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Townships Study Patrol Units

Cascade and Ada Townships are giving serious consideration to the maintenance of the township patrols supplied in part by the Kent County Sheriff's Department. The additional police cars were added last year with the aid of a federal grant that supplied the money for the manpower. The grant, however, is running out and if the townships wish to continue the township patrols they will have to pay for the manpower as well as the vehicles.

Lee Patterson, Cascade Township manager, stated that the program was just too expensive to maintain. He estimated that the two townships would have to split a cost of about \$35,000 when the federal grant ran out in November. Although township revenues are high with increased assessments and revenue sharing, Patterson and Ada Township Supervisor Jack Forshar stated that the needs of the townships have also increased.

Both Patterson and Forshar are currently satisfied with the service provided by the additional township

patrol but feel that there are other priorities. Patterson feels that it is the obligation of the county to maintain the patrols. He estimated that if the program were dropped, it would cut police coverage in the township by over 50%.

Forshar explained that he didn't expect the county to maintain the patrols if the program were dropped and stated that the issue would be discussed at the next township meeting, May 14, at 7:30 in the town hall.

Patterson feels that the program will probably not be abandoned entirely but feels that the county government should give some consideration to the matter. He feels that the county should at least assist in the program because the township patrols provide a county function.

There are indications that other townships in the county involved in the program will be negotiating with the county government to maintain the patrols.

CITY BUDGET SET AT RECORD \$652,940

The 1973-74 budget of \$652,940 for the City of Lowell was presented to the City Council Monday night and a budget hearing was set for the next regular meeting of the council May 21.

The budget for the coming year reflects the inflation of the economy with increased salaries in all departments. Generally, salary increases averaging seven percent for city employees represented the largest increases.

An additional position was called for in the new budget, that of Director of Public Works to act as administrator of the street, water-sewer, cemetery, parks and other physical operations of the city. He would coordinate the work of city employees in these departments.

Cut Taxes!

Even though the new city budget will exceed that of the 1972-73 fiscal year, it is planned to cut the millage from \$16 thousand per assessed to \$15 per thousand.

and. The city is able to do this because of the low interest rate received on the Storm Water Separation bonds.

Utilities Condition Dangerous

The report of the manager on the operation of the Water-Sewer Department reveals these departments are operating in either a deficit position or near to that. The Water Department is in the most precarious condition with a loss of \$2,000 in the current year and an anticipated loss of nearly \$13,000 in the 73-74 year.

The Sewer Department showed revenues of some \$3,000 over expenses in the current year, but in the coming year, costs will put this department in a deficit position, too.

A rate study is presently being made and an increase in the water-sewer rates will have to be made in the next month or two to keep these departments on a pay-as-you-go basis.

A copy of the budget is available at the city hall for any citizen to look over prior to the May 21 hearing.

Contract Awarded

In other business Council awarded the contract for construction of a 10 inch water main on Amity Street to M. A. Segard Co., low bidder at \$16,922.95.

Public Hearing

Residents of James Street were present at the public hearing to determine the necessity for extending 150 ft. of sewer up James Street. City Manager Blaine Bacon reported the cost to be \$3,816 which would mean a cost of \$1,272 to each of the three beneficiaries. Of seemingly more concern to residents of that area is a larger water main. Declaring the supply drops to be a trickle at times of great demand, residents voiced concern over the question of adequate fire protection. A Public Hearing of Necessity for a larger water main was then set for May 21.

Showboat Needs

Charles Lippert representing Showboat Corporation was present to cite the urgent need for financial help in providing safe seating. The cost to repair the existing grandstands was felt to be prohibitive because it would only be a temporary improvement.

Lippert said it was the consensus of the Showboat Committee that portable type grandstand seats would meet present and future needs more adequately. \$23,000 is the estimated cost of the portable grandstand.

Councilmen Hall, McCambridge and Mueller expressed their desire to help if at all possible. Some questions were raised concerning the propriety of using tax dollars and if any help could be given it would probably have to be in the form of a loan.

Mayor Anderson appointed Councilman McCambridge and Mueller to meet with Showboat representative for the purpose of exploring any avenues leading to a source of funds. An opinion from the City Attorney would also be sought to determine to what extent the city can participate.

Council also gave consideration to an Ordinance requiring connection to the sewer system of all downspouts, roof drains, footing drains, etc. Those drains which are now tied into the sanitary sewer system would have to be connected to the storm water system within 18 months after completion of the project.

A permit to construct a storm sewer across City property to Flat River was granted to J. P. Burroughs, contingent on approval from the Department of Natural Resources.

To Hire Dog Warden

A comprehensive feasibility study by Chief of Police Barry Emmons was presented for council's consideration. Emmons recommended the hiring of Gary Rasch, a present reserve police officer, on a part-time basis. He would answer complaints, pick up and hold animals at a shelter now being made ready for occupancy. Court costs after being issued a citation have not yet been determined. Concurring with Bacon's recommendation, council gave approval to the plan on a trial basis.

