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Dick Schlernitzauer of Frank's 5¢ to \$1 Store on West Main Street helps Joey Yurkinas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yurkinas of N. Jackson Street, select his entry for the Lowell Moose's Model Making contest.

Moose Sponsored

Model Contest To Attract Kids

All kids in the Lowell area, aged eight through 15, inclusive, will get a chance to display their "Model Making" abilities in a contest being conducted by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Lowell Moose Lodge, No. 89.

The contest, destined to become an annual event, is open to both boys and girls, and they will be judged individually in four age groups—eight and nine year olds, 10 and 11 year olds, 12 and 13 year olds, and 14 and 15 year olds.

"The rules are basic and the categories many," reveals Civic Affairs Chairman, Red Baker. "The kids must build their own models, taking only advice from others."

The open categories include airplanes, ships, motorcycles, cars, trains, snowmobiles, spacecraft, rockets, trucks and tractors. The models may be built from "scratch," or a pre-scaled kit. The entries will be judged on how well it is built to the scale of the original.

Expert judges will be looking for accuracy of detail, neatness, originality, quality of workmanship and gen-

eral appearance. Models should be painted in appropriate colors, as the judges will also be looking for this.

It is hoped that as many kids as possible will enter this wintertime event. There is a limit of one entry per kid.

Register Your Entry

All model makers are required to register at one of two Saturday openings at the Lowell Moose Lodge at 210 East Main Street—Saturday, January 13 and Saturday, January 20, between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m.

Final judging will be on Saturday, February 17, and prizes will be awarded that day. Enter early, so you can begin working on your model immediately.

All winning models will be displayed at Dick and Owen's Barbershop on West Main Street, with runners-up being displayed by other merchants along Main Street.

Prizes to be awarded are great, so good luck kids, and don't forget to register!



One Time
Winner
Only!

As we start another year of guessing who, why, what, where and when, Mrs. Dave Clark correctly guessed Jesse Cahoon, Charles and Seymour Dawson and Mrs. Wordon standing in front of the Dawson Bakery, now the Cranberry Urn Antique Shop on East Main Street.

In 1973, a new policy for the Mystery contest has been set—persons participating can win only once . . . thereby giving everyone a chance.

Do any of the six gals in the above picture look familiar to you, if so, be the first to identify them at noon on Friday by calling 897-9261, and win a year's subscription to the paper.

Above The Board

Alto Parents Protest Move

The extremely active Alto Mothers' Club was out in force at Monday night's Board of Education meeting, along with several Alto fathers.

There to protest the proposed move of Alto fifth graders to the new Middle School next fall, all 30 parents were of one accord that the move would not be a good thing for their children.

"Fifth graders are too young to be in with seventh and eighth graders," the parents agreed, "it is our opinion that even sixth graders are too young for that. When the Alto School was built it was supposed to go through the sixth grade and we lost out on that but we certainly don't want to give in on this."

Apparently surprised at the vehement opposition, Board Members cited several advantages to the move such as an art program and extended music and physical education facilities.

The Alto parents didn't budge. "We are very proud of our school and very satisfied with the things that are offered to our students at Alto now," they maintained.

When Supt. Sinke explained that the principle reason for the move was to provide additional needed classroom space for lower elementary students (in Alto's case more room for overcrowded first grades) the Alto contingent countered with the suggestion that the boundary for those attending Alto School be moved further south to 36th Street. To them it made more sense and would move more students living closer to Lowell into the Lowell buildings and thus ease the strain on Alto.

Supt. Sinke did say that he was not 100 percent satisfied with either solution and that he sympathized

with the Alto parents' feelings. He added, however, that all 4th graders presently attending school in Run-ciman and Bushnell will definitely be moved to the new Middle School for 5th grade experience and that the added facilities open to them would give them an advantage as sixth graders that the Alto students would not have.

It still made no difference to the Alto mothers and fathers and they stood firm.

Appeal Request

An appeal on the property transfer request of Mc-Afee and Schrotenboer, denied by the board at its November 13 meeting, will take place at the Kent Intermediate School District offices next Monday. Harold Metternick was named to represent the board and explain the reason for the denial.

Stake Survey

Even though it is an added expense, it was decided Monday night to authorize a staked out survey of the Middle School property rather than rely solely on the previous aerial survey.

The board also agreed to pay one-half of the cost of the additional compaction tests necessary at the Middle School site since it was felt that the reason the tests were necessary were extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

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State Men To Retire

William H. Griffore, 1030 Sibley St., Lowell, a soils density inspector, will retire January 12 after 25 years with the Department of State Highways.

Griffore, a native of Mancelona, trains soil density inspectors to inspect highway roadbase prior to paving. Presently assigned to Lansing, he is responsible for soils inspections in the Department's 11-county Grand Rapids District, a position held since 1956.

Griffore joined the Department in 1947 as an engineering aide and has worked on many of the state's highways in both Upper and Lower Michigan. A Korean War veteran, he served in the U. S. Army combat engineers in 1951 and 1952.

He and his wife, Wauneda, plan to make their home in Arizona.

Percy T. Walker, 1839 Herrick, Grand Rapids, a highway construction engineer, will also retire January 12 after 36 years with the Department.

Walker has been a construction supervisor in the Department's 11-county Grand Rapids District since 1955.

A native of Schoolcraft County, he studied engineering through correspondence courses. He joined the Department in 1935 as a rodaman on a survey crew, assigned to the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula.

During World War II, Walker worked with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on construction of Kinross Air Field in Chippewa County and the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie.

Walker and his wife, Eleanor, plan to travel in retirement but will make their permanent home in Grand Rapids.

Smile, Phil!



Outside the weather was miserable—cold, windy, and icy. But as the roving camera happened by Phil Schneider's office, Phil was beaming. Perhaps Jack Beggs had just told a funny story or maybe it takes more than bad weather to affect Phil's sunny disposition.

Our First Mistake Of The New Year

The New Year was not a week old and we made our first goof of the year! We apologize . . . with a corrected version.

Lt. and Mrs. William G. Bouck and daughter, Amber Rae, were home visiting their families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bouck and Mr. and Mrs. Al Grover, all of Lowell, over the Christmas Holidays.

They have returned to their home in Poway, California, where Lt. Bouck is stationed at Miramar Naval Base.



To reduce your weekly grocery budget, shop alone. According to a recent survey, when women supermarket customers shop in pairs, each spends about 88 cents more than when shopping alone. Grocery bills increase even more when husband and wife shop together.

Wilbur Raab of the Plastic Cove and Home Center on West Main Street was discharged from Butterworth Hospital on December 31, and is recuperating at home. The Raab family extends their thanks to their friends and business acquaintances for their cards, visits and gifts during his hospitalization.

A car driven by Richard Eugene Claypool of Lowell hit a light pole, when he tried to stop for the red light on Main Street. The vehicle hit an icy spot and veered out of control.

New Year's Day Lowell Police were called to the Zephyr Service Station on West Main to investigate a Destruction of Property complaint. The front door was kicked out by a male subject.

Rebecca Ann Neher of Lansing stopped for the red light at Main and Hudson, was involved in a rear-end collision with Baldemar Joe Saldivar of Lowell, who failed to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

Do not leave your car running and unattended—this is an open invitation to theft. The Lowell Police Department issues violations for this, and it could cost you \$10, if cited. Also, the City Ordinance does not allow any parking on City Streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. If cited, it could cost you \$2 in fines.

Shelia Lynn Kennedy of Lowell, going west on Main Street, tried to turn north on Riverside Drive, when her car hit an icy spot and slid into a City stop sign.

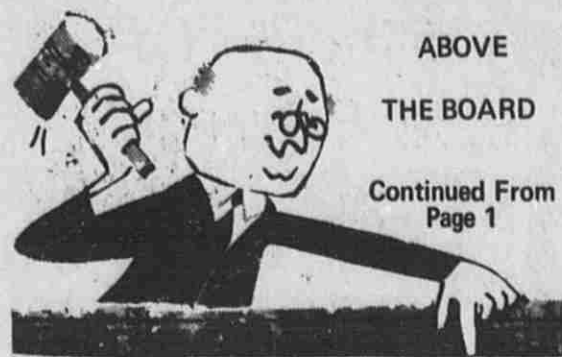
School bus driver, Ruth Geraldine Webb made a left hand turn off East Main Street onto Lafayette a little too soon and hit the rear of a vehicle driven by Richard Charles Adgate.

A car driven by Joel Alan Bieri of Lowell slid through the intersection of West Main and Lincoln Laka, hitting a westbound vehicle driven by Bonnie Jo Falls.

