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One Killed, Four Injured



A Grand Rapids man was killed and four local youths were injured in a mishap Monday around 5:30 p.m. The accident took place on Pettis Avenue near Egypt Valley Road. Irving Rose, 63, of 128 Fair SE, was taken to Blodgett Hospital where he died of severe chest injuries.

The youths, David Kruer, 16, of 711 Ada Drive, Michael Weare, 16, of 940 Thornapple River Drive, and Theodore Banta, 15, of 1885 Spaulding were passengers in a car driven by Gary Osmolinski, 16, of 981 Buttrick. Apparently the four were enroute to a homecoming float under construction at a barn located at 817 Pettis.

The Osmolinski vehicle turned around in the entrance to Reith-Riley Company. The Rose vehicle was proceeding northwest bound on Pettis when the Osmolinski car pulled out from the driveway. It is believed that Osmolinski looked left to right when he approached Pettis from the driveway and did not see the Rose car. A short hill and trees may have blocked his vision. Rose was traveling approximately 55 to 65 MPH.

Osmolinski and Weare were taken to Butterworth Hospital for treatment of injuries, and Banta was taken to Blodgett Hospital for surgery. Kruer was treated and released at Blodgett.

Forest Hills Voters Defeat Bond Issue

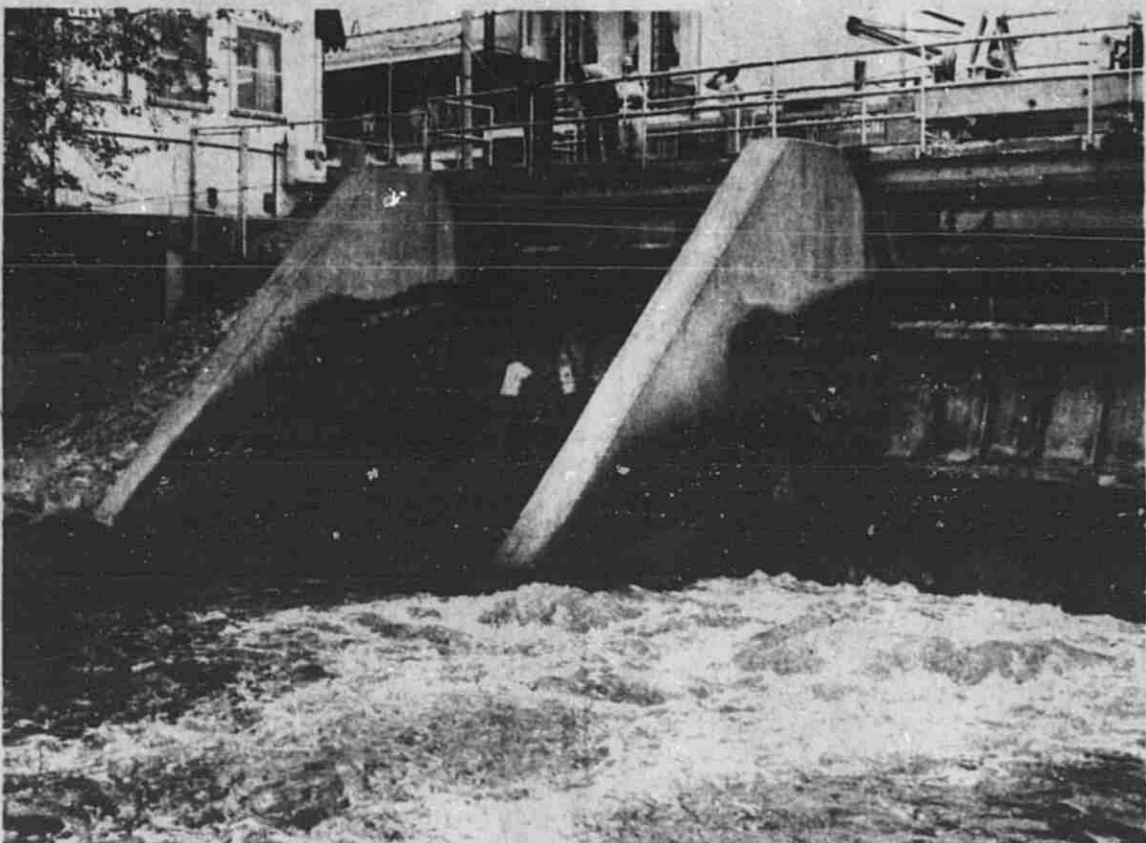
An estimated 30 percent of the voters in the Forest Hills School District went to the polls October 3 and turned down a \$2.75 million bond issue, which would have built a new middle school, a cafeteria and auditorium to Forest Hills Northern, a swimming pool and 10 new classrooms at Thornapple.

