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Showboat Gets The Show Goin'

The Lowell Showboat Board of Directors, at their last meeting, discussed the entertainment acts for the 1973 show, adopted the year's budget, and set the dates for this year's show.

The two headliner acts, in the split-week end presentation, will be announced at the annual meeting of the Showboat and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce this Thursday night.

Sticking with a tradition, the Board of Directors voted to hold the show on the last two week ends in July—the 19th through the 21st and the 26th through the 28th.

In presenting the '73 budget to the directors, chairman Charles Lippert revealed that a cut had been made by some \$3,000 over the costs of the '72 show.

After some discussion by the directors, the following budget compared to 1972 was adopted:

	1973	1972 (Actual)
Entertainment (Big Names)	\$20,000	\$29,562.45
Band, dancers, etc.	5,000	
Advertising (including press parties)	7,000	7,618.45
Boat, Stage and Stands	5,000	2,843.59
Sound and Lighting	3,000	3,027.08
Insurance	700	694.00
Boat Decorations & Caliope	425	427.38
Concessions	600	557.65
Parties (Thank You)	400	463.84
Costumes, Make Up	800	814.72
Telephone	100	115.82
Sales Tax	40	35.77
Postage	160	161.82
Amateur Night	100	102.00
Supplies	750	752.65
Queen	100	424.71
Program costs (offset by sales)	2,500	2,452.00
	\$46,615	\$50,063.48

Election Held

While the '73 show shaping up, and formative plans being made to make the production one of the most profitable for the community project, Lippert led the discussion to things to do differently this year, and asked that all chairmen do their utmost to keep the overhead costs down this year.

The new Board of Directors and officers re-elected include:

Three-year-term—Dee Doyle, Barbara Curtis, secretary, and Jack Beggs. Two-year-term—Charles Lippert, chairman, Dr. Clark Vredenberg, co-chairman and Jack Smith.

One-year-term—Dick McNeal, Roger Roberts and Dr. Roy Westcott, co-chairman. Community representatives, Jim Hall, Mayor's office; Darlene Cahoon, Chamber office; Keith Caldwell, treasurer; Red Baker, Moose; Dick Moeckle, Lowell Area Jaycees; Gordon Gould, Advisor; Norm Borgerson, advisor; and William Doyle, Advisor.

Farmers To Be Entertained

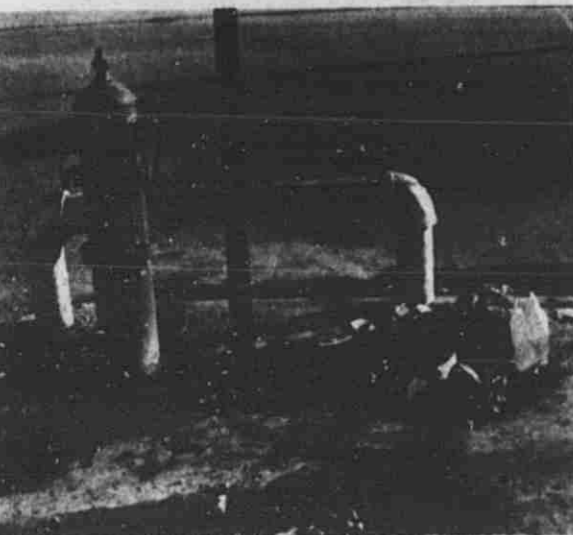
To some, a farmer is just a farmer, but to the Lowell Rotary Club they're something special, and to show their appreciation they'll honor the area farmers at their Wednesday noon luncheon on February 21.

Getting together in the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, the Rotarians and farmers will enjoy a select program to be presented by several students from Lowell Senior High School.

The annual "Farmer's Day" program is being cosponsored by the State Savings Bank of Lowell.

"There are no special invitations being extended, King Doyle, chairman, revealed. All the farmers have to do is join us on this day. We hope by having the get-together at noon, more area farmers will have an opportunity to attend."

