported injuries.

Ionia State police at the scene, indicated the Minard vehicle had stopped at the intersection, but due to the low hanging sun in the west was unable to observe the Thompson truck.

Minard started a left turn as the vehicle topped the crest in the road. Despite Thompson's efforts to avoid the collision, the two vehicles hit head-on, veering the truck out of control. It skidded sideways along the north side of the road through the intersection, then rolled down a steep embankment. At the point of impact, all members of the Thompson family were hurled from the truck, which was completely demolished.

Laura Retires



On Wednesday, June 28, a Retirement Banquet was held at the Lowell Masonic Temple in honor of Mrs. Laura Shepard who had held the positions of Lowell City Clerk and Lowell City Treasurer for the past 17 years.

At the door Laurie, as she is called by her friends, was presented with a beautiful Orchid and Carnation corsage from the City.

After a delicious dinner served by the women of the Eastern Star, Mayor Carlen Anderson shared the festivities with a few jokes and amusing anecdotes of Laurie's career. Many local and county government officials whom Laurie has worked with through the years, rose to give testimonials to her as did many of her friends.

She was then presented by Mayor Anderson, with a plaque from the City of Lowell, citing her for her many years of faithful service to the community.

Next, she was presented with a gift certificate to the new Deer Run Golf Course, along with a new golf ball, a plastic pail filled with old golf balls to start her collection.

Then in a more serious manner, Laurie was presented with a beautiful new portable Electric typewriter with a card from all in attendance.

Laurie graciously expressed her thanks to all her many friends and the people she has worked with over the years for the lovely dinner, and all the lovely gifts, and recounted some of the highlights of her career, saying she remembered well sitting till 2 a.m. counting paper ballots on election night, before voting machines were installed.

After a well deserved travel vacation, Laurie will be at home to tend to her yard and flowers, and to type a whole lot of letters to her family and friends.

To you Laurie, a fond farewell. You will be missed, but not forgotten at City Hall.

Local Pig Takes Abuse

The township board of Ada received numerous complaints from all over the county in regard to one of the Fourth of July activities. The greased pig scramble sponsored by the Thornapple Athletic Association was the object of much criticism from groups and individuals interested in the well being of the pig. After the activity the pig was exhausted and possibly limping.

In response to the complaints, the Ada Township Board moved to ask the Thornapple Athletic Association to give careful consideration to this activity.

Ada Township officials also discussed the cost of the township sheriff's patrol car. The township expected a bill of \$2,500 for the first month of operation of the patrol car but received a bill for much more. Officials expected to pay half of an estimated \$5,600 bill for the first month which also included equipment for the vehicle and officer.

The actual bill for the first month is \$3,244. The following payment next month is estimated to be between \$125 to \$150.

Sheriff Ronald Parsons indicated a sharp decline in the number and seriousness of traffic mishaps in the area. According to Sheriff Parsons this decline may be attributed to the new township patrols in the county. Ken Anderson, Township Clerk, has noted many favorable letters and phone calls about the township patrol cars. "People are seeing more of the police and like the township patrols."



There've been two additions made to the city's parking lot on East Main Street . . . the Showboat ticket office is in its familiar place, and a picnic table has been placed on the green, green grass of the lot.

"How high's the water mama?" Oh, five feet high and rising . . . hum East Main Street residents. Recent heavy rains repeatedly flooded the area, halting traffic, and causing residents to wonder if it's time to get the canoes out.

Most of the Main Street businesses are continuing to remain open on Wednesday nights until 9 p.m., enabling shoppers to plan ahead for the weekends.

The Strand Theatre on West Main, in a continuing effort to bring the best picture shows to this area, this weekend will be showing the Academy award winning show "Kluge," starring Jane Fonda.

Transac Realty Company is nicely settled in their new West Main Street location . . . and are ready to meet the buying and selling needs of the area.

GARAGE SALE—ANTIQUES, Glassware, Appliances, Linens, Camping, Office, and other items. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 13-14-15. 414 Lafayette, Lowell. p14

DELICIOUS CHICKEN & SHRIMP—Liquor by the Glass. Riverview Inn, just outside East City Limits, Lowell. c40-41

Burglars Take \$5,500 From Safe

When Bruce Bergy arrived at 5:30 a.m. Friday to open the Bergy Brothers Elevator, he shockingly found there wasn't anything to open, someone had already beat him to the punch.