By a vote of 1,373 to 1,035 residents said no to the bond issue which would have raised taxes 35 cents per \$1,000 for a 7.40 building millage. Forest Hills operates on 31.40 mills.

After last Tuesday's defeat, the Forest Hills Administration will make a reassessment of residents' attitudes about school needs in Forest Hills, before bringing the issue to another vote, possibly within a six months period.

THINGS TO COME

High meat prices and the big purchases of U. S. grain by the Russians are expected to help boost this year's net farm income to a record of about \$18.4 billion. Spanish treasure salvaged from sunken galleons will be auctioned in New York late in November.



Bieri Bros. Company make repairs on the Main Street dam.

Deadline Is Thursday

Next week the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life will publish their annual "Servicemen's Edition," featuring the men and women of the area who are serving their country, here and abroad.

The special edition will feature stories and pictures. All photographs and information must be in no later than this Thursday, October 12.

All parents, wives, sweethearts, etc., who have someone in the service are cordially invited to send news stories and pictures in.

Police Busy

Bike, Gas, Tires Among Items Stolen

Four complaints of larceny, registered with the Lowell Police Department since the first of October, remain open and still are under investigation.

A fifth complaint October 4, brought the police to the David Coons residence at 404 North Division Street. Mrs. Coons revealed that a young man was in the house, but had left the house and rode down the hill on Division Street and turned onto Avery. The subject was apprehended and later admitted that he was the one who broke into the house.

The subject, a juvenile was taken to the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center and lodged.

Jackson Motor Sales on West Main Street, October 2, reported the loss of a set of wheel covers off a 1969 Plymouth. The same day, a red Schwinn bicycle, with no fenders, was taken from Tom Grim.

Approximately twenty gallons of gasoline were reported missing by Duane Hendrick on October 5. Mr. Hendrick stated that he had just had his tank filled up the night before, and the next morning he was running on empty.

Lynn Wittenbach of 705 Grindle Drive, reported the loss of two tires, a generator and a power steering unit October 6. The items were taken off a car sitting alongside the house.



The Lowell High School Band, under the direction of William Mills, was the only class B band to receive a first rating in competition at Cedar Springs' Red Flannel Day outing last Saturday.

Friday afternoon Lowell Police were called to investigate a property damage accident on West Main Street in front of Thomet Chevrolet and Buick. A truck driven by Douglas Charles Nelson of Brighton backed into a car being driven by John Frederick Vlastuin. Nelson was implicated as being at fault. No citations were issued.

The snowmobiles to be given away in December by the Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell is being displayed at Chrouh's Radio Service on East Main Street.

Beginning October 12, the Lowell VFW Hall on East Main Street will be open every Saturday thereafter from 12 noon until 6 p.m. for use by its members.

Another accident Friday afternoon, involving three cars brought the Lowell Police to the intersection of West Main and South West Streets to investigate the personal injury accident. Joann E. Grace of Lowell was issued a citation for failure to stop in the assured clear distance ahead, when her auto struck a car driven by Chris Edward Wittenbach of Ionia. The Wittenbach vehicle then hit a car driven by Doris Mae Hale of Saranac.

When the registration deadline for the November 7 General Election arrived last Friday, the City of Lowell picked up 52 last minute voters. City Clerk Blaine Bacon took in 21 applications between 5 and 8, bringing the city's registrar to 1,692. He accredited the increase to the promotional drive sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycees, and their fine efforts to get people registered and exercise their right to vote.



LHS Homecoming queen candidates are Sue Meyers, Carol Thomson and Terri Reynolds. The fourth girl, Peggy Dalstra was on-the-job. Homecoming is this Friday against Sparta at Recreation Park.

FILES POLLUTION SUIT AGAINST SARANAC FIRM

The Michigan Water Resources Commission is seeking an injunction in Ionia County Circuit Court, to halt ground water pollution by Saranac Manufacturing Company, a metal plating firm operated by Harry J. Swanson, jr.