New Purchases

Council approval was given for the purchase of a new lawn mower at a cost of \$1,545 to be used for the cemetery and is of a type that adjusts to the contour of the ground, for the purchase of a typewriter and 5,000 feet of copper tubing.

In answer to a communication from the Kent County Commission regarding the matching use of County revenue sharing monies for the Fire Department, Manager Bacon listed some needed items. County Commissioner Arnold Wittenbach said no guaranteed amount can be planned on as yet until all other county communities' needs are known.

House is Hazard

The City Manager was authorized to enforce the building code in connection with a house on North Hudson which has been determined to be a public safety and health hazard.

MATINEES - May 12 and 13, 3 p.m. Strand Theatre, Lowell, 'Puf 'N Stuf.' c5

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special: Large Chocolate malts 25¢. Roasted Sausage Sandwich 69¢. Fresh Strawberry sundaes 29¢. c5

SEE 'YOUNG WINSTON' - Showing at the Strand Theatre, Lowell, May 10, 11 and 12. c5

Three More Enter Showboat Pageant

The Robert E. Lee may have any or all of these three lovely young ladies aboard when she rounds the bend and either Cherie Fay McKeage, Sharon Doyle or Angie Lynne Swan could be Miss Lowell Showboat 1973.



SHARON
Sharon's favorite activity and she has won several awards for not only her acting but also her writing of plays.



CHERIE

Cherie McKeage is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. McKeage of Lowell and was fortunate to spend last Summer in the Philippines under the Youth for Understanding program. She has also accomplished a lot here at home being a cheerleader for 3 years, in French Club and has won awards in the Michigan Forensics competition. One of Cherie's hobbies is piano.

Sharon Doyle is also a Lowell resident, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Doyle. In addition to being an attractive young lady, she has been a twirler for the marching band, a cheerleader and has played oboe for several years. Sharon was an exchange student to Greece last Year which allowed her to see first hand the country where theatre started. Acting is



ANGIE

Last, but certainly not least, is Angie Lynne Swan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitney of Belding. Angie is a graduate of both Belding High School and Linn-J School of Beauty. She is presently waiting to take her examination for certification as a cosmetologist. Angie's hobbies include sewing and cooking.



FRIDAY DEADLINE . . .

Deadline for residents of the Lowell Area School District to vote in the annual school election is May 11.

Persons must register by 5 p.m. on that date to be qualified to vote in the annual June 11 election.

93-YEARS-OLD . . .

This Sunday, May 13, retired Lowell Township Supervisor and familiar figure 'Along Main Street,' Frank Houghton will observe his 93rd birthday.

To help Frank celebrate, let's shower him with cards and best wishes . . . mail yours today!

FAIR DATES SET . . .

The Kent County 4-H Fair held in Lowell will be held this year August 6-11.

Lake Odessa's annual fair will be June 30-July 4, with Ionia's Free Fair dates being July 27-August 5.

PORTABLE RADIO TAKEN . . .

Lowell Police are investigating a larceny complaint occurring May 3 at the Zephyr Service Station on W. Main Street.

Station attendant, Robert Watters, reported placing his portable radio in his car, parked adjacent to the station at about 4 a.m., only to find it gone at approximately 5:15 a.m. The complaint remains open.

TAPES MISSING . . .

Eight (8-track) tapes were taken from a car belonging to Linda Block of 418 N. Hudson Street, sometime during the night of May 4.

The larceny complaint is being investigated by the Lowell Police Department.

MIRRORS BROKEN OFF . . .

Lowell Police were called to 224 James Street May 5 to investigate a destruction of property complaint.

Beverly Hodge stated her car was parked in the A&W lot at the East City limits, where someone broke off both outside mirrors and the radio antenna.

POPPY DAYS . . .

Mayor Carlen Anderson has designated May 17, 18 and 19 as Poppy Days 1973 in the City of Lowell.

By wearing a poppy on these days all thoughtful citizens have an opportunity for a simple but sincere tribute to those who have made the supreme sacrifice in behalf of our nation.

Contributions made go entirely to aid living victims of the wars and the widows and children of our war dead.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK . . .

The week of May 6-12, 1973 is National Hospital Week. It is indeed interesting and, we are sure, coincidental, that Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day! Last year, Grand Rapids hospitals—and the Mothers, of course—gave birth to 8,802 babies.

The Greater Grand Rapids Hospital Council joins us in saluting our community hospitals during National Hospital Week. Over 480,000 patients were served last year in Grand Rapids hospitals, a big job that had to be done!

RUNAWAY ATTEMPT . . .