During the night or early morning hours, thieves had entered the elevator by prying open the door. They knocked the combination off the safe, cleaned it out, took the change from the tills, scattered the office, grabbed a set of socket wrenches and fled away with a grand theft of \$5,500 in cash and checks.

A lock box, containing insurance papers also taken, was found Friday afternoon by Ron Graham, north of the overpass on M-50, by the blinker light. It had been pried open.

"They sure didn't leave any clues," Bergy commented, "they only left us 11 cents to open with on Friday."

Prior to or after the Elevator entry, the thieves hit Linton's Lumber yard where they ransacked the office. The entry was discovered by Mrs. Linton and Harold Metternick when they opened the office at 7 a.m.

Entry into the building was made by prying the door until the moulding and casing broke," Ray Linton revealed. "I think they might have been scared off by the lights over at my house (next door) because they left two valuable hand drills and two skill saws by the door."

Linton could find nothing missing from the premises. Both incidents are being investigated by the State Police.

CLARKSVILLE HIT

According to the Ionia State Police, burglars were foiled twice during an overnight attempt to crack safes in Clarksville businesses.

The safes were located in the Burroughs Lumber Company office, and the next door building of the Clarksville Elevator Company.

Authorities said the burglars apparently were frightened out of the buildings when protective devices, attached to the dials of both safes, were set off within seconds after the dials were pried from the doors.

Power Company Explains Failure

John Jones, Superintendent of the Lowell Light and Power Plant last week expressed the company's "thanks" to all of its customers for their patience and understanding during the June 29 power failure.

"At this time, we would like to thoroughly explain the failure," Jones revealed.

"About June 1st it was announced in this newspaper that the L&P plant was in the process of changing the voltage system and this called for a complete shut down of the generating plant, and purchasing the power during this period from Wolverine Electric.

"We had hoped that we would not lose the connection with Wolverine," Jones continued, "but on June 29 a severe storm interrupted the transmission line somewhere between Lowell and Grand Haven, causing a 45 minute disconnection."

"The Lowell plant is expected to be completely shut down for the next four to five weeks," Jones said, "and we hope the customers will bear with us during this crucial period. If there is power failure, we hope to get it down to a minimum of time."

Jones noted that, "the June 29 failure substantiates our plans to bring the local system up-to-date and continue to operate our own plant—we should not have to rely completely on another system."

In summing up his report, Jones added, "I can only again thank the customers for their patience and understanding."

She's 92

"Besides doing a bit of handwork and watching some television, my greatest enjoyment are my grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Mrs. Emma D. Klumpp commented as she observed her 92nd birthday Tuesday.

Emma Kellogg was born July 11, 1880, in Lowell, and has lived her entire life in the Lowell area. In February of 1905, she was united in marriage to William Klumpp.