The going out of business sale at the Debonaire Shop on East Main Street has been continued through this week. See and buy all kinds of bargains, which will make way for Margi's new store.

Doris Myers' all new beauty shop on East Main Street isn't complete yet . . . but the move has been made, and her customers are in for a new decor of beauty. Watch for her grand opening.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — This Week's Special: Chili Dogs, 2 for 45¢. 50¢ off on 16 pieces or over bucket of Chicken. Free orange juice with Sunday breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. c40



ABOVE THE BOARD Continued From Page 1

Regarding progress at the Middle School, it was reported that the boilers are now in operation and the last quad of classrooms is now being enclosed.

Since the board ordered two buses with automatic transmission from Ford Motor Company, the transmission that was ordered has been withdrawn from the market (something about the output from the engine being too close to the input from the transmission... whatever that means).

The board finally agreed to purchase the trash compactor which has been in use at Runckman for the past several months. Since the City of Lowell complained about the burning of trash, the compactor has proven the best solution. It was purchased from Classrooms, Inc.

The question was raised about the policy of cancelling all extracurricular activities on days when school is called off. It is the policy and has been generally understood that no school connected activities will be held if it is deemed necessary to call off school during the day.

Paul Phillips of the Affirmative Action Program will speak to the board at its January 23 meeting dealing with hiring minority groups.

Clark Plumbing & Heating advertisement with phone number 897-7534 and address 309 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

with hiring minority groups. Seek League Entry The board discussed the application of Fremont Public Schools to join the Tri-River League. It appeared to be the general feeling of the Lowell Athletic staff and administration that the distance was too great between the schools but the issue is pending and depends upon the decision of the other schools involved.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board voted to offer a contract to Barry Knothuisen to teach junior high social studies for the rest of the year replacing Jill VanAntwerp who has been granted a maternity leave of absence.

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Gladys' Family—Gloria, Anita, Virginia and Cha.les.

Always A Ready Smile

In 1953, the Retrospectiva of Lowell High School was dedicated to Mrs. Gladys Doyle for giving her untiring services that we might go away with greater knowledge... for always having a ready smile and a cheerful word... for giving long years of service to Lowell... for the senior class of 1953 are proud to dedicate this annual to you.

Editor's Comment... Congratulations!

Congratulations to Governor William Milliken for vetoing a bill that would have given legislators the option of retiring on full pension at age 55, after at least 16 years of service. This highly controversial measure had been called the "greased pig bill," by lawmakers, themselves, because of the swift manner in which it was hustled through the legislature in the closing days of the 1972 session.

Assigned To Yokota Base

Airman First Class Mike Stevens will leave January 18 for California where he will train for six weeks before departing for Japan. On leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens, and relatives and friends, Mike has been assigned to Yokota Air Force Base in Japan.

Notice To Senior Citizens and Veterans of City Of Lowell

If you are a Senior Citizen and were 65 years of age, or older, on December 31, 1972, you may be qualified for the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption on a portion of your property taxes for 1973.

Valley Vista Inn

Friday Nite Specials Fried Clams Salad Potato Beverage Total \$1.75

COUPON Buy 2 Hamburgers or Buy 2 Hotdogs Get 1 Free

Coupon Expires 11 p.m. January 12

School Board

Board of Education, Regular Meeting, December 11, 1972.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. Roll Call—Members Present: Reagan, Siegle, Wingieier, Metternick, Kropp, Miller, Mullen.

Motion by Wingieier, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 28, 1972.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Siegle, seconded by Wingieier, to approve building and site bills as listed.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion Carried.

The question was raised on paying for compaction tests for middle school site that did not meet specifications.

Superintendent Sinke stated any cost to be borne by contractor could be held from future payments. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, with architect and contractor to decide on payment.

President Reagan appointed board members Mullen and Miller to attend this meeting.

Motion by Siegle, seconded by Wingieier, to approve general fund bills as listed.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 1. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A report on cable TV was given by Don Kelly. Several plans by other schools were briefly reviewed and suggestions made relative to our own situation.

This report was in response to the Lowell City Planning Commission's request for school ideas to be incorporated in their recommendation to the City Council regarding cable TV.

The board representative to the Planning Commission, David Miller, was instructed to meet with Mr. Kelly to prepare board positions and recommendations.

2. Motion by Miller, seconded by Metternick that: (1) the preliminary plans for a bus maintenance garage be accepted and used as a basis for construction; (2) the architect be instructed to prepare necessary bidding documents; (3) we proceed with requesting bids on three alternate types of building—whole building; steel building; and concrete block.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Wingieier, seconded by Miller, to leave alternate G-6 in contract. (High School construction plans—driveway paving).

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

4. Kitchen plans for Middle School—Mr. Sinke reported that plans have been approved by the Department of Food Services making the school district eligible for federal funding.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Mullen, seconded by Kropp, to accept the superintendent's recommendation and offer a contract to James White to teach in the emotionally disturbed room in the junior high school.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Siegle, seconded by Kropp, to accept the superintendent's recommendation and offer a contract to Gary Griffin to teach social studies and science in the junior high school.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Kropp, seconded by Mullen, to accept the resignation of Carol Evans, senior high school half-time French teacher.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Mullen, to ratify the agreement with the Lowell Area Maintenance and Custodial Association, subject to approval by the school attorney that this meets approved wage price guidelines.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

5. A report was given by Gordon Gould on 1971-72 Michigan Assessment Tests for Lowell. The board requested that a meeting be held in January with all

counselors to discuss testing and evaluation. 6. The following proposed rules for student conduct at athletic activities were presented by Mr. McMahon, high school principal.

A. At least two (2) teachers will be on duty for supervision during games, plus a policeman. At football events, we will have additional police.

B. No elementary students will be admitted to games unless with parents or with a student of high school age.

C. Once a person is in the game, he will not be allowed to leave and re-enter again unless there are special circumstances and approval is given by the supervisor at the door.

D. The Athletic Director will visit elementary schools to discuss proper behavior at games.

E. Junior high school students will not be allowed to take the spectator bus to Tuesday night games.

F. Mr. Perry suggested that we might ask teachers to help out at a certain number of games and pay them by giving them and their spouses athletic passes for all of our home games. This type of system would have to be discussed with teachers before it could be started.

7. The board requested a meeting in January with athletic director, Bob Perry, to preview athletic, intramural, and physical education programs.

8. Policy on bidding was discussed by the board. Mr. Kropp suggested we review our bidding policy at the January meeting. He felt at times it was more advisable to negotiate than to bid. He also felt in some cases in the past we should have rebid when inconsistencies or misunderstandings arose. Another board member requested a review on our policy on bidding buses relative to local versus out of town bidders.

9. Superintendent Sinke stated that a joint meeting with the Lowell City Council members is needed. A January date was recommended.

10. The school board request to have the middle school property annexed to the City of Lowell is being prepared by the school attorneys and will be sent to the State Boundary Commission in the near future.

11. The pedestrian bridge over Cherry Creek and the C&O Railroad tracks is awaiting a written agreement which the railroad is preparing.

Motion by Kropp, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Metternick, Secretary

Republicans To Hold Own Inauguration Party

Kent County Republicans will have a chance to attend their own "mini" Inaugural Ball for President Richard Nixon on Inauguration Day, January 20. According to Donald E. Wieringa, Inaugural Ball Chairman, this year's event will be similar to the one held four years ago during President Nixon's first inauguration when over 400 local Republicans attended.

This year's "Ball" will be held on Saturday, January 20 in the newly renovated Pantlind Hotel "Bank" and will feature the 6-piece band of Count Fisher, a singer, entertaining acts, refreshments and a midnight buffet.

Wieringa stated that although the Ball is mainly to get all of the past workers together to socialize and get all of the past campaign workers together for an evening of fun, the event is open to everyone.

The entire cost will be \$5 per person and anyone wishing tickets may call Kent County Republican Headquarters at 459-0141.

Mull Promoted

Corporal Allan Mull has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant with the United States Marines.

Currently stationed in Camp Butler in Okinawa, Mull is married to the former Pat Miller of Lowell. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mull of Grand Rapids.

Youngest Member



Eric Collins, born December 22, is now the youngest member of the Lowell YMCA. Exactly one week later, December 29, Eric had a membership in the Lowell YMCA. The proud grandfather, Orville Jackson, wanted to get his grandson started early. Eric is pictured here with his YMCA Membership Card and his mother, Mrs. Steve Collins.

Liberalization Of Annual Earnings

Raymond C. Backus, Social Security District Manager, said today that all persons getting social security benefits received a special announcement in their January 3, checks.

The announcement stated that beneficiaries beginning January 1, 1973 may earn up to \$2,100 without any loss in social security benefits. Backus pointed out that the limitation before 1973 was \$1,680.