Monday morning Lowell police were called to investigate the disappearance of a 14-year-old girl visiting here on business with her father. What appeared to be a case of foul play with an extensive 3-hour search by police and other citizens, the girl was found unharmed; an apparent run-away attempt.

DIRTY SUMMER . . .

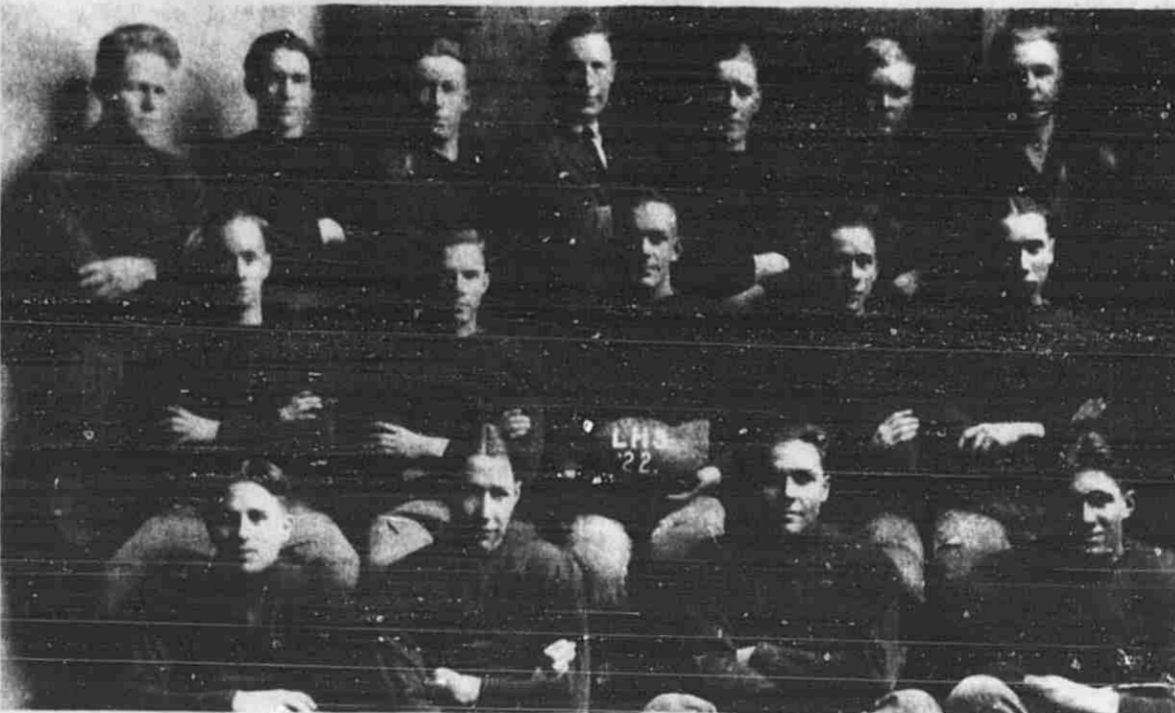
Construction is scheduled to start next week on the Storm Water Sewer Separation Project and residents can look forward to the dust flying. If you planned on house painting or a wash job—it might be a good idea to wait till the dust settles.

ABOUT THE WATERGATE AFFAIR . . .

Is this what was meant in answer to some of the more 'militant liberals' by "working within the system?"

CUTE SIGN . . .

A sign, advertising an up-coming event with no set admission price, but taking no chances was found to read: "Donations expected."



The Moose Softball team was identified by Mrs. John Briggs of 12080 Gee Drive, Lowell. In the front row were Bill Dawson, Jack Fonger, Pat McCormick, Nelson Stormzand, Roman Maloney and Mac Fonger.

Second row, Lou Seeley, Les Sherman, Carrol Potter, Jim Briggs, Gordon Ridgway, Leonard Kerr, and John Briggs.

Third row, Jack Winks, Harold Dawson, Mel Lewis, Pete Stukkie, Floyd Boynton, Cecil Bibbler and 'Pop' Kline.

This week's picture can be identified by calling 897-9261 at 12 noon on Friday. The correct guesser will win a year's subscription to the Ledger.

Cheryl McCarty To Work In Ford's Office

Cheryl S. McCarty of Saranac is one of three Alma College students who will serve in Washington, D.C., under work-study programs this summer. Miss McCarty, a sophomore at Alma, will work in the office of Congressman Gerald R. Ford. Other Alma students serving as interns in the national capital this summer are Dala J. Beld of Alma, who will be an assistant to the general editor of the American Enterprise Institute, and Fred C. Sabin of Marquette, who will serve in the office of Congressman William Ruppe.