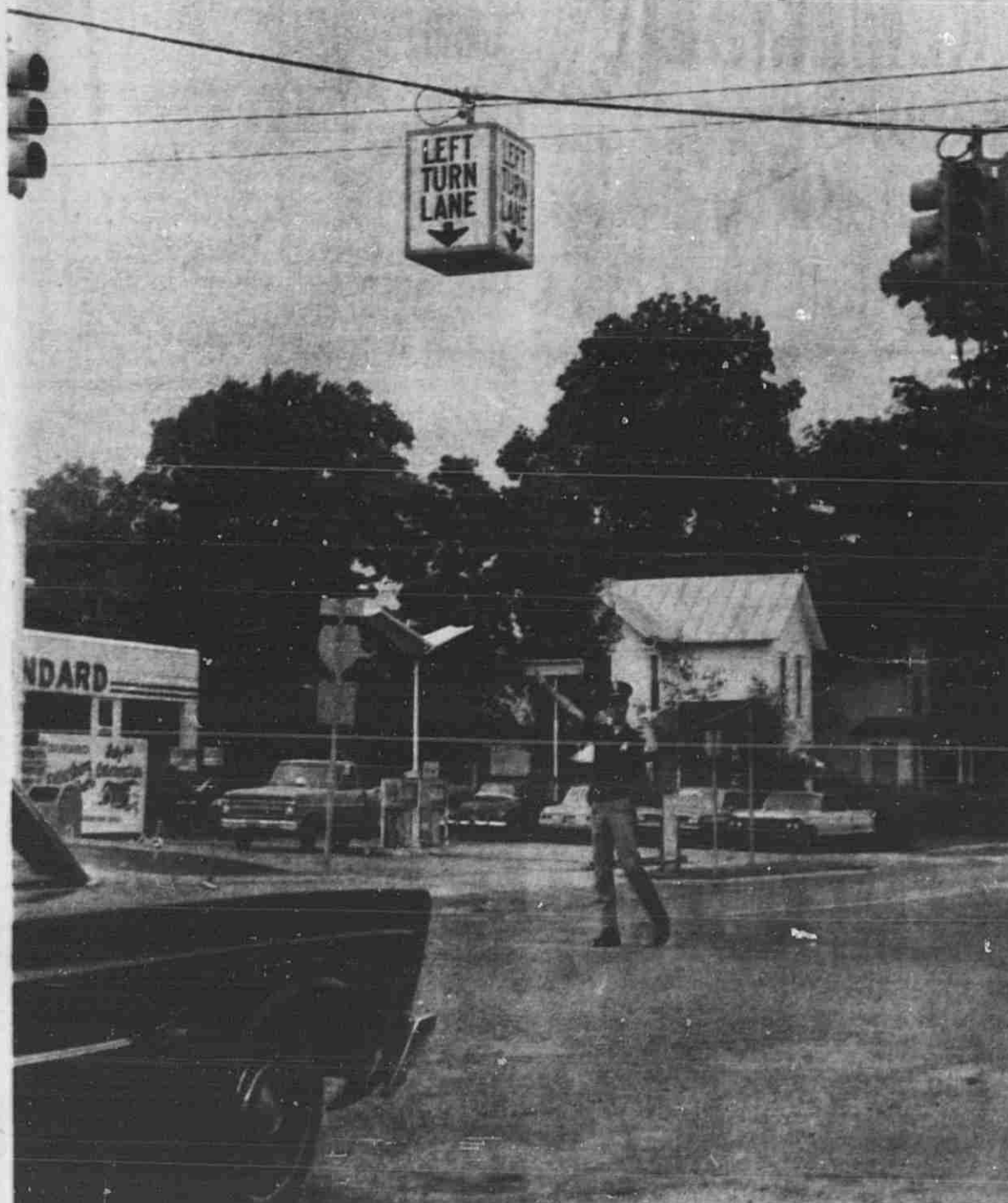
Residing at 322 North Washington Street, Mrs. Klumpp, or Emma as she is known to her friends, still remains active, and gets out every once in a while for a family ride.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Harold G. Lind of Lowell, Grandma Klumpp has three grandchildren, Mrs. John Schneider of Lowell, and Robert and James Lind, both of New York, and five great-grandchildren.

"Birthdays have always been fun for me," she chuckled in warm humor, "and I'm looking forward to next year."

Loses Control, Hits Tree

Charon Wozniak, 22, of 807 Spring, Grand Rapids, was taken to Butterworth Hospital July 1 following an accident around 12:30 a.m. Wozniak was unable to negotiate a turn onto Briggs Avenue from Downs Street. She lost control of the car she was driving and struck a tree.



Manpower traffic control was utilized during the June 29 power failure.

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Around The Area

Mrs. Iva Linton celebrated her 84th birthday June 29. She received many lovely cards, gifts and calls...

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bouck left Tuesday for California where they will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Louise Bouck.

Over 1,100 students planning to transfer to Central Michigan University this fall participated in one-day orientation sessions held on the campus at Mt. Pleasant in June.