Where the beneficiary has earnings of more than \$2,100, benefits may be withheld at the rate of \$1 for each \$2 of earnings.

Backus said further that the amount of wages a beneficiary may earn in a month without loss of benefits regardless of his earnings for the year has been increased from \$140 to \$175.

Subscribe Today

January sale advertisement for shirts and slacks.

Large Assortment of SHIRTS Regular \$7 to \$9 Shirts in 2 groups \$2.88 2 for \$5 \$5.88 2 for \$11

Consumer Education Training For High School Teachers Regular \$10 to \$12 Shirts in 2 groups \$7.88 2 for \$15

Group of FLARE SLACKS Regularly \$9.50 up to \$20

Coons advertisement with phone number 897-7132.

Have a Happy New Year

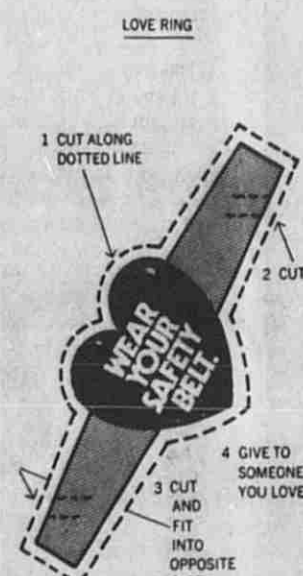
all year long with a Dependable NEW DODGE Trade-in

Outstanding Selection of Pre-owned Cars & Trucks. Properly conditioned, safety checked and winterized for your continued driving pleasure & safety.

- 1972 Dodge Polara Custom 4 Dr. A/C Green
1972 International Scout 4 Wheel Dr. W/ploter
1972 Plymouth Fury III 4 dr. HT A/C Blue (new tires)
1971 Dodge Coronet Custom 6 Pass. Tan
1971 Dodge Coronet Custom 4 dr. Bronze (new fronts)
1971 Dodge Sportsman Wagon Turquoise (1395D)
1971 Dodge Coronet Custom 4 dr. Bronze
1971 Ford Pinto 2 dr. Green
1970 Pontiac Executive 4 dr. HT Green A/C
1970 Plymouth Duster 2 dr. Green
1970 Rambler Rebel SST 9 Pass. Brown
1970 Dodge Polara Custom 4 dr. Blue
1970 Volkswagen Squareback Red
1969 Dodge Charger 2 dr. HT Gold A/C
1969 Chrysler Newport Custom 4 dr. HT Charcoal (new fr.)
1969 Ford LTD 4 dr. White A/C
1969 Dodge Charger HT Blue
1968 Dodge Monaco 4 dr. Beige
1968 Dodge Coronet 440 - 9 pass. Gold
1968 Chevrolet Impala 2 dr. HT Blue
1968 Pontiac Tempest Custom 2 dr. HT Gold
1967 Dodge Monaco HT Copper
1967 Dodge Coronet 440 - 4 dr. Turquoise
1967 Pontiac Catalina 4 dr. Turquoise
1967 Chevrolet Impala 2 dr. HT Yellow
1967 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia Tan
1967 Ford Fairlane 500 - 4 dr. Green
1966 Ford Country Sedan 6 pass. Blue
1965 Ford LTD 4 dr. White A/C

Selling at Low Winter Prices Save Now on the car or pick-up of your choice

JACKSON MOTOR SALES advertisement with address 930 W. Main, 897-9281.



Safety belts, when you think about it, it's a nice way to say I love you.

Valley Vista Inn advertisement for Friday Nite Specials and a coupon for 2 hamburgers or 2 hotdogs for 1 free.

Jim's Sunoco COMPLETE CAR CARE advertisement with phone number 676-9618.

State Savings Bank advertisement with phone number 897-9277.

Letters We Luv

Here's this business firm asking me to pay this same bill twice. I can hardly get them paid once. Lucky for me, I had my cancelled check showing I already paid the bill. They admitted their mistake, but I was glad to know that a cancelled check is a legal receipt.

State Savings Bank advertisement with phone number 897-9277.

CREATIVE PRINTING advertisement for The Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life with phone number 897-9261.

Key 73 Plan Scripture Distribution...

Four Lowell churches have combined forces to distribute scripture portions to 450 area residences Saturday, January 20.

Male Choir To Sing

This coming Sunday, January 14, the 20-voice male choir from the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music will be singing at the Calvary Brethren Church near Logan Lake, Alto, at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome!

New Deadlines

The following "new" deadlines will be used by the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life in accepting news stories, photographs, advertisements, etc.

- Photographs 4 p.m. Fridays
- News Stories 5 p.m. Mondays
- Classified Ads 1 p.m. Tuesdays
- Advertisements Noon, Mondays

CHERRY CREEK Nursing Home

350 North Center Street
Lowell
122-Bed Skilled Care Facility
Open For Occupancy

Meeting Concerns Friendly Visiting

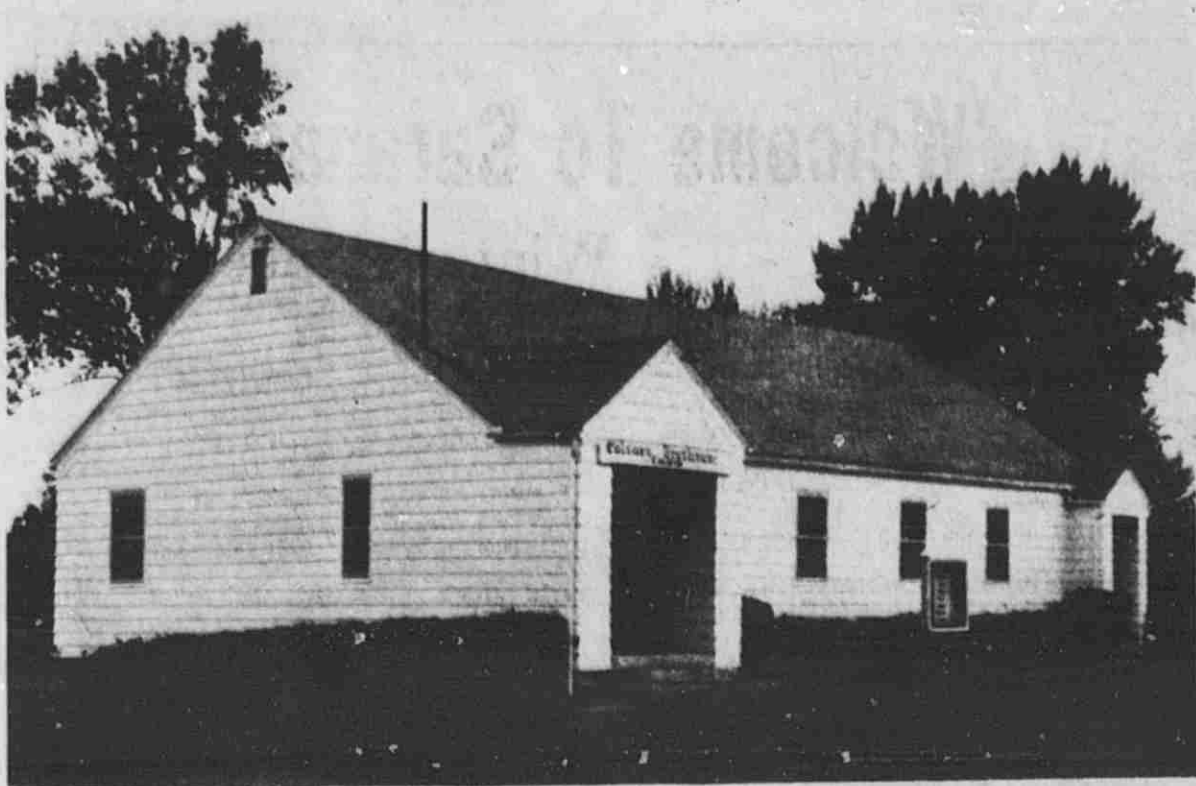
Thursday morning, January 11, at 10 a.m. there will be a meeting at the home of Dorothy Jousma concerning friendly visiting.

Swingers Have Good Times

The next meeting of the Golden Swingers (Senior Citizens) Club of Lowell will be January 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Clark-Ellis American Legion Hall on East Main Street.

new ARRIVALS

A daughter, Jennifer Jo, was born December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. James Cook, Jr. (nee Berdie Detmers) at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.



Layman Launch Outreach Program

This Saturday evening, January 13, the laymen of the Calvary Brethren Church (near Logan Lake, Alto) will meet to launch their GROW '73 outreach program.