Hits Light Pole



Main Street lighting from McCaul's Texaco on East Main Street to Keiser's Kitchen on West Main Street, on the north side of the road, went out early Monday morning when a car driven by Daniel Joel Moore of Lowell went out of control, hitting and snapping off the utility pole at the corner of Washington and Main. Moore suffered lacerations to the face and to his right leg. The accident is still under investigation by the Lowell Police.

Buying Right-of-Way State To Improve M-21 From Ada To Freeway

People required to move because of construction of new highways, or reconstruction of existing highways, are getting more help than ever from the tax-paying public which buys their property.

It's all the result of assistance programs authorized by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968 and the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1970.

The newly expanded benefits will apply to owner-occupants and tenant-occupants of property needed for right-of-way for proposed widening and improvements to M-21 from Interstate 96 Freeway east to Ada in Kent County.

The Department of State Highways will begin preliminary interviews next week for the purchase of 66 parcels of property needed for right-of-way in the improvement project. Of the 66, 13 are residential, three commercial, and 50 unimproved properties.

Negotiations for purchase of all properties are scheduled for completion by Dec. 1, 1973, with reconstruction scheduled to begin late next year.

Highway Department right-of-way agents will be making personal visits to owner-occupants and tenant-occupants, as well as owners of the unimproved properties.

A broad range of benefits up to \$15,000—including moving expenses, higher costs for replacement housing, higher mortgage-interest costs and higher rental costs—are available, over and above the fair market value of property purchased for highway right-of-way.

Victor H. Eichhorn, chief right-of-way officer for the Highway Department, said the federal laws have given impetus to "liberal and unprecedented help and consideration to persons forced to relocate due to highway construction projects."

He said the Highway Department has had sufficient trial time in implementing the new programs to conclude that most persons forced to relocate "are displaced to a better environment and enjoy a better standard of living as a direct result of the federal legislation."

The federal laws apply to persons forced to relocate for all federal-aid projects—such as a new post office, park and recreation lands and military sites. Application in Michigan however, primarily affects persons displaced by highway construction because this comprises today's major public improvement projects.

Probably the major benefit in the new program is the additional cost over fair market value to acquire replacement housing that is "decent, safe and sanitary," regardless of the condition of the relocatee's house acquired by the state. The new house must comply fully with local housing code requirements and it must provide adequate living space for the family.

For example, an owner-occupant's home in the path of a highway project may have a fair market value of \$15,000.



Lowell Police were called to the intersection of West Main and Hudson Streets February 7 to investigate a personal injury accident. Witnesses stated that a car driven by Raymond Lee Brigham of Grand Rapids, did not have time to stop before he struck Kelly M. Baker, who ran out in front of him. Not seriously injured, the Baker girl received abrasions to the face and lacerations on her side.

As its share of the fourth quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections for 1972 the City of Lowell will receive \$13,069, compared to \$11,668 distributed for the same period in 1971.

The building housing the Wheel Cycle Shop on West Main Street has been sold, requiring Gary Potter to move his cycle-snowmobile sales and service business to a South Washington Street location, on the east side of town.

The State Savings Bank of Lowell has filed an application with the Michigan Department of Commerce Financial Institutions Bureau to erect a proposed branch bank at M-44 and Myers Lake Road in Cannon Township.

Operation Red Ball, a new fire safety program promoted by the Lowell Area Jaycees is nearing completion. Persons with pre-schoolers and invalids in their homes, still needing stickers to attach to their bedroom windows, may pick them up at the State Savings Bank or Lipperts, on East Main Street.

February 11, Lowell Police arrested Bobby Joe Wells of Lowell for driving under the influence. Wells forced two cars off the road and onto the shoulder before officers got him stopped. He was taken to the Kent County Sheriff's Department where he submitted to a breathalyzer test. He tested .15% on the first test and .14% on the second. According to Michigan Statutes Annotated, .10% is presumed under the influence. Lodged in the Kent County Jail, Wells was to appear before Judge Joseph B. White on February 14.