Celebrating their birthdays the week of July 10-16 are Glenn Sayles, Randy Johnson, Ruby Avery, Cheryl Sweas, Charles Pitzer, Ethel Kelly, John Jones, Dan Kline, Cheryl Parson, James Cook, Jr., Mrs. Bud Scott, Laura Yost, Nancy Coom, David Barner, John Campan, Bobby McWhitney and Roger Roberts.

Phyllis Birman entered the hospital Monday to undergo tests and observation.

Jim Perkins of 710 Fallsburg Park Drive, Lowell is participating in a summer orientation program for all incoming freshmen at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

On our anniversary list, we find Mr. and Mrs. Phillip VanDuinen celebrating their first anniversary July 10, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lasby observing their 18th anniversary, July 17.

In the hospital, Theodore Bailey, Kent Community; Keith Avery, Butterworth; and Mrs. Janet (Peggy) Thompson, Blodgett. Home from the hospital, Pamela Phillips, Max Nigh and Margi Sweas.

The Rev. E. Cochrane of Columbus, Ohio, a former minister at the Lowell Congregational Church, was a recent visitor in the community.

Jeffery Roy Hoffman, 6-week-old son of Dan and Jean Hoffman of Hartland was dedicated July 2 at the Highland Church of the Nazarene. Those attending were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Carey; his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Munger and Mrs. Treva Spearstr. Also aunts, uncles, cousins, Aaron Wester, Ron, Verla and Sheila Carey, Dick, Mary and Gregg Intrain.

ANNOUNCING

TUESDAY, JULY 18 The next meeting of Flat River Post 8303, VFW, will be held Tuesday evening, July 18, in their club rooms on East Main Street.

TO APPEAR -- On the 1972 Lowell Showboat are the following winners of the annual Showboat talent search: The One Sisters, Song and tap dance; Florence Neel, whistling; The New Slurpette, jazz rock dance; Sandoe Voss, guitar and vocals; Carl Christensen, aerobic dance; Harmony, vocal trio; Charles Harnik, singing solo; Jim Davidson, singer and guitarist; Karen Cline, comedy tap; Roger Hyzer, guitar harmonies and vocals; Eric, Norm and Bill, vocal trio; and The Scrub Ladies, comedy dance.



SHOWBOAT WHISTLE TOOTS

The Showboat ticket office, located on East Main Street, is buzzing with activities. Stan Gardner, head of the activities reports that ticket sales are going good, with lots of inquiries and requests keeping the attendants busy.

A phone has been installed at the ticket office... anyone wishing to order tickets to this year's show, starring Jerry Reed (July 20-22) and Bobby Goldsboro (July 27-29) may do so by calling 897-9237.

All seats for the 1972 show are reserved (\$4, \$3, and \$2). This is a reminder that the show is only a week away, and tickets should be purchased early.

Miss Lowell Showboat Cheryl Hoyle and her court, Cindy Ball and Cheryl VonEhr appear July 8 in the Water Festival Parade at White Cloud. July 12, they will appear in the Wyoming Rodeo parade at 5 p.m.

This Thursday, Showboat representatives and the Queen and her court will go to Lansing where they will extend a special invitation to Governor Milliken to attend this year's show. He has already indicated that he will be here.

The twelve winning amateur acts selected at Talent Night last Saturday will travel to Grand Haven this Saturday night, where they will participate in the amateur night festivities there.

Thanks to a "nice" bunch of guys from the Lowell Moose Lodge, the Showboat Stadium has been made ready for Showboat fans... under the supervision of Jack Smith, the Moose members this year assembled and erected the stands, made the necessary repairs, added a touch of paint, here and there. These hard working guys are to be congratulated for their all-out efforts supporting the community project.

Rumor has it that John Twomey, the musicalist who captivated the audiences last year is considering a return appearance this year.

The lovely chorus line for this year's show is coming from the Phil Osterhouse dance studio out of Grand Rapids. Their clever routines, sparked by their beauty, will put a lot of sparkle into the show.

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Jerry Reed Bobby Goldsboro



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Around Alto Garden Club Meets For Annual Picnic Alto Commander Elected To 5th District Office Married June 23 Sixth Biennial Behler Reunion Two Car Accident Engaged To Wed

NAVY FIREFORM RECEIVES LETTER OF APPRECIATION Navy Fireman Robert I. Workman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Workman of 6246 McCords Avenue Alto, received a Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding professional ability while assigned to a machine shop at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-64 from May 1971 to January 1972.