The Commission in its suit charges the firm discharges waste into seepage lagoons which eventually enters the ground water.

Who Is She?



Mrs. George Butler, Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, was the first caller to recognize our mystery man, Vern Armstrong, last week.

A free subscription will go to the first person who calls 897-9261 after noon on Friday and gives us the correct identification to our mystery lady this week.

STUDENT TEACHING CONFERENCE

School teachers and administrators from all parts of Michigan are expected to attend Central Michigan University's fall conference for Administrators and Supervising Teachers in Mt. Pleasant October 17.

Sponsored by the University's Department of Student Teaching, the conference annually brings together Michigan teachers and administrators who serve as local supervisors for CMU student teachers.

Lippert's Buys Building

Experiencing growing pains, with the need for room to stretch out, Lippert's Pharmacy in the heart of the downtown area, is doing something big about it—expanding.

Yes, this week, Lippert Pharmacy purchased the empty supermarket building on East Main Street, next to McCaul's Texaco, where they will have over 8,000 more square feet of selling area, to serve their customers better.

According to owner, Charles Lippert, "with this additional area we intend to give our customers a much larger selection of merchandise, a bigger savings on the goods they purchase, and better service."

"We hope," Lippert commented, "people will keep coming back again and again, with the incorporation of our goal, 'Selection, Service, Savings is our new way of life.'"

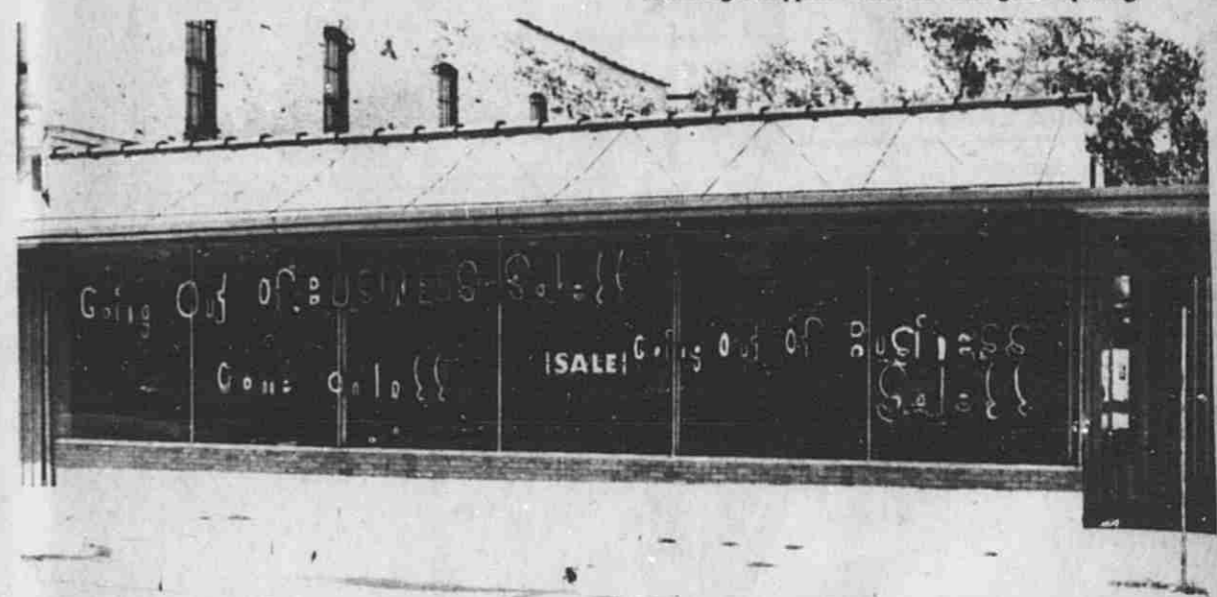
Lippert's expansion plans are being finalized, and he hopes to be in his new building by February of 1973. He will also maintain the present building.

His new location will offer a sixty-car parking lot, plus a full fountain service.

Lippert's announcement last week that the soda fountain at his present store would be taken out due to the extreme maintenance expense, and substantial cost of replacement hit with rumbles of discontentment, and fell on very sensitive ears.

After careful consideration and evaluation of his customer's desires, Lippert restored the fountain in his new plans.

Something big is happening in Lowell, and Lippert's is making it happen. Watch for their grand opening.