ROSIE DRIVE INN

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To replace that home, however, may require \$20,000, \$25,000 or more, the amount depending on what housing is available that meets all the requirements of the federal laws.

The Highway Department is authorized to make up the difference, up to \$15,000 additional payment for all benefits over fair market value of the house to be taken.

In its first year of operation under the new federal laws, the Michigan Highway Department paid \$1,479,389 in relocation benefits to 638 families and businesses—over and above fair market value for property purchased.

Tenants of property to be purchased are eligible for benefits up to \$4,000 for rental supplements or for a down payment on a residence.

In case of lost revenue for a farm or business forced to relocate, the new program provides up to \$10,000 in benefits for going out of business in lieu of moving allowance payments.

Moving expenses for all persons forced to relocate, whether a home, farm or business, will be paid by the Highway Department. Displaced persons may choose a standard payment up to \$500 or actual moving costs—which, in the case of a large business with machinery and equipment, could cost several hundred thousand dollars.

Eligibility requirements for relocation assistance are based primarily on the period of time an owner-occupant or tenant-occupant has been located on the property to be purchased.

An owner-occupant must be in residence on the property for at least 180 days prior to the first written offer for the property by the Highway Department.

A tenant must have occupied the property for at least 90 days prior to the first written offer for the property.

All relocation assistance benefits are exempt from Federal income tax.

A Highway Department relocation assistance agent will personally visit every owner-occupant and tenant-occupant in all highway right-of-way purchase areas to explain benefits in the program.

"Our relocation assistance agents not only are experts on the legal and technical aspects of the program," Eichhorn said, "they also are devoted to the principles and practicalities of service to all persons forced to relocate due to a highway program."

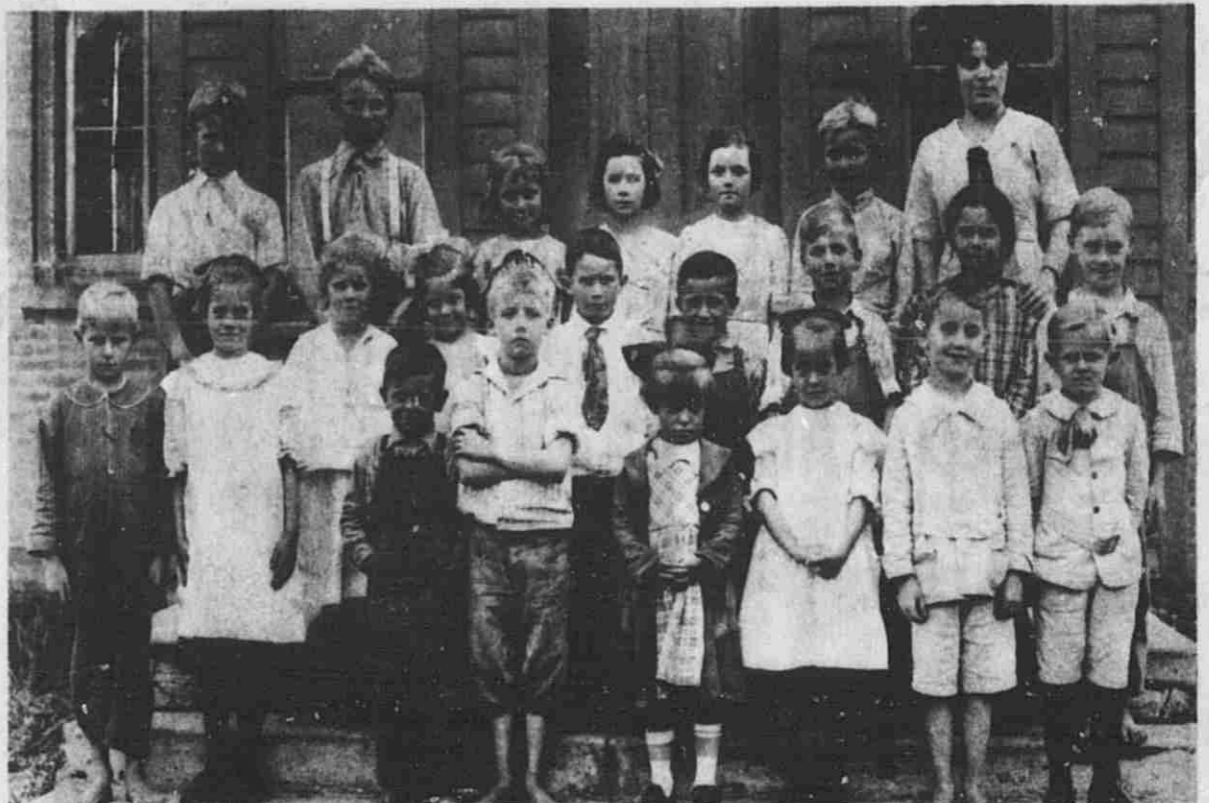
All owner-occupants and tenant-occupants in the highway construction project area are urged to inquire about relocation assistance, prior to moving.