Lowell Nazarene Has New Minister

The Rev. W. E. Holcomb began his ministry at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene last Sunday. He succeeds the Rev. James Leitzman who recently moved to pastor the Church of the Nazarene at Summer Center.

Coming here from Beaverton, Michigan, Rev. and Mrs. Holcomb have two married children residing in Minnesota. Mrs. Holcomb's mother, Mrs. Clea Miller, makes her home with them.

Besides Beaverton, Rev. Holcomb has pastored at Alanson, Michigan; in Minnesota; British Columbia and Alberta, Canada.

He received an A.B. from Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois and a B.D. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. While in seminary he was employed by Bendis Corporation and qualified as a journeyman in Tool and Die Maintenance. He also served as shop steward for International Association of Machinists.

While pastoring in Minnesota he was secretary of the Minnesota District Church of the Nazarene for six years and was recently elected to the same position on the Michigan District. He has also been active in church youth activities, local ministerial associations, and was president of the Gladwin County Holiness Association at the time he left Beaverton.

'Welcome To Saranac'

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

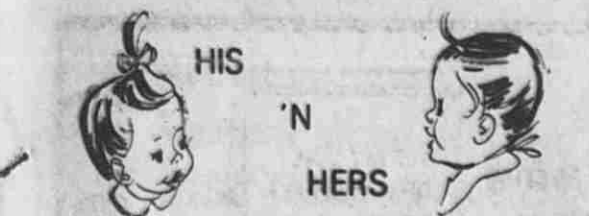
A fire early Friday morning destroyed the household and personal possessions and most of the mobile home, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Beckhorn, located one half mile north of Grand River Avenue on Darby Road.

Former Saranac Resident Passes In Florida

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday at the Morris-Roetman Funeral Home for Mrs. Ruth D. Tefft.

Engagement Told

The engagement of Linda Starr to Jerry Tasker has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Starr of Saranac.



A boy, weighing seven pounds and seven ounces was born January 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Staines of Higgins Road, Saranac, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

An eight pound, two ounce boy was born December 21 at the Belding Community Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blowers of Saranac.

A seven pound, 13 1/2 ounce son was born December 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Van Valkenburgh of Posters Road, Saranac, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

SOUTH CAROLINA VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gates and daughter, Amy, of Greenville, South Carolina, spent several days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates of Saranac.

Winter Concert January 16

The Saranac Senior High School Concert Band and Chorus will present their Winter Concert at the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

BANK MANAGER FALLS

A fall in a Lowell parking lot resulted in the hospitalization of Werner Meyer.



All Saranac news to be inserted into the paper may be left in the drop box at Olive's Sport & Bait Shop at 75 Bridge Street.

Bill Would Give Parents Tax Credit

Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., and Rep. Herman T. Schneebeli, R-Pa., today introduced a bill which would give parents a tax credit of 50 percent for tuition paid to send their youngsters to a nonprofit nonpublic elementary or secondary school, up to a limit of \$200 per child.

The legislation introduced by Minority Leader Ford and Schneebeli, who is ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, is a bill which was reported out by the Ways and Means Committee late last year. Congress adjourned without acting on it.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. William (Pat) Cahill and Mrs. Willard (Joan) Wolfe will speak from their personal experiences in dealing effectively with government. Mrs. Cahill is associated with W.S.A.M. (Women to Save Agriculture in Michigan) locally and Mrs. Wolfe is part of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

On Thursday morning, Senator Robert VanderLaan will speak from a legislator's point of view in relation to his constituents' taking action.

World trade is expected to expand at an annual rate of 10 percent during the first half of this year, measured in real terms. The apparent gain in dollars may be as high as 15 to 20 percent.

They're Leg Taxed

The engagement of Kathleen Ellen Gunter to Wayne Keith Perry has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gunter of Route 1, Saranac.

The bridegroom-elect, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Perry of 427 Jackson Street, Ionia, is a 1971 graduate of Ionia High School and is employed by General Tire in Ionia.

Miss Gunter, a 1972 graduate of Saranac High School, attends Havenport College of Business in Grand Rapids.

The engaged couple have no immediate wedding plans.

SCHEDULED TO REPORT
Stephen M. Bateman, a 1971 graduate of Saranac High School, is scheduled to report to Hospital Corpsman A School at Great Lakes, Illinois.

A navy seaman apprentice, Bateman recently graduated from recruit training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

He is the son of S. C. Bateman of rural Ionia.

HOGS AND PIGS DOWN TWO PERCENT
Hogs and pigs on Michigan farms December 1 was estimated at 751,000 head, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding are estimated at 90,000 head, a decrease of 10 percent from last year.

The breakdown of market hogs by weight groups indicates that those under 60 pounds were down 4 percent from a year earlier. Those weighing 61-119 pounds were down 1 percent, and those weighing over 120 pounds were up 1 percent.

Make Your Voice Heard

Have you ever been concerned about your Government and felt that you would do things differently if you had the power? Well you do have the power and the responsibility to make your voice heard on issues involving you and others.

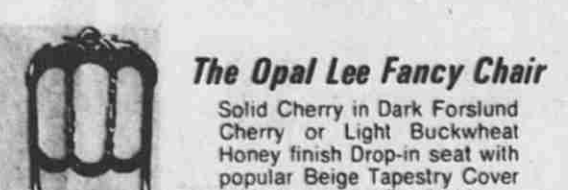
"How to Make Your Voice Heard in Government," sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service, will be presented Wednesday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Rapids Township Hall, 1836 East Beltline.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
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Morning Worship 9:50 a.m.
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Dintaman of Alto announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan B., to James E. Venekase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Venekase, Dean Lake Road, N.E., Grand Rapids.

A February wedding is being planned. Susan is a graduate of Lowell High School and the prospective bridegroom graduated from Forest Hills High School.

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- Week of January 15, 1973
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- TUESDAY:**
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Green Beans
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- THURSDAY:**
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Cottage Cheese Salad
White Bread and Peanut Butter
Peaches
- FRIDAY:**
Macaroni & Cheese
Peas & Carrots
Raisin Bread & Butter
Chocolate Pudding with Whip

Essay Contest

"What is my Bill of Rights for America" is the theme for the sixth annual America and Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The contest, open to all Michigan eighth grade level students, will begin on January 19 and end February 19. Purpose of the essay contest is to stimulate teacher-student-parent interest in America... its problems, its strengths. And, more important, it will give youngsters a chance to reflect upon their role in tomorrow's America.

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Around Alto

Alto Man Suffers Severe Heart Attack

Alcide Baker of 4967 Timpson Avenue, Alto, is confined to the Dorris County Memorial Hospital in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

A truck driver for American Seating, Mr. Baker suffered a severe heart attack, while on the road. He has been taken off the critical list, but it will be at least four weeks before he can even think of coming home.

Mrs. Baker, who does not drive, has been unable to go to Sturgeon Bay, and air transportation to the small town in the upper part of the state does not exist.

Anyone in the area who might have a solution to the problem of getting Mrs. Baker there, might give her a call.

Snyder Appointed Knipco Dealer

The Koehring Master Division, manufacturers of Knipco Heaters, has announced the appointment of Snyder Farm Supply of Alto, as the local Knipco Dealer for Knipco portable space heaters.

Knipco features the most complete line of portable heaters, offering standard and deluxe models from 63,000 to 245,000 BTUs for use with propane gas and fuel oil, providing instant heat when and where needed.

Snyder Farm Supply at M-50 and 64th Street, invites you to stop in today for a demonstration of a true fired portable heater.

BITS OF BUSINESS

Detroit Edison, the last utility offering the service, has asked permission of Michigan authorities to stop repairing customers' appliances without charging for labor. The move is expected to bring in an extra \$6.9 million a year. It will, however, continue to replace burned-out light bulbs free.

Pre-School Story Hour

Children, entering school for the first time in the fall of 1973, are in for a real treat if they participate in the Pre-School Story Hour being offered by the Alto Library.

Starting Friday, January 26, the story hour, hosted by the new librarian, Linda Mosley, will offer a variety of story-telling with several fascinating books being reserved especially for the story hour.

Limited to pre-schoolers, the story hour will start at 2 p.m. Enrollment may be made by calling Mrs. Mosley at 868-4031.

The Alto Library is a member of the Kent County Library system.

Anna Setma Passes At Daughter's Home

Mrs. Anna Setma died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold (Eugena) Vreeland of Alto, at the age of 86. She was the widow of the late Andrew Setma, formerly of 825 Bates Street, S.E., Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Wilbur L. DeLong and the Rev. Carter Miller officiated at the services held Tuesday afternoon at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel in Grand Rapids. Burial was made in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Setma is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Sue) Nelson of California, Mrs. Theodore (Grace) Spanan and Mrs. Russell (Lorraine) MacLaren, both of Grand Rapids; one brother, Dewey Geklesian of Alto; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob (Tanzy) Geklesian of Slayton Lake.