Soon to be the home of Lippert's.

LOWELL AREA JAYCEES - Annual Auction. If you have White Elephants you want to get rid of call 897-8803 for pick-up.

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This Week's Special: Fish & Chips, 79¢. Open Face Steak Sandwich and Tossed Salad, \$1.49. c27

Above The Board

Marge Kropf, former Lowell kindergarten teacher and now EIP consultant for the system, came before the school board Monday night to explain the EIP program.

Mrs. Kropf's enthusiasm for the program was so contagious you could almost see board members ready to fire everyone else and keep only the EIP's.

Explaining the set-up fully for the first time, Mrs. Kropf likened the leading teachers to medical interns who first practice their knowledge under the guidance of an experienced master.

Following two years of basic college, the EIP intern has 10 weeks of intensive study of learning theory and teaching methods at the Michigan State Intern University Center in Grand Rapids.

Following a summer school session on Michigan State's campus, the intern will then teach in one of the area school systems for one complete school year. During this time an intern consultant (in Lowell's case, Mrs. Kropf) spends one full day each week in the classroom with the teacher for additional guidance and observation.

In listing the advantages of the EIP program, Mrs. Kropf also mentioned the many special teaching materials she is able to bring to the Lowell EIP classrooms through the Grand Rapids Center and the access she has to observe special pilot programs in other schools, reporting her observations to the Lowell administration.

Something Special

Blanche Mullen, the only woman and former teacher on the board, continues to speak her mind on strictly academic issues bringing to the board an educator's point of view.

Mrs. Mullen is right in there pitching during regular board business but she also always seems to save something special for the very end of each meeting.

This time it was concern about the class loads at Alto in the lower grades. She cited figures of 34, 33, 32 and 31 per room stating that she wished something could be done about it.

Supt. Sinko agreed that the situation was certainly not the best, not only at Alto but in the second grades at Bushnell as well. He added that administration is working on the problem and hopes to come up with a solution shortly.

Sinko's solution will probably involve either volunteer mothers or para-professional assistants in the crowded room to give more individualized help under the teacher's guidance.

Clark Plumbing & Heating. Phone 977-7334. RTE 977-7104. 309 E. MAIN ST., LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

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This solution may not altogether please Mrs. Mullen who is more concerned with out-of-work school teachers than para-professional aides, however, until the new building program provides more classroom space, it seems to be the only answer.

Contracts Awarded

The board awarded the contract for approximately 600 pair of safety glasses to Warren-Newkirk Company at \$2.60 per pair. Asst. Supt. Don Kelly reported that he had Dr. Herbert Mueller check the lens of the samples provided by the company and had Mueller's okay as to the quality.

Two Low Bids

Sullivan Floor Covering of Grand Rapids and Beachum-Furniture of Lowell were the low bidders on the carpeting of the Middle School. The testing of samples and inspection of seaming diagrams will have to be completed before the contract is awarded.

Tables McMahon's Request

A request by the high school to be included in the in-service training scheduled for elementary and Middle School teachers was voiced by Dennis McMahon, high school principal. The training program stresses individualization of instruction and is geared principally to team teaching and open classroom situations and therefore the original feeling was that the more traditional set-up of the high school would preclude this.

However, the high school staff apparently feels that individualization of instruction can take place in any setting plus the fact that education throughout the system will be better as a whole if all departments thoroughly understand an overall program.

Since the cost is greater when all teachers are included, the board, even though they seemed to agree with McMahon's reasoning, decided to table any decision until the current budget figures have been updated and at that time will include the high school if at all possible.

New Training Rules

The board next adopted the new change in training rules as proposed by Athletic Director Bob Perry and all the coaches whereby any suspension for infraction of training rules will be for four weeks rather than four games as previously stipulated. It is felt that this will be more uniform for all sports.

Voting Delegates

Blanche Mullen, Harold Metternick and Dr. Reagan were designated as voting delegates to attend the Michigan Association of School Boards meeting in Grand Rapids, November 1, 2 and 3. Phil Kropf, Dave Wingeier and Dave Miller will serve as alternates.

Joint Meeting

As school board meetings go, Monday night's session would seem to be the general public to be short and un-complicated. The one-page agenda took only one and one-half hours.

