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Schools Prepare For Opening . . .

It doesn't seem possible, but it's true! The summer has swiftly passed us, and it's that time of the year again, when families are busily getting their children ready for school!

The Lowell Area School system, according to Superintendent Leonard Sinke, will open their doors, to a full day session, Tuesday, September 5. A complete schedule of school activities can be found elsewhere in this issue.

With a minimum enrollment of 4,650, the Forest Hills Public School system, Superintendent Robert Masten reveals they are in the process of gearing up for another year, and will hold their opening session on September 6.

In announcing the school opening, Masten added that Jack Lane will fill the principalship at the new Forest Hills Northern High School, and Willard DeJonge, will head Forest Hills Central High School.

Schools in the Forest Hills District are on the following time schedule—All elementary 9 a.m. to 3:35; Junior High 8:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.; and high school, 8:10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

St. Mary's School of Lowell will greet their students on Tuesday, September 5. The students will be on hand for the 8 a.m. opening, and will attend classes until 2:30 p.m. This time schedule has been established for the 1972-73 school year.



Cindy Ball seeks Snow Queen title. See story and additional picture on page 4.



We often wonder if parents take the time to warn their children of the dangers of shoplifting and vandalism. Quite often young people decide they are out to defy the 'establishment' by setting out to steal or destroy. Not only are they in danger of ending up in jail, but also, of finding themselves with a police record because they did something on a dare or a thrill. Parents should check on articles brought into the home, to be sure they have not been taken out of a store without permission. The saying, "where are your children tonight? holds true more than ever. Trust; but know what is going on!

Just what is the destiny of our inflated dollar? Three Harvard professors took the dollar to task in a recent research problem: Based on the dollar being worth 47 cents in buying power in 1970, they figure by 1980 it will be worth approximately 6 cents in honest to goodness buying power. I guess when the dollar inflates down to a big fat zero, we'll all return to the forest to fight the squirrels for whatever nuts are left on the trees!

The Lowell United Methodist Church on East Main Street is returning to their fall schedule—Sunday worship services will be 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Gary Potter, owner of the Wheel Cycle Shop on West Main Street, was released from the hospital Monday, and is recovering from injuries he sustained in a car-motorcycle accident last Wednesday at the intersection of Lincoln Lake Road and Hunt Street. Vern Ivan Paulsen was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way, following the intersection collision.

Potter, who was not wearing a helmet, sustained multiple head injuries and a broken nose. He had 40 stitches taken. He was ticketed for no license plates or registration for the bike he was riding.

Preparing for an expected upsurge in traffic during the Labor Day period, the last of three long holiday weekends of the summer season, special emphasis on patrol coverage during hours of congested travel. The patrols will begin at noon Friday, September 1, and end at midnight, Monday, September 4.

Lowell Police arrested a male juvenile Saturday, August 26, for being a disorderly person. The juvenile was issued a citation for Careless Driving and as a result the subject used abusive language to the officers. Officers arrested the subject and lodged him in Kent County Juvenile Home.

Lowell Police are investigating a Larceny complaint at the Clare Krebs residence, 123 N. Division. The larceny took place at 106½ W. Main Street, where Mr. Krebs was working.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — This Week's Special: Dachsund All Beef Roasted or Polish Sausage with Saurkraut and Mozzarella Cheese, 69¢. Regular All Beef Roasted or Polish Sandwich, 63¢.

40 lbs. Marijauna Found In Rural Lowell Home

A car parked at the site of the new Lowell Middle School on Foreman Road, Thursday night, around 11 o'clock, with its trunk open, aroused the suspicion of one citizen, and a prompt call to the Lowell Police Department led to the arrest of a former Lowell man and two juvenile runaways from Mason, Michigan.

The trio was placed under arrest for stealing gasoline from a truck parked at the site, and a subsequent search of the vehicle produced several ounces of marijuana.

Taken to the Kent County Jail was Carl Simmerer, 20, who listed his current address as 158 Prospect, Grand Rapids. He was charged with possession, but was arraigned on Friday in Judge White's Court, to a reduced charge of use.

Still holding a larceny warrant on another suspect, Sergeant Jim Hutson of the Lowell Police, acting on another tip went to 10474—36th Street, S.E., with two County officers and two Lowell Deputies.

While approaching the premises, the suspect was seen looking out an upstairs window. The search found Roger Lee Shepard, 23, hiding in a closet. Shepard, AWOL from the Army was taken to the Kent County Jail, along with Simmerer, who was an occupant of the house.