Michigan is the third largest producer of celery in the country.

Tuesday Night Film Showings

Every Tuesday evening, the Alto Library, a member of the Kent County Library system, will be showing movies.

"The Red Balloon," will open the series on Tuesday, January 16, at 8 p.m., according to the librarian, Linda Mosley.

On January 23, two features will be shown, "Alexander and the Car With The Missing Headlight," and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

Open to the public, the film showings are being held for one and all, and it is the hope of Mrs. Mosley that everyone will take advantage of the many services being offered at their local library.

Sportsmen To Begin New Year

After an extended holiday lay-off, the members of the Alto Sportsmen's Club, will get back into the full swing of things this coming Monday night, January 15.

At their regular monthly meeting, to start at 8 p.m. in the Alto American Legion Hall, the sportsmen will start the new year off by electing a new slate of officers.

The new officers may be elected even if they are not present at the meetings, so don't stay home, just so you won't get elected.

Regular Sunday shoots will commence again, with the winter league between different clubs also getting underway.

Monday night's meeting will fully discuss some of the important events to take place in 1973—if you have ideas, comments, or suggestions, be at the meeting and exercise your right as a member to take part in the club's activities.

The goal for '73, "total involvement, with fun for the whole family."

IN HOSPITAL, AGAIN

Mrs. (Emie) Evelyn Clark of Alto is back in the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital, where she will undergo tests, observation and possible surgery.

Just before the holidays, Mrs. Clark returned home from the hospital, well on her way to full recovery, when complications set in.

Remember her with cards, and well wishes.

Around The Area

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Marion DeVinney will be in Florida until the middle of March at 200 Denmark Drive, Ellenton, Florida, 33532.

Judy Malecki remains a patient at Blodgett Memorial Hospital. She is recovering from injuries received over a month ago in an automobile accident in Gary, Indiana. Drop Judy a note.

Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Radford, formerly of Lowell will celebrate her birthday on January 11. She is in ill health and would appreciate hearing from her Lowell friends. Cards and letters can be mailed to 13061 Second Street, Box 33, Yucapita, California 92399.

In the hospital—Ida Yeiter and Max Nigh, Kent Community.

Dr. J. Frank Green, pastor emeritus of Cascade Christian Church will observe his 98th birthday on January 18. Let's honor him with a card shower. His address is Box 57, Mesick, Michigan 49668.

Mrs. Gerald Rieger has had eye surgery again and was hospitalized last week at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Donnally Palmer (Lois) has completed her Master of Library Science Degree at the University of Michigan.

Greg VanStrien, formerly of the Cascade-Ada area, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ewald December 30 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Cadillac.

Happy Birthday to—George Johnson, January 6; Larry Roth, Kim McKay, Jody Smith, Becky Sese, Mark Silva, January 7; Deborah Buck, Mary Shaw, January 8; Glenda Parker, Lance Bryan, Kathy Linscott, Rex Phillips, January 9; Bruce Munroe, January 10; Wilda Graham, Sharon Nead, Maggie MacNaughton, January 11; Timothy Jones, Pat Wittenbach, Marie Ricker and Tracy Thuston, January 12; Mary Mangold, January 13; Jennie Stoddard and Laura Rogers, January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McLaughlin celebrated their anniversary on January 3.

It's anniversary time for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ling, January 7; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil DeRushia, January 10 (their 35th); and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh VanderVeen, January 11.

Archie Hodges of Esthler who has been a patient at Butterick Hospital for some time, is being discharged.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
The Mary-Esther Circle of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will meet Thursday, January 11 at 1 p.m.

The Martha Hall Group will meet with Mrs. Pat Smith at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 11.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
The Perry Group of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will meet Friday, January 12, in the church lounge at 1:30 p.m.

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. will hold its regular meeting Friday, January 12, at the Masonic Temple in Lowell. Note change of time:

The business meeting will open at 5 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. Our School of instruction will follow at 7:30 p.m., given by our Grand Conduress.

This is a joint school with Ionia.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
The Ionia County Pomona Grange will be held at the South Boston Grange Hall on Monday, January 15, starting at 12:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner. Bring own table service and a dish to pass.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
Island City Rebekah Lodge No. 282 of Lowell will meet Tuesday, January 16, at the IOOF Hall at 8 p.m.

Master At His Trade

One of Lowell's newer businesses is Gray's Upholstery Shop at 220 West Main Street. Curtis Gray, a master at his trade, is able to do all kinds of up-holding work from simple jobs to rebuilding and re-upholstering valuable antique furniture.

Mr. Gray, shown with his wife, Mary, will be teaching a YMCA class, "Upholstery for the Beginner" on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m., starting January 31.

Call or visit the Lowell YMCA, corner of Main & Hudson, to sign up for this or any of the YMCA self-improvement, leisure time classes.



Water Level Dropped To Prevent Flooding

In a letter to the membership of the Thornapple Association, president Stanford M. Brown denoted the reasons that have caused the water level to be dropped about two feet in the river impoundment. It was not accidental.

Brown wrote, "we have experienced several mechanical failures of the Ada dam's operating equipment. In two recent instances, it resulted in the dam gates remaining closed when they should have opened. As a result, the water level rose and flooded some basements.

"As a temporary safety precaution, the water level has been dropped a little over two feet to buy additional time in case of any additional equipment failures. If the water rises above this temporarily established lower level, an alarm will go off at the Sheriff's Department and they will notify the operator of the dam so he can have additional time to correct an excessive water level before it reaches a flood stage for low-lying homes."

By a unanimous vote, the Association's Board has authorized the following emergency action:

—Expedite the installation of a new up-to-date electric control system which should be installed the week of January 15.

—Selection and hiring of an engineering firm to immediately design an up-to-date mechanical system to replace the 45-year-old pumps, cylinders, and compressors. This design is to include cost estimates.

—Emergency Board meetings will be held approximately every two weeks until firm and prompt action is taken to relieve the erratic water level control and high operating costs caused by the frequent breakdown of old equipment.

Brown further stated, "because we do not need to generate power, as the dam was originally designed to do, we believe that new equipment could be of a much simpler and less costly design. We also believe that new equipment costs can be offset by reduced operating and maintenance costs."

If you are not a dues paid member of the Thornapple Association, which has been organized to preserve the beauty of the Thornapple River and maintain it as a pleasant area for living, this is the time to join. Two-thirds of those in the special assessment district have tent in their 55 files for this year. How about you?

If there are any questions or comments, contact any of the Association's Board members—Ed Jankobice, Bill Stellin, John Spinetto, Florence Neumann, George Herrity, Judson Wilterink, Shirley Dygert, or the president, Mr. Brown.

Rotary Notes

Speaker at the January 3 meeting of Lowell Rotary Club was William Dostert, Funeral Director of Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. "Happiness—a Product of our Human Relations" was the theme of his address.

Rotary guests were Bill McPherson, David Gerst; and J. Rotarians from Lowell High School, Jeff Pierce, Phil Gerard, Drew Condon, Kai Nurmo, and Bruce Winger.

King Doyle's name was drawn as door prize winner. However, Mrs. Doyle was the real winner since the prize goes to the wife of the Rotarian whose name is drawn.

Jane's Jaber A Peek At '73

The New Year is just a babe, and like a new-born all fresh and clean, we humans are often wont to make great resolutions at the beginning of the year—a bit of spiritual house-cleaning in the hope of righting our wrongs. But more often, it's a case of the "spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

I can think of many resolutions I might make, but have decided that they are useless—I probably wouldn't keep them anyway. You can't teach an old dog new tricks—as the saying goes.

There is also much re-hashing of old news during these first weeks of the year. The headlines of '72 are brought out as sort of a delayed instant replay.

But what is new for the year ahead? Well, for late night television fans, Jack Paar is back after an absence of 10 years. If Jack is not your cup of tea, you can bet he'll have some great lion and tiger pictures worked into the new format. The networks have really caught a bit of head scratching in moving Mannix to a different hour. Now one has to choose between Mike Connors and Ephram Zimbalist.

In a more serious vein, while Nixon struggles to balance the National budget, we'll be struggling to balance our budgets and maybe watching that pay raise we received last year gobbled up by increased gas taxes, social security, property taxes, dog taxes (licenses), hidden taxes—and inflation.

If I do decide to make one resolution, I believe it will be to write to my congressmen and air all the bottled up gripes that come to mind from time to time. Not that I expect it would do much good, but it might keep me from having an ulcer—and I can't afford that.