For additional information and a brochure describing the relocation program, contact: District Right of Way Agent, Department of State Highways, Grand Rapids District Office, 1420 Front Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504. (Phone: 616-451-3091).

Band Concert

On Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Lowell High School bands will present a concert in the high school gymnasium.

The concert, symphonic and jazz bands will be featured in a very diversified program. Open to the public, everyone is welcome, and the admission is complimentary.



Identifies Firemen...

Jane Comp of 220 North Jefferson Street, Lowell, won the mystery picture contest last week by correctly identifying the first unit of volunteer firemen, Sylvester Bibbler, Ray Alexander, Richard Rutherford, Roy Covert, Nelson Stormzand, Frank Baker, Adelbert Kroff, Jay Bolens, Dave Clark, Sr., Arthur Martin, William Collins, Paul Kellogg and L. A. Tanner.

Another year's subscription will go to the person who can correctly identify this week's mystery persons. Be the first to call 897-9261 at noon on Friday and give us the right names.

Thursday's Annual Meeting To Reveal Many Things

When the annual meeting of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Lowell Showboat Corporation gets underway this Thursday night, the evening will be jam-packed with many major announcements, topped off by a very special guest speaker.

The two corporations, both working for the betterment of the community, will start the evening off with a joint-dinner in the dining room of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell at 7 p.m.

Then it will be down to business—first the Chamber will announce their newly elected directors, present awards to the most exterior and interior improved businesses during the past year, and introduce their guest speaker for the evening, Noel A. Black.

Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Black lived in California for 13 years, 1957 to 1970. While there, he was Deputy Director for the Department of Consumer Affairs for the State of California.

Mr. Black presently serves as Manager of Government and Public Affairs for Amway Corporation of Ada. He also directs educational programs in economics and consumer education.