Magician To Entertain Mothers and Daughters

Saranac Community Church's Mother-Daughter Banquet will be May 15 at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to all women and their daughters of the community. The charge is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, children under five are free. Entertainment will be Mrs. Horowitz, a magician. Reservations are to be made by May 8 by calling Teresa McCarty 642-9503 or Doris Cochran 642-9224.

They're Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Carigan of Saranac announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christine Joy, to Craig D. Rolfe. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Rolfe, also of Saranac. Miss Carigan and her fiancé are planning a July 7 wedding.

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Saranac Unit Assists Salvation Army In May Fund Drive

The Salvation Army will conduct its annual fund raising campaign in Saranac this month. The Salvation Army has been fighting the war on poverty for over 100 years. It began in big city slums and is still at work there.

The Salvation Army is also at work in small towns and rural areas. Saranac service unit assists the Salvation Army in helping people. They may need food, shelter, or understanding to cope with a family crisis. Members of the Saranac service unit are Emerson McCarty, chairman; Harold Haskins, vice-chairman; and Virgil Biggs, treasurer.

The Salvation Army renders a variety of services. At summer camps young and "young at heart" enjoy happy outdoor living, boating, fishing, swimming, crafts, sports and rest.

Both Memorial Home and hospital cares for aged mothers, and also gives her a chance to continue her schooling. Veterans, the elderly, and sick at hospitals, and homes for the aged, receive attention, smiles and occasional gifts from Salvation Army workers.

At chapel community centers a character-building program is conducted. Community centers offer sports, games, clubs, crafts, etc. Families play and pray together.

Emergency and disaster canteens serve at major fires and other disasters. The Salvation Army is recognized as a national disaster service organization. Correctional services assist prisoners and their families. A "toy lift" program at Christmas time provides presents for their children. At men's social centers the alcoholic is given an opportunity to rebuild his life.



Saranac's Drive is being spearheaded by Emerson McCarty.

Saranac Jaycees' Annual 'Bust'

Allen MacDonald, president of Saranac Jaycees has announced preliminary plans for the tenth annual May Day Bust, to be held May 25 through 28.

Festivities will start Friday, highlighted by a chicken bar-b-que. Saturday from 7-9 a.m. the Saranac merchants are sponsoring a community breakfast at 10 a.m. the parade begins. Visiting dignitaries will be Congressman Gerald Ford and State Senator Robert VanderLaan.

Entries for the parade are open to anyone wishing to participate and arrangements can be made by contacting James Stuart 642-3982.

Also Saturday the Jaycees will sponsor a flea market, anyone having items they wish to contribute should call 642-9552 or 642-9210 for pick up.

Sunday's highlight will be an open class horse show at Schied Park beginning at 10 a.m. Monday there will be a giant fireworks. Amusements will be provided by Crown Amusement Company of Ada.

Gladys Compton Dies Following Long Illness

Mrs. Gladys H. Compton, 84, of 235 Summit, Saranac, died May 3 at Belding Community Hospital following a long illness.

Born in Berlin Township, September 6, 1888, she was the daughter of Samuel and Susanne Petty Picken. August 21, 1924, she was married in Saranac to Truman H. Compton and died November 17, 1959.

She had lived in Saranac all her married life and taught at Cooks Corners School and other area schools. Her only survivors are a sister-in-law, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were Monday at the Morris-Roetman Funeral Home in Saranac with the Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment was in Saranac Cemetery.

Court Settlement An Expensive Lesson

In an out of court settlement, the Saranac School Board, at a special meeting in late January agreed to pay \$8,000 to a former Saranac teacher, Jack Butterworth, in return for his resignation.

The Butterworth case dates back to summer of 1971 when the Superintendent and School Board shifted teaching assignments which eliminated Butterworth's teaching position and thereby made room for hiring Superintendent Cady's son. Butterworth had been former president and Chief Negotiator for the Saranac Education Association.

The case which included a number of appearances before the State Tenure Commission was fought by MEA attorneys since September 1971.

"It was an expensive lesson for the Saranac Board," said Butterworth. "Besides the \$8,000, it also cost them an untold amount in attorney's fees."

This is the second time in two years that the Saranac Board has paid out thousands of dollars plus attorney's fees simply because they failed to respect teacher's rights.

WELCOME TO SARANAC

Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton attended a birthday supper and evening get-together Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rainer, honoring her father, Eddie Potter.

Other guests were Joyce Jackson of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boss and Mrs. Bradley Potter and daughters, all of Lowell.

News 'Drop Box'

Any news items from the Saranac area to be inserted in the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life can be deposited in the "drop box" at Olive's Sport & Bait Shop in Saranac or mailed to 105 N. Broadway Street, Lowell. All items, plus photographs are welcomed.