Mrs. Sam Detmers, 76 Passes; Rites Held

*Mrs. Sam (Ella) Detmers of Route Three, Lowell, passed away Saturday morning, January 6, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids at the age of 76.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment was made in Rest Haven Memory Gardens.

Besides her husband, she leaves one son, Paul of Lowell; one daughter, Mrs. Lewis (Mary Maxine) Gasper of Belding; one sister, Mrs. Leonard (Isabel) Detmers of Rockford; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

Taxes Are Due

The deadline for final payment of 1972 estimated Federal individual income tax is Monday, January 15. Some taxpayers may have to make an amended estimate by January 15, if their income changed substantially during the last quarter of 1972. The worksheet contained in the 1972 estimated tax package received by taxpayers provides space to compute an amended estimate.

Honor Society Welcome Initiates

The Lowell Chapter of the National Honor Society of Lowell Senior High School held its annual formal initiation ceremony and reception for new members on Wednesday, January 3 at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Karl Yost, the president for 1972-73, welcomed the 28 initiates, their families and guests. Rommie Moore, Lowell YMCA Branch Director, gave an inspirational talk to the group entitled "His Name on a Star."

As a part of the formal candlelighting ceremony Mrs. Virginia Fonger, sponsor of the Society, described the origin and the meaning of the organization. The officers each lighted a candle with a meaningful description of the four principles upon which National Honor Society is founded. Karl Yost lit the candle of leadership; Jordan Yaver, vice president, chose scholarship; Nancy Rottier, secretary, explained service; and Nancie Gwatkin described the requirement of character.

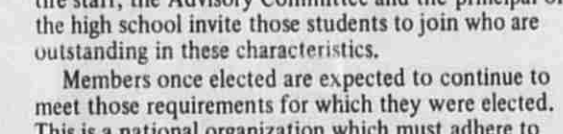
Following the pledge by all of the members, the inductees were presented official emblems by Principal Dennis O. McMahon. The evening was concluded with refreshments served in the library by Chairman Janet Bieri and Marcia Alderink.

The new members are: Marie Anderson, Shawn Ayres, David Beach, Mark Blough, Joyleen Blough, Laurie Briggs, Mary DeY, Nancy Gabriola, Lee Galbreath, Patricia Hagen, Lori Hunt, Frances Haver, Mari Jastifer, Ken Kropf, Kris Kropf, Dan Lomas, Marlene Marks, Bob Morris.

Angela Parsons, Ben Porritt, Terry Reynolds, Bonnie Shade, David Slater, Susan VanLaan, Carrie Weemhoff, Jerilyn Wells, and Paul Wittenbach.

National Honor Society is an organization founded to foster high scholarship, promote positive leadership, encourage integrity of character and stress service to school and community. After consulting with the entire staff, the Advisory Committee and the principal of the high school invite those students to join who are outstanding in these characteristics.

Members once elected are expected to continue to meet those requirements for which they were elected. This is a national organization which must adhere to the national standards.



Editor's Mail Box

Editor's Note—Last week the Editor's Mail Box was flooded with letters, all from irate parents, who questioned and condemned the school's "bad weather closing policy."

Most of the letters, too hot to handle, have been mailed summed up in a letter coming from a concerned mother, who wishes to have her name withheld for business reasons.

To the Editor:

I wonder how many parents of children who ride school bus are as concerned as I am about the way school officials have been playing Russian roulette with our precious children's lives.

In the event of another sleet storm, some one would make us parents very grateful by getting the "school closed" message to us early enough to prevent youngsters from waiting at bus stops for a bus that can't make it on an icy road or worse yet, allow a child to board a bus that should never have been sent out.

Three weeks ago our children were picked up in spite of freezing rain forecasts, and held until noon to guarantee State aid. Are our children's lives worth so little?

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Dan Murphy (10) and Bernie Harden (behind) go for the steal as Kris Kropf (20) watches with anticipation.



Dave Rittersdorf moves in for an open base line shot as center Rusty Steffens (left) attempts to set up a screen.

Lowell Trips Sparta Quintet

Action in the Tri-River League basketball conference last Friday night saw the Greenville Yellow Jacks take undisputed possession of first place with a 4-0 record and a one-half game edge over idle Lakewood.

Staying hot on the heels of the two leaders is the Lowell Red Arrows, who won their third league game in four starts with an 81-59 win over Sparta.

Trailing by three points at the end of the first quarter, the Arrows came roaring back behind a 29-point scoring effort by guard Dan Murphy, and presented the Sparta five with its fourth defeat of the young season.

Murphy, who did not start in Friday night's game, was hot from the outset and was ably supported by teammates Kris Kropf and Bernie Harden with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Rusty Steffens, center, grabbed 13 rebounds off the backboards for Lowell, as the winners won the battle of the boards, 40-24.

Tri-River Standings

Greenville	4	0
Lakewood	3	0
LOWELL	3	1
Coopersville	2	2
Belding	1	3
Sparta	1	4
Cedar Springs	0	4

REMAINING ARROW SCHEDULE

Jan. 12	Lakewood	Home
Jan. 16	Carson City	Home
Jan. 19	Coopersville	Home
Jan. 23	Northview	Home
Feb. 2	Belding	Home
Feb. 6	Greenville	Home
Feb. 9	Sparta	Home
Feb. 13	Ionia	Home
Feb. 16	Lakewood	Home
Feb. 27	Portland	Home
Mar. 2	Coopersville	Home

Freshman at 4:00
J.V. at 8:30
Varsity at 8:00



Dogs A Bit Nervous

Like youngsters coming to school for the first time, the dogs enrolled in the YMCA Obedience class were a bit nervous at first. However, it was not long until they became accustomed to their classroom (Runciman all-purpose) and their firm, but kind teacher, Milo DeVries.

"Polly," DeVries' good natured pet, who has been through the class many times, assisted with the demonstration lessons. Dog Obedience is one of the leisure time programs being offered by the YMCA.

Five of the twelve students, and their masters are, left to right, Jim Verbruggs and "Home," Tim Jones and "Samson," Jeanne Wernet and "Ralph," Steve Dunlap and "Stormy," DeVries and "Polly."

Klondike Derby This Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 102 had a night hike in December and a Christmas party with gift exchanges. The annual Klondike Derby will be held Saturday, January 13. Many troops will participate in this event.

The homemade sleds used in the Derby are packed with equipment and pulled by the boys over a set up route with checkpoints and an activity to be performed at each checkpoint.

Good Will Trip

Thursday, January 11, about thirty-five members of the North Kent Snowmobile Club, led by president Ernie Brancheau, will leave on their snowmobiles for Republic, Michigan, in the upper peninsula. By car it is approximately 480 miles, by snowmobiles, more.

The purpose of the trip is to organize the unorganized. To get snowmobilers to either join a club or form a club. It is a "good will safari."

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Joining a snowmobile club opens new vistas—the thrill of following a wilderness trail, the joy of traveling through the countryside over gently rolling hills and across open snow fields bordered by ice-crustured trees, or having a fun-filled time by the clubhouse fires.

Group safaris, such as those being held every weekend by the Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell, range from a one-hour trek around a pre-laid path, or an ambitious jaunt covering more than 20 miles. Which-ever, there's always lots of fun in going to those snowmobilers taking an active part.

Making it a weekend adventure, several members of the Club have been camping adjacent to the clubhouse on Burroughs Road, north of Lowell, and enjoying both day and night time riding.

When the weather is not permissible, the riders convene for card playing, chatting or storytelling as they take advantage of the club's activities.

The Flat River Club, open to membership, will hold their next regular meeting on Sunday, January 21. Beginning with a 12:30 potluck dinner, the afternoon will be spent discussing business, welcoming new members, riding, and having fun! Join them.

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Sports Rangers Whip Kenowa Hills

Forest Hills Central improved its O-K league mark to 3-1 last Friday night by scoring an 85-55 win over Kenowa Hills.

Craig Klynstra, playing only three-quarters of the game, led the Rangers with 28 points, followed by Dave Slater with 14, Bill Wagner 12 and Bill Heneveld 10. Slater led Forest Hills in rebounds with 11. Klynstra and Tom Zuiderveen added 10 each. High for Kenowa was Jeff Hecker with 19 points.

Forest Hills connected on 34 of 69 floor shots, an impressive 49 percent.

Huskies Downed

Hudsonville High's Eagles moved out of the cellar in the O-K White Division by taking a 56-41 decision from Forest Hills Northern Huskies Friday night.

Tom Bean paced the Huskies with 13 points, followed by Doug Everse with 12.

Hudsonville connected on 23 of 58 floor shots for a 39 percent average while Forest Hills was hitting on only 14 of 68 field goal tries for a 21 percent clip.