That's as far as the general public is concerned. However, as soon as the meeting adjourned, the board reconvened in an "executive session" at the request of Lowell City Council members who then filed in to discuss the possibility of the two governing bodies joining together in both an office building and the construction of a school bus-city vehicle garage at the Middle School site.

Just what was said, or how long it took to say it, was not given for publication at this point but they are working on it.

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HARD-TO-BEAT CANDIDATES FOR BROADCASTING!

WANT ADS. Ledger-Suburban Life. 70¢ for 20 words or less each insertion. 2¢ for each additional word. Deadline Tuesday Noon. CALL 897-9261.

CARD OF THANKS. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends, relatives and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful during the recent loss of our mother and sister, Monica Doyle.

IN MEMORIAM. Let us forget - Warren Stinchcomb, our beloved son, grandson, brother, October 15. He heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and be at ease. Lay down your young man, lay down, Thy head upon my breast. For the young man of his breath, Was the calm, deep peace of God.

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Want Ads

FOR SALE - Young male Weimaraner, good watch dog, had shots, 50% or best offer. Call 897-8181 after 4:30.

FOR RENT - One bedroom apartment. Call 897-9988.

FOR SALE - 1970 Mavrick, 28, 000 miles, good condition, new tires. Call 897-7758 after 5:25.

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Public Notice Open Burning. The purpose of the ordinance is to restrict or prohibit all open burning or burning in an outdoor container unless that container is approved by the Fire Chief. The ordinance is printed below for the information of all residents.

No.1 Chain Saw Buy from the No.1 chain saw people. Homelite 150 Automatic Chain Saw. Only \$149.95. WITTENBACH Sales & Service Company.

Real Estate, Services, Veterans, Receiving Clerk, Farm, Orchard Hill Farm Market, The Klahn's, Ravenna Livestock Sales.

Business Directory. MILLER-NEWMARK, Doyle's Motel, Gilmore Sport Shop & Live Bait, Valley Vista, Cascade Hills, Ada Village Candle & Gift Shop.

Chief Warns:

Check Out The Solicitor

Lowell Police Chief Barry D. Emmons revealed this week that there has been a recent rash of activity by out-of-state franchise sellers soliciting Michigan residents to purchase franchises or distributorships in a variety of business ventures, such as vending machine operations, door-to-door candy sales, cassette tape sales and other ventures which promise quick and easy financial success.

Often the prospective purchasers have been answering ads placed in the "Help Wanted, Sales" or "Business Opportunities" columns of newspapers. When the company has been contacted, the representative usually arrives, meeting the prospective franchisee in a motel and explains the business in a vague and overly enthusiastic manner, then quickly leaves town having required the franchisee to pay for his distributorship either in cash or by means of a cashier's check.

Unfortunately, Emmons emphasized, many of the buyers of these franchises or distributorships have been victimized by oral representations of over-inflated profit margins and the ease of sales.

For example, a vending machine franchiser promises that they will guarantee locations for machines purchased by the franchisee and that they will keep the franchisee supplied with products for these machines. In many instances, however, the products either do not materialize or the machines or products arrive in damaged condition or often arrive much later than anticipated by the person making the investment, or outlets are placed in locations where there is a reluctance to have them.

Emmons cautioned everyone considering investing in any type of distributorship or franchise, that they con-

tact either the Lowell Police Department, Better Business Bureau, local Chamber of Commerce or the Attorney General's Office to determine whether or not any complaints exist against the company under inquiry.

In conclusion, Emmons warned area residents to take note of the following, current practices, and warn a friend:

Magazine Sales

Do not be misled into purchase of magazines by "Pressure Pitches" that involve appeals to sympathy, ethnic differences or that claim to be gaining the seller points toward a college education, nursing degree, trip to Europe or any other special award. In fact, this office recommends that you refuse to pay cash or write checks to cash or individual sales persons as a "Down Payment" on magazine contracts. Contact your Police Department, Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, or Prosecutor's Office if you are solicited for magazine sales by persons using these methods.

Home Repair

Emmons would also like to remind you that this is fall repair time. BEWARE of the driveway and roofing repair gyps who "Just happen" to be in the neighborhood. If you need such work, check with your Chamber of Commerce regarding legitimate contractors in our area.

Furnaces

Beware of the furnace inspection "Experts" that appear in the fall. If a so-called furnace inspector asks to inspect your furnace, check his credentials and identification. Make certain he is a businessman with roots in our area. If any person, even after you have requested an inspection, tells you that your furnace needs replacing, get two other inspections. It is suggested that one be made by your local utility company if it is a gas or electric heat system.