Olive's Bait Shop at 75 Bridge Street is open six days a week, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoopman of Saranac are the parents of an eight pound, one ounce daughter, born May 5 at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Engagement Told



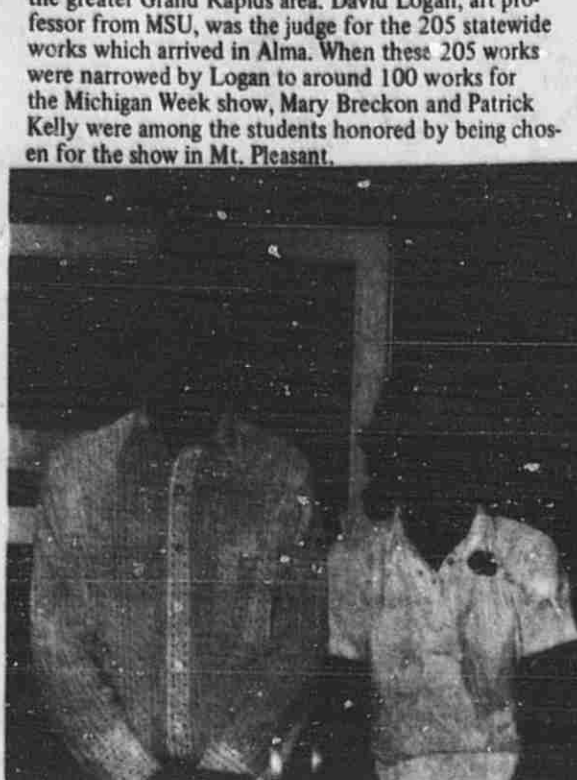
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Smit, Sr., of Saranac wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Kay, to Keith D. Ferris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferris of Hastings.

The bride-elect is employed by Amway Corporation of Ada. The bride-groom-elect will graduate in August from Ferris State College with a degree in Marketing. The couple plan an October wedding.

Michigan Week Art Display Includes Saranac Entries

Michigan Week activities include an exhibition of highly selective art work of students in Michigan schools in grades nine through twelve. This exhibit will be on display at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Mary Breckon, Nancy Greiner, Patrick Kelly, and Cheryl Longwell were four Saranac Community High School students, out of only 29 students, whose works were selected to go to the state judging in Alma from the Michigan Education Association district covering the greater Grand Rapids area. David Logan, art professor from MSU, was the judge for the 205 statewide works which arrived in Alma. When these 205 works were narrowed by Logan to around 100 works for the Michigan Week show, Mary Breckon and Patrick Kelly were among the students honored by being chosen for the show in Mt. Pleasant.



Pat Kelley and Mary Breckon

The Saranac students submitted their art work under the sponsorship of art teacher, Chris VanAntwerp, of Lowell, who is a member of the Michigan Art Education Association. Mary's work is a macramé wall hanging. Patrick entered a clay pot. These entries will not only be on display from May 6 to May 19, but some will then be selected to go on tour for the next school year.

The Youth Arts Festival offers the Michigan Art Education Association and interested people of the state an opportunity to present outstanding work of Michigan students. The MAEA board and council members have endorsed this activity and feel it both a privilege and a responsibility to recognize those students with outstanding creative ability, share with the public student art work of aesthetic quality indicative of good art education, encourage the appreciation and understanding of creative artistic achievement.

Saranac Alumni Dinner, Dance

The Saranac Alumni Dinner and Dance will be held this year on June 9, honoring the Class of 1923.

The dinner, to be served at 7 p.m., will be held at the Saranac Community Church, followed by the dance at 9 p.m. at Bertha Brock Park.

The Blue Max, playing music for all ages, will highlight the dance. Reservations can be made by calling 642-9263 or 897-8767.

Glen Gunden Named Manager

Robert W. Webster, President of Holly's, Inc., Grand Rapids, recently announced the appointment of Glen Gunden to the newly created post of Manager of Construction. Mr. Gunden will coordinate all new construction projects with outside architects and with on-site field supervisors. He will also supervise and coordinate major maintenance projects within operating units.

Glen and his wife, Pauline Mae, reside in the rural area of Saranac. They have four sons. He was formerly associated with the E.C. Cello Construction Company, Grand Rapids, as General Superintendent. His free time is spent playing golf, hunting, fishing, or just relaxing with a good book.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gardner and son were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sattler were Sunday guests of Mrs. Fern Garrison.

Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Prevost and son of Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Foster were Friday afternoon and luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton.