Upon entering the home, Sergeant Hutson quickly noted large amounts of marijuana in the drying process, and immediately contained the house. With the proper papers secured from Judge Kehoe's 53rd Court, Hutson returned to the premises with Sergeant Robinson of the Kent County Vice Squad and John Ingman, Assistant prosecuting Attorney.

The marijuana found in the house, approximately 40 pounds, was in various stages—some, already placed in baggies, some in bowls being processed, and some in the drying stage.

Simmerer and Shepard have been charged with two counts of a felony; manufacturing and possession and sale. They are being held in lieu of \$1,500 bond. They have pleaded not guilty.



Mrs. Lois Chadwick of Saranac was honored recently as a 25 year employee of Universal Metal Products in Saranac.



Safe Driving Awards

Rural mail carriers for the Lowell Post office, Alex, Jack, Bernie and Bill were honored this week for their safe driving records. Not pictured is Rick Fonger.

The National Safety Council Safe Driver Award was awarded to five employees of the Lowell Post Office this week.

The following names and award years given were as follows: Jack Fonger, 11 year award; Paul Kerekes, 10 year award; William Dawson, 10 year award; Bernard Kropf, 6 year award; and Rick Fonger, 1 year award.

The National Safety Council Safe Driver Award is the recognized trademark of professional drivers who have proved their skill in avoiding traffic accidents. The more than two million drivers who have earned the award since 1930 have made it the highest award

for professional safe driving performance.

The Safe Driver Award emblem is a gold-plated metal shield bearing the words "National Safety Council Safe Drivers Award" in gold on a hard fired, blue enamel background that borders the familiar figure of the man behind the wheel. A wallet-sized certificate accompanies each award. This certificate indicates the number of safe driving years, the date earned, the registered serial number of the award.

The total miles driven during this period is over 700,000 and all were driven within a radius of seven miles from the Lowell Post Office.



Flush Mains

Superintendent of the Lowell Water Works Department, Robert Steward, releases the water from one of the city's mains, as they continue their flushing procedure.



Ken Smith and Superintendent of Schools Leonard Sinke, review the site of the new Lowell Middle School, now under construction on Foreman Road.

Driver With A Beef

Edward Houdek jr., of 3911 Balsam, Grand Rapids, was unable to avoid a cow as it ran onto the traveled portion of East Fulton near Carl Drive. Houdek was treated for injuries sustained in that collision Wednesday, August 23.

Officer Bruce Phillips of the Kent County Sheriff's Department, reported that four cows were loose in the area at the time of the mishap.

Compressor Stolen

Larceny of an air compressor valued at \$80 was reported this week to the Ionia State Police by Deloss Bean of 11320 Ware Road, Lowell.

Bean reported to officers that the compressor was taken after August 12, while he was on vacation. Officers are investigating.

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Jabber . . . by Jane

Fleeting Impressions of First Time Flight

-Large drops of rain begin to fall as my friend and I dash for plane. (Please, -don't rain on my parade!).

-O'Hare Field-during three hour wait that was supposed to be one hour! (Mechanical trouble in the East, they say-(Take plenty of time, boys, we're in no hurry!))

-Lots of time to people watch-Where is everybody going and where do they come from? Who's home minding the store?-Old people, young people, kids, babies, beautiful people, ugly-long dresses, short shorts, saris, an old thin man with wax-like face, long stringy, gray hair but bald on top, accompanied by a small wisp of woman, long black hair pulled severely back in small knot at neck and dressed in long dark wrinkled dress-who are they? Poets, artists?-or just off the streets? People traveling with only a bundie or box-Shoes-thonged sandals, tennis shoes with holes, see-thru blouses-low, low cut blouses-Oh my!

-Do double take-that was Joan Whorley, I'm sure! -and we almost brushed elbows-(I'll put her away with my Jack Paar autograph).

-"Flight 131 now ready for boarding"-butterflies in my stomach-Do hope they have all trouble corrected!

-Oxygen mask? Good grief! What a thing to greet a greeny! My friend smiles.

-Little blue card in pocket in front of you-In case of forced landing over water familiarize yourself with these procedures") m-m-m-Great!

-The captain's voice-(Shades of Shelley Berman)-"Good evening ladies and gentlemen-welcome to . . . growl, growl . . . we will be flying (pause) (I certainly hope so!) . . . at about . . . growl-thousand feet (How many feet?)

-Twinkling lights below-moon shining bright and clear-How small we are down there-moment of emo-

tion-How can this good earth be so devastated by man?