Pyramid Schemes

Beware also of the illegal pyramid and chain-letter style franchise schemes. The most recognizable trait of these illegal schemes is the fact that their promoters concentrate on the unending sale of distributorships and NOT the retail sales of the product.

Prevention

1. In the City of Lowell anyone going door-to-door selling anything must be licensed by the City of Lowell, and you can demand to see it; if there is a violation contact the Police Department.
2. Look for the seller's roots in the community.
3. Get some trustworthy and knowledgeable advice.
4. Take your time, don't make spending or investment decisions in a hurry.

Honey Creek Expands Campus



Jack Wyrzten, nationally famous youth speaker and founder of Word-of-Life, New York, will be the feature speaker at Honey Creek Christian Homes, four miles south of Lowell, as four modern buildings are officially opened Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Open House will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to both events.

The new buildings—two residences, a chapel, and a gymnasium—are valued at more than \$200,000, doubling the campus building investment. Honey Creek Christian Homes is a non-profit, non-denominational organization supported by interested Christian friends and churches.

Honey Creek provides Christian personal care and professional counseling for boys assigned by the courts and welfare departments; boys now living at Honey Creek represent 13 counties in Michigan as well as Illinois. The new facilities will qualify Honey Creek to add 14 more youngsters to its enrollment under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Rev. Gordon C. Blossom, the founder and director, coordinates a staff of 12 fulltime employees and 4 part-time case workers. Commenting on the development of Honey Creek Christian Homes since its founding in 1969, Rev. Blossom stated, "The story of Honey Creek's development is exceeded only by the miraculous change in the lives of our boys as they respond to the personal care and Christian love of our house parents in the family-type setting of our program. We invite everyone to come and share with us this new chapter in the history of Honey Creek."

Honey Creek Christian Homes is located four miles south of Lowell, Michigan on Cascade Highway (old No. 16 Grand River Highway) ¼ mile east of the Ionia

county line. Visitors are encouraged to take the Lowell-Charlotte exit on I-96, travel north to the blinker light at Grand River Drive, then east 3½ miles to Honey Creek Christian Homes.

Honey Creek Christian Homes was first granted an operating license by the State of Michigan on November 1, 1969 as a residence for neglected boys; they attend the Lowell public schools. The state license permitting increased enrollment is expected to be granted on November 1, 1972.

Fire Sweeps Yeiter Home, Takes All

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yeiter and seven children lost all of their personal and household belongings October 2 in a fire that swept through their home at 11964 Portland Road.


Lowell firemen were called to assist units from Saranac, Clarksville and Ionia.

The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Rose Fahrni of Saranac. The house is located near the Kent-Ionia County line, on the Fred Klahn farm.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Fischer of Saranac are the proud parents of a son born October 6 at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.


The new arrival weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces.



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ERB LUMBER COMPANY
925 W. Main Lowell, Mich. 897-9291 **SINCE 1884**



Mrs. Nellie Lewis and Emory Bowen map the route for the Golden Swingers' color tour Friday.

Lowell's Senior Citizens, the Golden Swingers, will leave the Lowell YMCA Friday morning at ten o'clock for a day of sightseeing.

The bus tour will take the group and their guests to the Newaygo area, where the picturesque autumn colors are beginning to landscape the scenery.

The tour, recommended by the Newaygo County Tourist Association, will cost \$2. Travelers may bring their lunch, or adequate time will be made available for a noon break and shopping hour.

Anyone wishing more information on the tour may call Emory Bowen at 897-8565 or Nellie Lewis at 897-9892.

All Golden Swingers are invited to come and bring a friend.

Services Are Held For Suzan M. Fluger, 6

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Pierce Mortuary in Rockford for six-year-old Suzan M. Fluger.

Suzan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Fluger of Rockford died Wednesday afternoon at Butterworth Hospital of accidental injuries she incurred in a car-bike mishap September 25.

The Rev. Ron Keller officiated at the services. Interment was made in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Besides her parents, she leaves a brother, Ralph; two sisters, Valerie and Julie; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Becker of Rockford and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fluger of Lowell; her great-grandmothers, Mrs. Albert Becker of Rockford and Mrs. William Fluger of Grand Rapids; several aunts and uncles.

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