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Men Schedule - Saturday, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Galilee Baptist Church of Saranac
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Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
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MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Plain or Garlic Bread, Choice of Fruit, Milk
TUESDAY: Pork and Brown Gravy on Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, White Bread & Peanut Butter, Red Jello with Whip, Milk
WEDNESDAY: Hot Dogs with Mustard & Catsup, Pickles, Carrots & Celery, Hot Vegetable - Potato Chips, Applesauce - Cookies & Milk, Ravioli in Meat Sauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Hillbilly Bread & Butter
THURSDAY: Assorted Sandwiches, French Fries & Pickles, Pineapple Frosty Creme & Milk
FRIDAY: Buttered Peas, Chilled Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. Ruth Connell.
Mrs. Ruth E. Connell, aged 78, of 6819 Ellis Court, Alto, and Bradenton, Florida, passed away May 4 in Grand Rapids' Butterworth Hospital.
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Sullivan Chapel in Grand Rapids, with interment following in Alaska Cemetery.
She is survived by her husband, Terry; one daughter, Mrs. Edward (Norma) Sprite of Alto; one step-son, Arden Connell of Grand Rapids; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. James (Cammie) Sala of Grand Rapids.
new arrivals
Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Kropp of 12024-4 Mile Road, Lowell, announce the birth of a baby girl, Laura Beth, on the 29th of April at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids.
A baby boy, Jay Chadwick was born May 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Chris VanAntwerp of Lowell. Arriving at St. Mary's Hospital, he weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.
Get Degrees From U of M
University of Michigan students from Lowell who expect their degrees this spring, attended the University's commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 5. They were Joanne Myers, Laura Elizabeth Coons, and David Lee Roth.
Although an estimated 6,000 students expect their diplomas this spring, only the candidates for the doctor of philosophy, doctor of musical arts, doctor of education and doctor of architecture degrees received their diplomas at the Saturday commencement exercises. Others will receive their diplomas later.
Sir Kingsley Dunham, internationally-known geologist, was the main commencement speaker.
Miss Myers, who received her masters degree in Social Work, is the daughter of Dr. H. R. Myers and Mrs. H. F. Jefferies of Lowell.
Getting a masters degree in Zoology was Miss Coons. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Coons of Lowell.
Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roth of Lowell, received a Bachelor of Architecture degree.
School Board Agenda
The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior High School Library.
The agenda will include:
1. School bond loan fund resolution.
2. Lights for football field.
3. Special Ed millage.
4. Equipment bids for new buildings.

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Mayor Anderson 'Big Wheel' For C. O. P. E.

Like Softball? And want to contribute to a worthy cause?

Then be at Wyoming's Kimball Stadium Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., May 15, and watch the "Big Wheels" vs. the Woodpeckers of WOTV.

The game is being sponsored by C.O.P.E. (Concerned Orthopedic Parents and Educators of Grand Rapids Eastern Orthopedic School).

The "Big Wheels" team will include Lowell's own Mayor, Carlen Anderson, Kentwood's mayor, Peter Lamberts, Walker's mayor, Phil VanStuis, Sheriff Ron Parsons, Superintendent of Kent Intermediate Schools, Al Deal, Tom Eardley, Mayor of Wyoming, Representative Martin Butth, Senator Robert VanderLaan and Grand Rapids mayor, Lyman Parks.

Coaching the illustrious teams will be Detroit Tiger's scout, Bob Sullivan.

Maybe Sheriff Parsons will make the big arrest of the year and nail Mayor Anderson for stealing second base. Or Butth and VanderLaan will filibuster too long on third and blow the whole game. Anyway, it should be fun!

Tickets are available at Roger's Department Store and Sullivan's Furniture or at the gate. \$1.00 adults and 25¢ for students.

NAVY SEAMAN GRADUATES

Navy Seaman Recruit Dennis L. Lang, of 345 Coldbrook NE, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Golf Chatter

Eighteen holes of Moose District Golf were played Sunday at the Arrowhead Golf Course, with several members of the Lowell Lodge making the round.

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Attwood's 1973 golf league opened their season Tuesday night at Arrowhead, with eight-five 'n' lively teams competing.

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A men's league for YMCA members is being formed; they will play at deer run. Interested golfers can secure additional information from the "Y" office.

...
The Women of the Moose have a women's league playing every Wednesday night at Arrowhead.

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Come on golf—let's get into the swing of things.

...
Despite the early morning drizzle Sunday—the

...
afternoon saw golfers in droves at area courses—Arrowhead, Deer Run, Morrison Lake, Tyler Creek, Saskatoon, and Forest Hills Country Club.

...
Something humorous, astonishing or exceptional happen on the course while you were playing last week? Let us know!

...
If your partner made an exceptional chip shot, had an improved score, etc., share it with us in "Golf Chatter."

...
Welcome all tid-bits from golfers and club members.

...
Someone asked the other day, "hey, who was that guy I saw on the course the other day, who approached the 16th tee, and tried to kill the ball? He sure did—buried in six inches from the tee. So guess the tale of the red-faced gal who curtsy replied "my better half."

Hanus Makes It Two In A Row

Defending 1972 Champion, Phil Hanus, made it two in a row Saturday night by copping the big thirty-lap feature race for the super stocks in an action filled thriller that saw only 12 cars running when the chequer flew.