-Plane shakes a bit-Lightning bounces from cloud to cloud-Beautiful!-But there are some thick clouds piled like gray mashed potatoes below us-rather ominous-hope we leave them soon.

-Are we over mountains now? I can't see for it is too dark-No lights anywhere but on wing of plane reassuring me it's still there.

-Clouds have thinned-a few more lights now-Can it be San Francisco-so soon? What a glorious sight-plane enveloped in wispy fog over water-Entering our pattern to land my friend tells me.

-We seem to be gliding and it's suddenly quieter now-did they cut the engines?-run out of gas? My friend smiles-We've landed-it's over-and I was just beginning to enjoy!

What Is In The Middle of Ada?

Zdravo! (Hello)

I must tell you about the leader of Yugoslavia, my exchange country. As you know the leader is Tito. The people here love him very much. When we went to the city of Kumanovo I saw on a farmer's hill these words made by white stone, "Long Live Tito." Marcia, my sister, told me May 28 is Tito's birthday.

The only differences in their schools and ours is first they take 14 classes, seven the first semester, seven the second semester. They have a class called "defense," where everyone learns first-aid, how to shoot a gun and how to defend yourself by regular fist fighting.

My mother speaks several languages and has now taken eight lessons in English, she showed me her book.

You know that we have Dutch, Polish, etc., jokes. In Yugoslavia we have gypsy jokes! An English teacher was visiting here and played a joke on me! She said, "Melissa, what is the middle of your town of Ada?" I said, "I guess the post office?" She said, "No, the letter 'd'!" Everyone laughed for five minutes. The teacher said, "And I haven't even been there!"

The packaging of food is also different from ours. The milk comes in a plastic bag or in cardboard triangles which holds enough for four people, because that is the average sized family in the city.

Today we went to the Turkish market (flea market). It was great fun! You have to look out for cows, goats, chickens and cars. I noticed a tamjoreen and I pointed-I learned "never point!" for the gypsy that was selling the tamboreen kept following me through the market banging that dumb thing! I did buy some wonderful things which I want everyone to see at my talk at the high school this fall. I purchased some carved things, a national dress, some of their hand embroidery, etc.

We are going on vacation next week down to the Adriatic Sea. We will be visiting relatives and sunning and swimming.

I will be coming home the 29th, after spending a day in Hamburg, Germany.

Thanks again to everyone who helped all the YFU students take these wonderful trips.

See you all soon. Melissa Lake

Girls Dateless Until Eighteen

Hi!

It's almost time for me to leave Greece and return to Lowell. Greece is a wonderful country and I'll miss it a lot.

I live in Thessaloniki which is the second largest city, but we spend most of the time at my family's summer house on the Aegean Sea.

My sister, JoAnna, is a lot of fun. We usually swim during the day and then at night go to a discotheque with a group of kids. We always go out in groups since Greek girls are not allowed to date formally until the age of 18. Girls here are always instructed to be good and boys are always told to "have fun while they can."

My brother, Andrea, JoAnna, six other kids and myself went to the Greek Island of Scopelos for 10 days and had a great time. The island was very small, yet it had 365 churches.

The people were very simple and very friendly. They all wanted to meet me because I was again "The American." None could speak English though so they usually just looked at me and smiled.

We leave Greece on the 27th and will spend two days in Vienna and then I'll be home on the 29th.

Since the United States has a lot to do with Greece, the Greek people watch our politics and social issues. I'm always being questioned about McGovern, the black situation and the Universities.

Sharon Doyle

Returns From Brazil Visit

Oi ("Hi," in Portuguese)

Well, I'm home now and I'd like to take this time to thank everyone who helped all Youth For Understanding Exchange Students. I am very happy that we have people in our community that are interested in the young people who want to travel abroad to learn the ways of a foreign country. This was a very interesting experience for me, and I'll never forget any of it. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (my city) has 4 1/2 million people so you can understand how different from Lowell it was.

I am happy to say that I had the nicest family a person could ask for. I stayed with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Adir Cidade. There were seven children in our family; Roberto, 18, Paulo, 17, Sidorey, 14, Mary Anne, 15, Luiz, 12, Josi Anne, 11, and Adriana, 4 years old. My father had been teaching himself English so we could speak a little, and Paulo had spent six months in Texas as an Exchange Student so he was my translator for the first couple of weeks until I could pick up a few words of Portuguese.

I'll never forget them and all the people I met. But without the people of our community I never could have had such a beautiful experience.

Thanks again, Tootie Roth

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