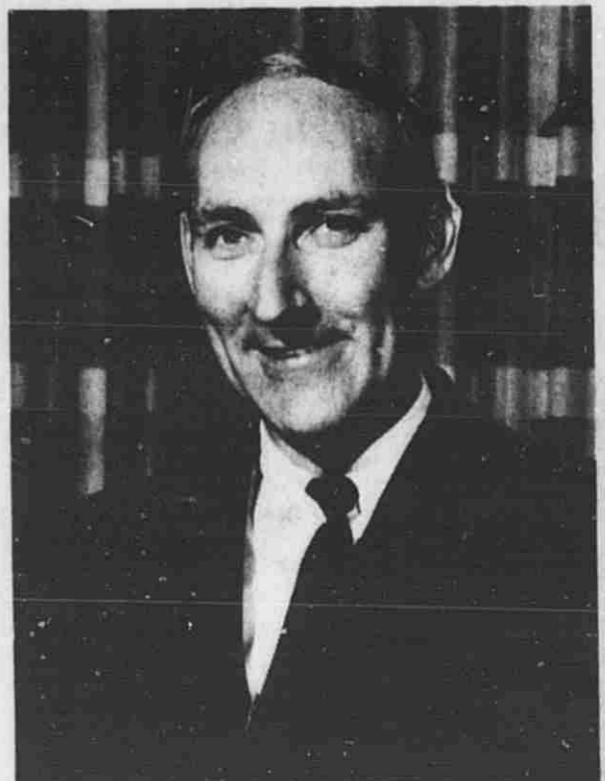
He makes his home at the family homestead in Ada with his wife, Carla and their two children, Noelle, 13, and Brian, 11. Much of Black's leisure time is spent enjoying water and snow sports.

Heard recently, he is a noted speaker with a message on competitive needs that should stir everyone's interest.

Following Black's speech, the floor will go to Showboat chairman Charles Lippert, who will reveal the headliner acts for the 1973 Showboat, and unveil some of the plans to be incorporated into this year's show.

Lippert will tell the audience about the profitable year in 1972, giving figures and data on how much was

made, and what the budget for this year will be. Anyone interested in attending the meeting can still make reservations with Mrs. Delores Dey at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Office.



Black will be the guest speaker.

Models To Be Judged Saturday

The 43 contestants entered in the Lowell Moose Model Making contest will deliver their completed entries to the Moose Lodge this Saturday morning at 10 a.m., where the judges will select the winning entries. While the four divisions are being gone over by the judges, the contestants will be treated to a film on safety and law enforcement, hear Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons, speak, and partake of the goodies from the famous Moose 'Chuck Wagon.'

Watterson Re-elected WMU Vice-Chairman

Fred W. Adams, Grosse Pointe, an alumnus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, was re-elected chairman of the WMU Board of Trustees. Also re-elected was Vice-Chairman Philip N. Watterson of Cascade.

Mr. Watterson has served on the WMU Board of Trustees since 1964. He is a graduate of WMU (1932) and a former teacher in Ada, and superintendent in Marne.

Watterson, a former business and corporate leader, is now semi-retired, but is still active in business in the Grand Rapids area. He is currently director of the Alumni Association.

KEATS VINING SR., DIES

Keats K. Vining Sr., 83, of 1415 Bates Street, SE, Grand Rapids, passed away Monday night at Blodgett Hospital.

Vining was well known in the field of agriculture and was an avid 4-H Club booster.

Surviving are his wife, Vesta; a son, Dr. Keats K. Vining Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Jeane) Renz of Denver, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Henry (Rita) Moore of Thomasville, Georgia and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday morning at the Metcalf Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Research Fund of Blodgett Hospital or to the Memorial Fund of First United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids.

Board Concerned Over Attendance

Of vital concern to the Lowell Board of Education is getting the general public to attend the open meeting Thursday, February 22, of the open classroom concept school inservice session.

"This is the first time that a teachers' class has actually been open to parents and other interested members of the general public and we want to make certain that everyone knows about it and is able to attend," board president Robert Reagan said.

The team from San Francisco that is conducting the three-day session will arrive at the Kent County Airport Monday at 5 p.m., and has requested that a dinner meeting be set up with the workshop steering committee. On Tuesday, the West Coast teachers will spend all day visiting in all the Lowell School buildings to familiarize themselves with our physical set-up. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be teacher instruction (school will not be held on those days) and Thursday night has been set aside so that the general public can be told what it is all about.

This is termed a "new and exciting" concept in education and every parent should make it a special point to be there.

Center Enrollment Down

The high school came in for most of the attention at the recent meeting.