Once again this week there were over forty cars on hand to fill the card, and the crowd was treated to a really thrilling program with each event providing more than its share of action.

Honors for the fast car dash went to Bob Crouton in his first appearance at the Crystal Oval. Heats were taken by Rick Newland, Roger Sowles, Duane Parker, and Wayne Kaiser.

Old "Granddaddy, Jack Caswell," brought the crowd to their feet in the big feature race when he looped on the back straightaway, (something he rarely does) and created a one car dust storm, causing the competition to scatter in every direction. Gramps rejoined the fracas but was unable to catch "flying Phil" and the rest of the pack.

Following Hanus in the feature were Wayne Kaiser, Bob Neiman, Doug Bowen, Leroy Mix, Jim Thompson of Lowell, Loren Hendrick and Dan VanderVeen.

Racing resumes this Saturday night with Time Trials at 6:30, racing at 8:00.

Baton Twirling and Cheerleading Clinic

The dates for the 26th Annual Baton Twirling and Cheerleading Clinic which will again be hosted by Alma College at Alma, is July 23-26. The clinic is conducted by Mary Evelyn Thurman and sanctioned by the National Baton Twirling Association & International Cheerleaders Association.

This clinic provides a grand opportunity for students and teachers in this area and state to participate and to study under a highly professionally trained teaching staff. All phases of baton twirling, cheerleading, Pom-pom, drill work, gymnastics, dance & twirl, half time show routines, rifle spinning, flag work, color guard, & drum majoring will be covered. A great variety of classes are offered each hour and students may enroll in one division or combination.

Registration is open to all ages from the beginner to the most advanced. A division especially designed for Grade and Jr. High students will again be offered. Every little girl wants to lead the band or be a cheerleader and now is the time for our future leaders to learn the correct and skillful techniques. Students may enroll individually or with their school group. Students may commute or be campus students.

For further information write to: National Baton Twirling & Cheerleading Clinics, Box 45, Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070.

Canoe Race For Scouts

A 17 mile canoe race for members of scouting organizations will be held Saturday, June 9. The race begins at Chief Hazy Cloud Park in Ada and ends at Riverside Park.

All paddlers must be in uniform for the race. Trophies will be given to each team member of the first five finishers. The race is not for scout leaders (they may enter the open division race).

You must enter in a standard manufactured canoe (unaltered) not more than 17 feet long and paddles not wider than 8 inches.

Application fee is \$2 per canoe. An application blank and waiver must be returned with fee no later than Saturday, June 2, 1973 to the Grand Rapids Central YMCA.

Any teams interested in racing should pick up a Canoe Race Information Booklet at one of the following locations:

Central YMCA, 33 Library, N.E.; Bill & Paul's Sport-haus, 3645-28th St., S.E.; Olson Brothers Sport Center, 705-28th Street, S.W.

Benefit Car Wash

The Senior Class at Forest Hills Central High School will hold a Car Wash Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Woolco Auto Department at the Eastbrook Mall.

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Lathwell To Coach Methodist Team

Kim Lathwell will head up the First United Methodist Church of Lowell's softball team entered this year in the YMCA Sportsman's League.

Last year's team, coached by Gerald Meredith, captured the league championship, and placed second in the league tournament.

Men interested in playing softball are requested to notify Mr. Lathwell at 897-8691.

Practices are scheduled for the Senior High School diamond at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15; Tuesday, May 22; Wednesday, May 30; and Tuesday, June 5.

Northern Boosters To Hold Final Meeting

The Forest Hills Northern Athletic Boosters will hold their last regular meeting of this school year in the Media Center at the High School at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 1973.

Let's close the year with a big turnout!



Some riders found the mud hazards more difficult than others.

Kropf, Korte First In Scramble

Gary Kropf, riding the The Wheel Cycle Shop of Lowell, maneuvered his 125 cc Penton over the 2 1/2 mile Clarksville track on Bell Road, to win his second consecutive first place trophy. Kropf took over the lead at mid point, in maintaining this position with encouragement and aid from the pits.

The three-hour "Hare and Hound Scramble," sponsored by the Searchers Motorcycle Club of Alto, enjoyed good weather and a large turnout of riders and spectators. The track was well designed and included a great deal of mud; fun for the spectators, grueling for the riders.

John Korte was back in the winner's circle with a first place in the Team Class, riding with Mike Kinney. Korte, who was the first rider of the team, established their winning position by being first off the starting line. This team challenged the competition at a fast and furious pace.

Roger Kropf, riding a 175 cc Kawasaki prepared by The Wheel Cycle Shop, finished the race in fourth, but failed to trophy as only three awards were given.

Albert Kline completed eight laps on a 125 cc Kawasaki before mechanical trouble sidelined him.

A less than adequate scoring technique led to some hard feelings on the part of some of the riders. These problems will hopefully be resolved before the next event at the Clarksville track.