O-K White Standings

Wyoming Park	4	0
South Christian	4	0
Forest Hills Central	3	2
Zeeland	2	2
Hudsonville	1	3
Kenowa Hills	1	3
Godwin	1	3
Forest Hills Northern	0	4

FOREST HILLS CENTRAL'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 12	South Christian	Home
Jan. 19	Forest Hills Northern	Away
Jan. 20	East Grand Rapids	Home
Jan. 26	Wyoming Park	Away
Jan. 30	Jenison	Home
Feb. 2	Godwin	Away
Feb. 6	Hudsonville	Home
Feb. 9	Kenowa Hills	Away
Feb. 13	Greenville	Away
Feb. 16	Zeeland	Home
Feb. 23	South Christian	Away
Mar. 2	Forest Hills Northern	Home

FOREST HILLS NORTHERN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri. Jan. 12	Wyoming Park	Away
Tues. Jan. 16	Cedar Springs	Away
Fri. Jan. 19	Forest Hills Central	Home
Fri. Jan. 26	Kenowa Hills	Home
Tues. Jan. 30	Coopersville	Away
Fri. Feb. 2	Zeeland	Home
Tues. Feb. 6	South Christian	Home
Fri. Feb. 9	Hudsonville	Home
Fri. Feb. 16	Sparta	Away
Tues. Feb. 20	Hudsonville Unity	Away
Fri. Feb. 23	Wyoming Park	Home
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Season Opens Ice Racers Trophy

Riding a motorcycle on an icy surface is tricky, sometimes impossible, but with the proper equipment ... it has become a competitive sport, enlivened by overwhelming spectator support.

Sunday, as the initial season got underway on a private lake near Shelbyville, Michigan, Lowell's representation spoke well for the interest shown in the local riders.

Early morning registrations were made by Gary and Liz Kropf, Kelly Holst, Ron Stoner, John Korte, Art Blough and Ron and Bev Holst. They took several practice runs before the afternoon's events got underway.

While the icy surface held a good gripping quality, Gary Kropf on a 125cc Penton finished with a first and two thirds for a third overall trophy in his class.

Riding in two classes—125 and 250B—Kelly Holst on his Penton took a second in his first heat, and two firsts, giving him top honors in his class with a first overall in the expert rating.

On a 250 Husky, Holst took a fourth overall with a fifth in his first heat, first in the second, and fourth in the third.

In the 200cc division Ron Stoner on a Penton finished his rounds with a second overall. He ended up first, second and third, respectively, in his three heats.

Racing for the first time on ice, John Korte in the 250 expert class got good starts, but failed to trophy, as the ice's surface began to turn to glass when his division took to the line.

Art Blough in the Heavyweight Class, rode his BSA into a second overall with a second, first and third.

The powder puff (side car) racing team of Liz Kropf and Bev Holst found the course slick on their first time out this season. However, they managed to capture and secure fourth place.

Teaming together for the men's side car heavyweight event were Ron Holst and Gary Kropf. They failed to qualify.

The ice races, being co-sponsored by the Searcher's Motorcycle Club of Alto and the Nite Hawks of Grand Rapids, will be running for the next seven Sundays, if the ice holds up. Sign up time is 10 a.m. with the first race at 1 p.m.

Easy access to the racing site may be made by taking the US 131 Freeway south to the Shelbyville exit.

Local racers regret the fact that the 1973 events are being held some distance from this area—but the private lake is the only one immediately available for this type of event.

Be watching and reading next week's edition for upcoming surprises!

Forest Hills Sno-mobile Club Plans Family Day

A "Family Day" has been planned by the Forest Hills Sno-mobile Association as announced by William Colvin, social director of the club.

The annual affair, to be held this Saturday, January 13, will start at 9 a.m. with a pancake brunch at their clubhouse on Ada Drive (formerly Rooker's Hall).

From 1 to 2 p.m. the children will take part in a treasure hunt, followed by a sno-mobile rodeo and play time for "children" from seven to 70 years of age.

The smell of hotdogs cooking on an open fire will greet the participants when they return to the club house at 4 p.m. At 7 p.m., a dance for the adults only, will conclude the day's events.

On January 18, the club will hold their monthly meeting at their clubhouse, beginning at 7:30 p.m., to make the final preparations for the MISA delegate convention to be hosted by the local club on January 20. Delegates from all over the state of Michigan will be attending.

Members are asked to lend a helping hand, and make this one of the best conventions ever. Every little bit helps.

On January 27, members of the association will be taking part in the "Fun time" at Sandy Pines Resort in Allegan County. There will be sno-mobiling, dancing, racing, and free food. Reservation forms will be available at the Association's meeting on January 18. This event is for the entire family, so sign up early, and pray for snow.

Auto-Rama Show

Friday, January 12th is the Opening Day for the Annual Auto-Rama Show of Custom Cars, Rods, Corvettes, Cycles, Feature Cars and more. Over 100 entry forms have already been filled out, indicating that there will be over 100 cars in the Show at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium's Exhibition Hall, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 12, 13 and 14th.

In addition to the cars, there will be other automotive exhibits that relate to the Custom Car and Hot Rod market.

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Second Lieutenant Bradley H. Fonger of the Air National Guard is completing specialized training at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Lt. Fonger is attached to the Battle Creek unit of the Michigan National Guard. He was commissioned on September 24, 1971, after attending Officer Preparatory Academy at McGhee Tyson Airport, Alcoa, Tennessee. In November, 1971, he began 48 weeks of flight training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona.

As part of his training he soloed in T-41's, then T-37's and finally in the twin jet T-38 "Talon" trainer, the first supersonic jet to be used in training pilots.

As a member of the 3525th Pilot Training Wing he was among the 39 Americans and two foreign students

who were awarded wings by Colonel Warren C. Moore at graduation ceremonies in the Base chapel, October 14, 1972. Present at the graduation were Lt. Fonger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jack Fonger.

Following graduation from flight school Lt. Fonger was sent to a three-week land survival school at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, and then to a three-day water survival school at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

Brad is a Lowell High School honor graduate in the class of 1966, and a 1970 graduate of Western Michigan University. Before entering the service he was an accountant for the firm of Kovtan and McMurray in St. Joseph, Michigan.



Departing from the pool, Lowell swimmers, think ahead, to next Saturday's fun!

Swim On Saturdays...

Outside the weather was near zero Saturday, January 6, but inside the comfortable Central YMCA Swim Pool, a group of Lowell youngsters were having lots of fun.

For eight Saturday afternoons the Lowell YMCA has been taking elementary through junior high children to the YMCA pool for a weekly fun swim.

Commenting on the Lowell group the YMCA Life Guard told Rommie Moore that the Lowell group had been the best behaved group of youngsters to come to the pool.

Youngsters wanting to sign up for the remaining seven weeks of Saturday recreation swims, may contact the Lowell YMCA, corner of Main and Hudson, 897-7375.