Watch Train Wreck Auto A teenage driver and her two passengers scrambled from their stalled car Saturday afternoon and stood helplessly nearby while the car was demolished by a Chesapeake and Ohio railroad train west of Clarksville, according to Iowa State Police.

QUEEN CASUALS for girls who know the name of the game PLENTY OF KNIT TOPS & JAMAICAS Knit Tops Sleeveless Shells \$3.00 & up Tank Tops \$7.00 & up Jamaicas Double Knits Nylon Stretch \$7 - \$8

Clarksville Lions Plan 18th Annual Barbecue The Clarksville Lions Club is having their 18th annual Chicken Barbecue Supper Saturday evening, July 15, at the Clarksville School Gym.

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Cary's 219-221 West Main St.

Happy Reunion . . . Former Students Honor Ruby Avery



The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bieri on Flat River was the scene of a happy reunion Saturday afternoon, July 1st.

The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Norton Avery (nee Ruby Willette) who taught the Star School in Bowne Township from 1913 to 1916. She was greeted by former pupils from Holland, Grand Rapids, Lake Odessa, Alto, Bowne Center and Lowell. . .

Interesting conversation developed from the message sent by those who were unable to attend because of illness, distance and other commitments. Several photographs were taken including one of the entire group with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild who arrived later. . .

The refreshment table was attractively arranged with a beautifully decorated cake as a centerpiece. A replica of the schoolhouse, wood shed, pump and other outside conveniences in addition to a big red apple, a school bell and school pictures were reminders of school days of long ago and proved a source of much reminiscing. . .

Kalamazoo Minister To Speak Sunday

Sunday, July 16, "The Right to Ask Why," is the sermon topic being preached by High Priest Muriel Robinson, guest minister from Kalamazoo, at the 11 a.m. morning worship at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alaska. . .

Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., Midweek Fellowship Service with Elder Floyd LaLone giving us thoughts for consideration with his theme, "When the Spirit of God Touches Me . . ."

Nazarene Plan Annual Assembly

A delegation of Nazarene church members from this community and area will take part in the annual Michigan district assembly at the Nazarene camp ground, Indian Lake, Wednesday and Thursday, July 12-13. . .

The Rev. Fred J. Hawk, Grand Rapids, will give his annual review as district superintendent. The presiding official will be Dr. Orville Jenkins, Kansas City, Missouri. . .

The church of the Nazarene is the largest Protestant denomination that stands for scriptural holiness in the Wesleyan tradition. During 1971, the denomination passed the half-million mark in world membership. . .

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Showboat Garden Club Plans 'Fantasy'



Plans for the upcoming "Flower Fantasy" flower show, sponsored by Lowell Showboat Garden Club, are being finalized by Mrs. Ronald Holst, president; Mrs. Clark Fletcher, advisor; Mrs. Dan Free and Mrs. Roger Roberts, co-chairmen.

Schedule books are available at Doris Myer's Beauty Shop or the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street in Lowell. Entries will be accepted Thursday, July 27, between 7 and 9 p.m. . .

Robert N. DenBraber, CPA of Grand Rapids was elected President of The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants at their recent Annual Meeting. . .

This and That

Thirty-nine persons died on Michigan streets and highways over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, the State Police report provisionally, bringing the year's toll through July 4 to 1,041. . .

Robert Eleveld and Reg Norris, Grand Rapids Attorneys, have been named Kent County Co-Chairmen of the Michigan Committee for the Re-Election of the President. . .

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Obituaries

JOHN KROPP
John Kropp, aged 81, 417 Howard Street, Lowell passed away July 3 at the Michigan Veterans Facility and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel. . .

FRANCES CRUM
Mrs. Frances S. Crum, aged 57, of 8900 E. Fulton Road, Ada passed away July 2, at Butterworth Hospital. . .

WILLIAM WRIGHT
William Wright, aged 71, of 13548 Grand River Dr., Lowell, passed away July 6 at Kent Community Hospital and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel. . .