The lack of local students taking advantage of the facilities at Kent Skill Center was discussed briefly by Dennis McMahon, high school principal, who stated that enrollment was down in all schools sending students to the Skill Center but that Lowell's enrollment was down more than the others.

In explaining the lack of interest in the facility, McMahon said that students have the wrong idea of the school and apparently look down upon it instead of up to it. "These days not everyone wants to go on to college," McMahon said, "and the skill center is for the good student who would like to learn a trade."

Lowell also requires that its students who go to the Skill Center take three classes in the afternoon at Lowell High School in order to stay in the program while other high schools only require their students to take two at their own school. McMahon told the board that he felt this should be changed since in some cases it made for an awfully long day for students. The principal said he felt that Lowell should go along with the others and require only two classes in the local system but permit the student to take more if he wishes to.

The board agreed with McMahon's reasoning and acknowledged his informing them of the change before he made it.

Wider Variety

Touching on more high school curriculum changes for next year, McMahon said the entire faculty is attempting to add a wider variety of classes in each department for the students to choose from that will pique their interest.

For example, the school will no longer require one full year of U.S. History, but instead will cut the requirement down to one semester and for the second semester the student will be able to select from a variety of related subjects such as "The Roaring Twenties," "Great American Leaders and Their Decisions," "International Relations," and other similar topics.

Classes in ecology and physiology will be added to the science curriculum; Spanish will be added to the language department; consumers' math which will equip the student to deal with installment buying, interest rates, insurance and other practical applications of mathematics will be added to the math department; speech, theatre, reading improvement, architectural drawing and drafting and business education are also to be included next year.

Another change will be the requirement of only one year of phys ed (which will also include a health unit) to be followed by several electives in that department including weight lifting and body building, co-ed phys ed, and advanced phys ed.

After listening to the proposed changes with interest, Board Member Dave Wingeier asked if any thought had been given to teaching agriculture. McMahon replied that they had surveyed the present high school and found only three interested in taking it. "I'm in a profession that's a lost art," Wingeier mused, whereupon two other board members suggested that they could probably drum up a lot of interest in an agriculture class if they would tell it like it is and list it as a

class in "How to get rich quick with the least amount of work."

The discussion stopped there. *Rod Vetoed*

A suggestion to add \$1,780.50 lightning rod protection to the roof of the mechanical balcony in the high school addition was vetoed as being too expensive a measure when it would only give added protection to the building and not the personnel.

The board did, however, vote to carpet the high school counseling and administrative areas to the tune of \$1,780, but turned down \$2,282 worth of carpeting in the high school's north wing classrooms. Board Member Blanche Mullen was the lone dissenter voting for the carpeting in the classroom stating as her reason not only the advantage educationally to the students from the quieter atmosphere, but also maintaining that from a practical standpoint, the upkeep was cheaper in the long run.

To Report Progress

A progress report on all phases of the present construction will be given this Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the Middle School and 10 o'clock at the High School.

Workers Named

Harold Metternick and Dave Miller were named to work with members of the Lowell City Council to draw up plans for possible joint building usage both in administrative offices and garage.

Postponements

The proposal to adopt an Affirmative Action Program was postponed until the Board has time to study a similar proposal recently passed by Forest Hills. It is expected that action will be taken in the near future.

The board also voted to postpone the administrative request to hire a business manager at this time.

New Test Center

The Federal government has named Lowell High School as a new GED testing center whereby high school diplomas can be issued after the federal test is successfully passed. Calvin College is the only other testing center in this area.

Install Clocks

The board voted to install time clocks in all buildings to record the time of all custodial, bus and kitchen employees.

Public Pat

The High School Student Congress completed its new community survey and discovered that the community of Lowell in general approves of having a dress code for its students. "The students don't really agree with it, but they will cooperate with the rules and regulations and go along with it because that's the type of kids they are," High School Principal Dennis McMahon said to the board. "I am telling you this because we think they are pretty good kids and deserve a public pat on the back," McMahon added.