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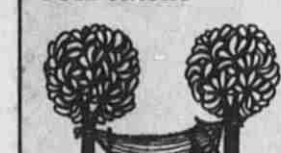
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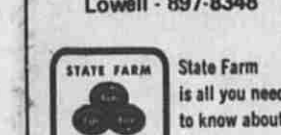
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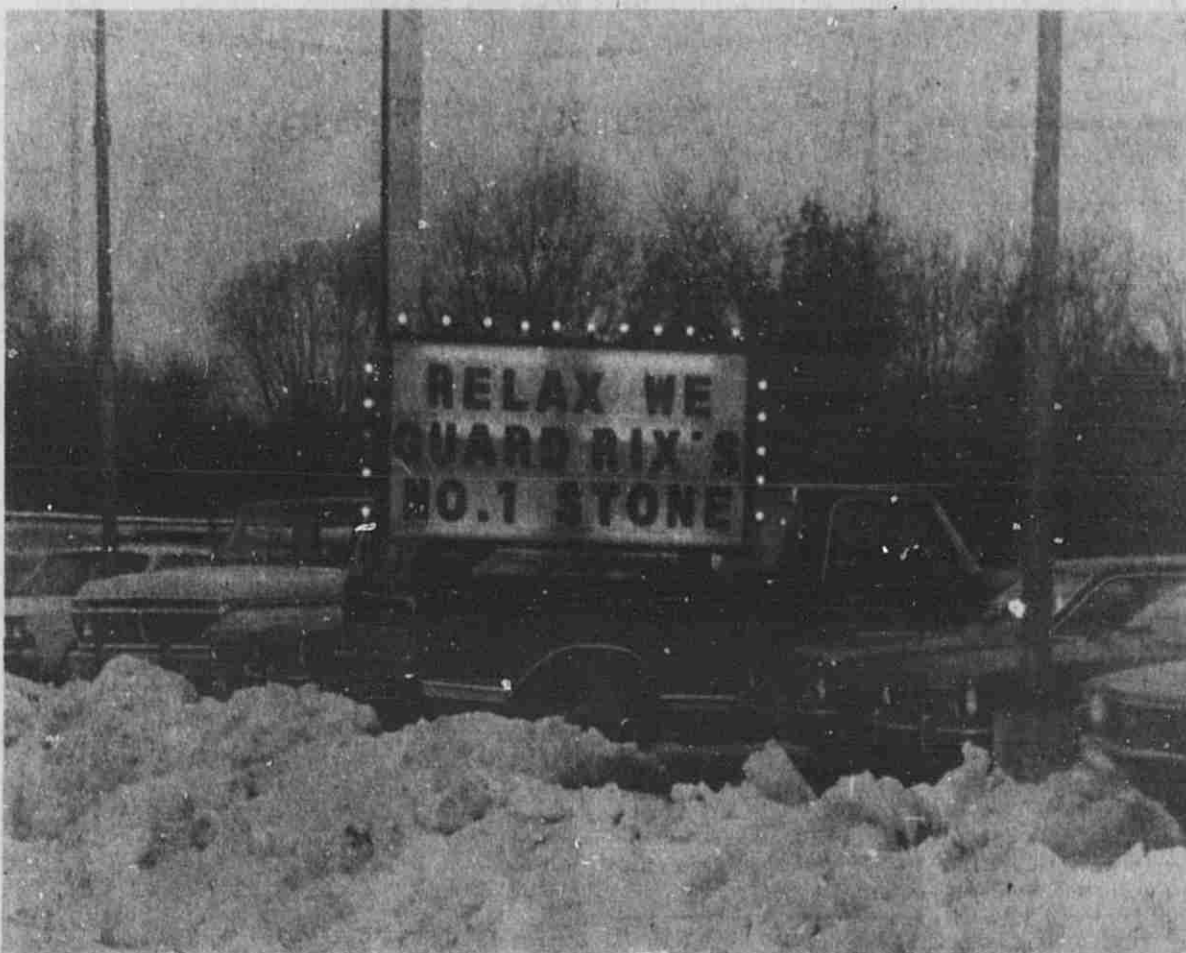
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LOOKING BACK...

Throughout the past year there were many news stories of national and international interest and importance.

Candidates aspiring to political eminence dominated much of the news of 1972. The long campaign provided a redundancy of political wordcraft.

The Vietnam conflict, the October peace proposal—and rejection, President Nixon's trip to China, the chink in the wall between East and West Germany and the last flights to the moon for sometime—are but a few of the stories of the year to keep historians occupied in the years ahead.

The Sewer Question—Today and Yesterday

Lowell's Storm Water-Sewer Separation program, with the resulting citizen opposition to the proposed project, without federal aid, was of significance locally.

The announcement in July of a Housing and Urban Renewal grant (HUD) in the amount of \$411,000 was considered by city officials to be adequate federal funding and the program was again put in motion.

Another rustle of protest was heard after affected property owners received their assessments in late October.

Waiting for permission from the State Municipal Finance Commission, for issuance of bonds to finance the near two million dollar project, caused further delay.

Pollution control was heard often in '72 in relation to many areas of the environment. Pressure from both federal and state agencies to clean up the rivers, lakes and streams was applied to many communities.

The impact of this pressure was felt by Lowell in the form of a court suit against the City by the Water Resources Commission for phosphate pollution of Grand River.

An Engineering Agreement between the City and the engineering firm, Williams and Works, showing the good faith and intent of the City in taking due steps to correct its problems, resulted in a reprieve by the State in its court action against the City.

Sewer Question—1893

Nineteen hundred seventy-two was not the first year a sewer project or pollution have caused concern to the citizenry. Taking a glance back to pages of the Lowell Journal of August 1893, one finds a quite vivid description, written by the editor, Charles Quick, of the decay and decomposition of all organic matter, with its often tragic results. Diphtheria and typhoid fever took a heavy toll of lives in those days.

Quick, in his editorial, takes the reader on a tour of the average home, room by room, pointing out specific areas where danger might lurk. He then goes outside for a hasty survey of the grounds surrounding the home.

He writes, "the front yard is inviting, neat graveled or plank walks, a smooth cut lawn, flower beds; but the back yard, what a contrast! The brown spot, over which crawl myriads of insects and from which ascends a noxious vapor, is the dumping place for the dish pan and wash tub; a rod or two from the house we notice a little depression on the ground. We soon discover, from the stench arising that it is the location of the cesspool. A few feet distant is an edifice carefully guarded from observation by lattice and climbing vine. Its presence is easily detected. (How often have we walked along Washington, Monroe, West Water or any street at night, does the air, which heaven sent us pure, sweet and potent with life-giving energies, come to us

laden with the poisonous exhalations from a dozen such sources and freighted with the agencies of death.) In making a home, a man will dig two or three holes for filth and one or two for water, so that the latter is often surrounded by the former and most of the water from the former finds its way back into the well, an arrangement not to be recommended if health and long life are valuable.

But to come to the practical question. What shall we do with this decomposing matter? Its constant accumulation is unavoidable. How can we so dispose of it as to avoid dangers that have only been hinted at? This question is not a modern one. It was asked and answered, and correctly, too, more than three thousand years ago. Jerusalem was provided with sewers, Rome too, in all its glory, and the same may be said of Carthage, Nineva and Alexandria. During this period, no great plague prevailed, but during the Dark Ages, this branch of sanitation was neglected and great plagues occurred which again and again nearly depopulated the countries, and remembering as we do that there can be no trifling with sanitary laws and that we must observe them or suffer the consequences, we urge that the good work of our common Council in establishing a system of sewers be pushed rapidly forward."

While our problems today are not of exactly the same nature, it probably would be safe to say they are only a more complex extension of the basic perplexities of pollution; the burden of the cost of installing a sewer system must have seemed as great to the people in 1893 as today, for the country was in a depressed period as noted in a subsequent account dated a week later stating that the Council was delaying the sewer project "on account of hard times and they thought it was hard enough for people to pay their taxes without laying an additional burden." However, two months later, in October, Council decided to construct the sewers, and the Journal gave its "warm approval to the act."

Rix Robinson Still Makes News

Another news story of the year, which drew considerable comment from area residents, was the removal of the Rix Robinson Memorial marker from the home site of that first white settler in Western Michigan.

In October, Amway Corporation removed the memorial from the original trading post site at 7236 East Fulton, where it had been dedicated in 1927, to a spot in front of Amway's new Free Enterprise building across the road at 7575 East Fulton.



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Criticism of the appropriation of the three ton marker by Amway resulted in a request by Michigan Department of State Highways officials for its return to the original site on state right-of-way land.

Amway countered with a compromise proposal to leave it in front of the Free Enterprise building pending selection of an "appropriate site by the highway department or any other appropriate agency."

Though the first white settler in Western Michigan died in 1875, the final chapter in the Saga of Rix Robinson has yet to be written.

Death Claims
James Heather

James J. Heather, former owner of the Heather General Store at Parnell, passed away Saturday, January 6, at Kent Community Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 53.

A veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 203, Hugo Fales Post, he resided at 11180 Four Mile Road, Belding.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his mother, Mrs. Marie Heather of Belding; six children, Mrs. Frank (Mary) McMahon, Mrs. John (Veronica) Dawson and Robert, all of Lowell, Eileen, Joseph and Christine, all at home; three brothers, Lawrence of Belding, Leonard of Greenville and Alfred of Smyrna; six sisters, Mrs. George (Irma) Malone of Parnell, Mrs. Earl (Florence) Wosinski of Lowell, Mrs. A. W. (Rose) Chapman of Montara, Mrs. William (Lucille) Slowinski of Parnell, Mrs. Oscar (Margaret) Skinner of Greenville and Mrs. E. J. (Katherine) Frazee of Portland; two grandchildren, Francis Scott and Francis Owen; and his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Byrne.

Funeral Mass was said for Mr. Heather Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell, with interment being made in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Student Dance

Lowell Senior High School will have a Student Dance January 12, after the Home Basketball game, from 9:45 to 11:30 p.m.

A local band "The Strawberry" will be playing with Roy Whittemore—Bass; Brian Whittemore—Lead & Singing; Randy Sorenson—Rhythm; and Charles Prins—Drums.

All Senior High students are invited to attend.

Paap Graduates

Marine Pvt. Raymond J. Paap, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Paap of 1629 Buttrick, Ada, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

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