ALICE M. REYNOLDS
A former Lowell Ledger correspondent, Alice M. Reynolds of 9677-36th St., Lowell, passed away Sunday morning at her residence and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel. . .

Couple Slightly Injured As Car Rolls Over
A Lowell driver, Jeffrey J. Barber, 16, and his girl friend, Ruth A. Staal, 16, also from Lowell, were slightly injured in a roll-over accident about 11:20 p.m. Friday on M-91. . .

Advertisement for Clark Plumbing & Heating with phone number 897-7534.

Business Directory listing various services including Highland Hill Dairy, Cascade Hills Shell, Gilmore Sport Shop, Dick's Union Service, and others.

Come to Church

Grid of church listings including: First Baptist Church of Lowell, Thornwood Baptist Church, Eastmont Baptist Church, Bethany Bible Church, First Baptist Church - In Alto, Calvary Memorial Assembly of God, Cascade Christian Church, Ada Christian Reformed Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Ada, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Wesleyan Church, and others.

Obituary for Fr. John Sullivan, Parnell Native Succumbs, with photo of the priest.

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Receives Silver Dolphins

Navy Fireman Jord K. Nicely, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Chase of 6249 Adacraft Drive SE, received his Silver Dolphins aboard the submarine USS Bang, homeported at New London, Connecticut.

The Silver Dolphins signify successful completion of a vigorous six month program of learning the ship's electrical, hydraulic, engineering, electronics and weapons systems.



Above The Board Reagan Re-Elected Board President

Dr. Robert Reagan was re-elected president of the Lowell Board of Education at its organizational meeting Monday night with Dr. R. D. Siegle named vice-president; Harold Metternick, secretary and Dave Wingeier, treasurer.

While these elections were going on, Dave Miller suggested that it might be wise to hire a professional secretary to attend all board meetings to take everything down in shorthand so that a positively accurate record would be maintained for future discussion and documentation. The board agreed.

In designating the Lowell State Savings Bank as the official depository of school funds, Dr. Reagan questioned the new treasurer, Dave Wingeier, as to whether it might be a conflict of interest for him. "Not too extensive," Wingeier replied.

Chivalry (with just a touch of chauvinism) was apparent in the meeting as members welcomed Blanche Mullen, former teacher and new board member.

It didn't take Mrs. Mullen long to fit right in with the group and she wasn't a bit reticent about voicing her opinions in the otherwise all male governing body. However, it may take her a while to remember that in all issues she is a board member and no longer a teacher.

In most respects, having a former teacher, particularly a woman, on the board will be beneficial to the educational picture as a whole but there is, of necessity, some divergent views between the two and right at the onset Mrs. Mullen found herself in the unenviable position of being on both sides of a hot issue.

At the present time the board is involved in arbitration sessions with the teachers regarding longevity payments, and Mrs. Mullen is one of the key witnesses in the dispute.

"I don't think this ever should come to arbitration," Mrs. Mullen stated, "and I wish somehow or other these whole proceedings could stop right now."

Dr. Reagan, after surmising that Mrs. Mullen's method of stopping the proceedings would be for the board to capitulate, stated, "I think the board has given in a lot of times on negotiations and on fringe benefits and I don't think we have to give in all the time."

Superintendent Leonard Sinke spoke up saying, "I agree with you, Mrs. Mullen, that this issue should never have reached the grievance and arbitration stage but what you are not aware of is that the teachers' negotiation committee knew of this during the time they were negotiating and they never brought it up. The time to do it was then, before the budget was fixed and the contracts issued."

Mrs. Mullen concurred that she had a lot to learn about serving on the board but that she was more than willing to and that she intended to give all the time and interest necessary. To the onlooker, she appeared very sincere . . . and unafraid.

The board next agreed to offer St. Mary's \$3,000 per acre for 5.75 acres of land adjoining Bushnell School property. This is slightly higher than a recent appraisal of the land but well under the \$10,000 per acre asking price.

Wingeier, Metternick and Phil Kropp were appointed to look at bus facilities at other schools and work with Assistant Superintendent Don Kelly to develop plans for a new local garage.