Bookmobile Schedule

The Kent County Library Bookmobile Schedule for February is:

MONDAY	St. Patrick's Church Parnell, Michigan	1:30-3 p.m.
	Ada Township Hall 555 Ada Dr.	3:30-5 p.m. 6:00-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Grattan Elementary School	11:30-12:30 a.m. (General Public)
	Belding Road N.E.	1:15-2 p.m. (School only)
	Cannonsburg (Belke's Store)	4:00-5:15 p.m.

LOWELL MAN PASSES

Robert G. Hormuth, aged 57, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon, February 12, at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Marguerite J. Hormuth; three daughters, eight grandchildren; three sisters; and one brother.

Services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel. Rev. John D. McKay of Faith Bible Church officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park.

WILLIAM OLSON PASSES IN FLORIDA

William F. Olson, aged 75, passed away in Lakeland, Florida, Friday morning and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Patronella; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Diane) Asplund of Lowell. One son, Clifford of Traverse City and eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the chapel. Rev. F. Ervin Hyde officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Society Prepares For Easter Seal Campaign

The Easter Seal Society is already getting prepared for the 1973 Easter Seal Campaign. By now, many of you have probably been contacted by your neighbors asking if you will help by marching door-to-door on your block for Easter Seals.

The telephoning is done early to find people who are able to participate in the annual door-to-door parade which will be held the week of April 9-14th.

Community participation is needed if this year's campaign is going to be a success. Donations from the public are the only means of income the Easter Seal Society has to provide its many and varied programs for the disabled. In your area, a number of services are available: free loan of hospital-type equipment, direct assistance for purchase of needed orthopedic appliances, summer camp program, and information, referral, and follow-up. On a national level, research is conducted into the causes, prevention, and treatment of crippling. Your donations make all this possible.

If you do get a call from your neighbor, asking for your help, won't you please give a couple hours of your time to march for Easter Seals on April 9-14th? You can be sure that your efforts will be greatly appreciated by all the handicapped in the Lowell area.

Cars Hit Head-On


Iced up windows were the cause of a two-car head-on collision on 36th Street, south of Lowell Monday morning.

Christopher Lee Grove, age 17, of 8959-36th St., and Gerald Sremba, age 32, of 3725 Snow Avenue, both crossed the center line.

Grove was taken to Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital and Sremba to St. Mary's Hospital.

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NOTICE

To the more than 700 citizens petitioning the City Council for a fair distribution of costs of the Lowell Sanitary and Storm Sewage Disposal System:

An open meeting will be held at the Run-ciman School, Friday, February 23, 1973, commencing at 7:30 P.M. Attorney Joseph M. Neath, Jr., of the Grand Rapids Law Firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd, will present a detailed analysis of the program now underway, with alternative possibilities of equitable distribution of the charges involved.

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Tuesday, February 20	Friday, February 23
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(6 oz.) Open Face Steak Sandwich on Toast, French Fries and Cole Slaw. \$1.99	"Cattlemen's Choice" Sirloin Steak, Mini Loaf Bread, Baked Potatoes—Sour Cream, Choice of Salad. \$3.99
Wednesday, February 21	Saturday, February 24
Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans—Marinated Broccoli, Frosted Cup Cake. \$1.59	New York Strip, "Mini Loaf Bread," Baked Potatoes—Sour Cream, Choice of Salad. \$4.19
Showboat Special "Rib-Eye" Steak, Choice of Toast, Choice of Potatoes, Choice of Salad. \$3.29	
Thursday, February 22	SUNDAY
(Warm) Baked Ham Sandwich, Silver Dollar Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Cherry Noggin Pie. \$1.69	Swiss Steak Ham & Sweet Potatoes, Sirloin of Beef or Roast Pork } \$2.25
T-Bone Steak, "Mini Loaf Bread," Baked Potatoes—Sour Cream, Choice of Salad. \$3.59	

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