Board members next spent a great deal of time discussing the request of the Assembly of God religious group to use school facilities to hold church services on Sundays until they can build a church building in this area.

Metternick, long an advocate for opening up the school buildings to more public use, said, "In Alto we don't have many places available for public and private gatherings and just being able to walk by and see what a beautiful school building we have if we can't use it,

4-H Youth Week Delegates Named

Delegates to the 54th annual 4-H Youth Week at Michigan State University, July 18-21, have been selected by the Kent County 4-H Awards Committee.

They are Marcia Bunn, Kim Feringa, Mike Hart and Alice Hinton, Rockford; Randy Fales, Rene Hanshue and Philip Knisely, Sparta; Bill Roersma, Beth Brechtling, Sue Homrich and Lee Ann Thome, Comstock Park; Bonnie Shade, Jaclyn and Jill Folkertsa, Alto; Nancy Johnson, Walker; Karen Russell, Grandville; Linda Johnson, Byron Center; Susan Shaw, Casnovia; Sharon Morris, Ada and Lou Ann Briggs, Grand Rapids.

Outstanding youth-oriented speakers for the conference will include Magr. Hugh Beahan, Grand Rapids; Dr. Darell Thomas, Western Michigan University; Morley Fraser, Albion College and Dale Robinson of Washington, D. C.

Showboat Plans 'Special' Nights

The "special nights" committee of the Lowell Showboat is pleased to announce that on July 20, Congressman Gerald R. Ford will be the guest of honor on the Robert E. Lee.

On July 28, the following former endmen have kindly and eagerly accepted the invitation to be guests for the 40th anniversary presentation: Bernie Kropp, Phil Kropp, Bob Reagan, Bill Jones, Charles Doyle, Chris Burch, Ron Holst, Dick Young, Curt Chadwick, John Roth, Bill Reynhout, Bill Beis, Wendell Emery and Ron Weeks.

A block of tickets has been reserved for the endmen's families and they may be purchased by calling the Showboat ticket office 897-9237 until July 24.

The committee is still in hopes that all of the former endmen in the vicinity will respond and join them in paying tribute to these great guys, who for so many years gave of their time for the success of the show.

July 29 area queens from all over the State will be the special guests and should give an additional air of beauty as they are introduced.

Mayor's Night is July 21, and five acceptances have been made, to-date, for this night from area dignitaries.

Plans are in the making for the other nights, and as plans are finalized a report will be made.

Things To Come

As demand for American wine booms, it's forecast that the nation's acreage devoted to wine grapes will double this year. . . . Washington sources see the likelihood of the creation of two new federal agencies this year, one for consumer protection and one for product safety.

just isn't enough. I think it should be available for wedding receptions, church groups and most anything else that the community needs."

Blanche Mullen took exception to part of this stating, "I would worry a great deal about whether a public school, which is supported by public funds, could be used for religious purposes. It's that old separation of Church and State. There are some groups that I would object to mightily, as a tax payer. I think Harold and some of the others have a good point that we should use the buildings more than we do, but it is public money and we have to be careful."

The contract for carpeting six classrooms, three in Bushnell, two in Runciman and one at Alto, was given to Beucham's Furniture with the low bid.

The rooms to be carpeted are three second grades at Bushnell for the new open classroom concept and the kindergarten rooms in the other two buildings.

Superintendent Sinke told board members that the State Aid picture looks as if it has been settled for the 1972-73 school year. "I appears that we may receive between \$40 and \$50 more per student than we did last year," he said. "However, we will lose some revenue on the local level," he added.

A summer workshop for bus drivers, which was successfully held here last year, has been set again for Lowell at the high school August 3-5.

Interesting even to the public, board members were urged to attend as much of the workshop as possible. During part of the training, a bus will be set on fire in the high school parking lot.

A joint meeting with the YMCA, pertaining to adult education classes, an enrichment program and the inter-mural sports program has been set for Thursday, August 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Deemed by the board to be one of the school's most important and long-overdue programs, it began successfully last year and this year may be extended to Alto School and St. Patrick's at Parnell.

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