This Sunday Lowell riders will be touring the Moto-Cross course at Portland on Sanborn Road; starting at 12:30.

Hosting the event, the Portland Raiders have revamped their circuit somewhat for the '73 season, and Sunday's races should be one of the best, so far this season. See you there!

Photos Courtesy of Jim Sloan

Six Teams Enter Thornapple's Major Baseball League

Clarence Kloostma, Director of the Major League of the Thornapple Valley Baseball League announced this week that six teams have been entered into competition for the 1973 major league season. They are:

The Bearcats, coached by Matt Verhill; Lancers, coached by James Garreck; Midgets, coached by William Duffy; Cougars, coached by Roger McKay; Bulldogs, coached by Robert Burns; and the Hawks, coached by Tom Edlin.

In winter like weather, four games of the pending schedule were played last week with the Hawks taking two wins, the Bearcats, one, and the Cougars one.

GAME SCORES

Bearcats 6	Lancers 4
Rink, winning pitcher	
Cougars 13	Midgets 2
VanKoslin, winning pitcher	
Hawks 15	Bulldogs 4
Grochowalski, winning pitcher	
Hawks 9	Lancers 6
Lanning, winning pitcher	

Sponsors of the Thornapple Valley Baseball teams are the Thornapple Valley Lions Club. All games are played at the Lions' fields on Thornapple River Drive between Ada and Cascade.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

South Christian 6 - Forest Hills Central 2

Wyoming 15 -

Forest Hills Northern 0

Midgets Open '73 Season

The Thornapple Valley Baseball league opened their 'Midget' division play April 30, with the White Sox taking a 20 to 7 win over the Twins.

In the opener, Jeff Quiggle and Scott Paine started the season off right by hitting home runs.

Alan Smith and Roger Bish shared the winning pitcher honors on May 1 when the Angels took a close one (19-11) from the Devils. In the second game, the Jets took a 24-1 victory from the Dodgers, with Paul Block handling the hurling duties for the winners.

May 2 saw the Twins outscore the Devils 7-6.

Home runs were hit by Brad Krebs and Chris Strong as the Expos downed the Angels May 4 by a score of 15-7.

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YMCA ELEMENTARY THRU JR. HI GOLF LEAGUE

For boys and girls will be played Wednesdays, 10 a.m. beginning June 20, at Arrowhead.

YMCA LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

Will be played Thursdays, 10 a.m., beginning June 21 at Arrowhead.

New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Garner will occupy their newly acquired home on 11070 Vergennes Street this month.

The Garners are employed with Michigan Bell Telephone Company and were recently transferred from Pacific Telephone in California. Mrs. Garner (Barbara) is a long distance operator and Mr. Garner is an engineer.

His areas of responsibility include the City of Lowell and the surrounding vicinity.



Dear Editor:

The constant flow of letters from one Ben Smith to the Public Pulse regarding the so-called Rix Robinson rock has become absurd. He apparently imagines himself some latter day Don Quixote saving Ada citizens from the evil machinations of the big bad Amway Corporation. So far we have refrained from replying to his wild allegations, but he has usurped so many column inches of space with his vituperations that we feel it is time to put the comedy to an end. We, therefore, respectfully request that you print this unusually long letter in the spirit of fairness and "equal time."

Why Did Amway Move The Rock?

We bought the property on which the rock was standing in order to be able to tear down an unsightly derelict gas station across from our main plant gate and prevent the use of the property for a roadside business which could have been a traffic hazard to our employees using this gate. The rock had to be moved, temporarily at least, to make way for the Ada sewer line being installed to service Amway and Ada residents (for which Amway is paying the entire cost). The sewer line had to pass directly underneath the rock.

No one had taken care of the rock site for years. The site was covered with weeds. We doubt if one person in a thousand in the area knew it was there. The rock was NOT on the site of Robinson's farmhouse even though the plaque says so. This was only an approximation. The farmhouse was somewhere to the rear of the gas station, several hundred feet from the rock. The rock was NOT on the site of Robinson's trading post. That was on Grand River about a mile northwest (marked by a PILE of rocks). The rock did NOT mark Robinson's grave. That is marked by a monument in a cemetery a half mile west. The rock therefore was on no hallowed ground. Its site marked nothing.

M-21 is being reconstructed into a four and five lane highway from the plant gate west. The plant gate forms a potentially dangerous intersection. Leaving the rock close beside the highway at that point means if a car is forced off the road there, it would quite possibly hit the rock. The rock weighs eight tons. A car won't win that one, nor will the occupants.

Amway did not move the rock across the street in front of the Center of Free Enterprise to sell soap as Mr. Smith says. If he thinks that is how we sell soap then he obviously doesn't know very much about business. The rock was moved to eliminate a safety hazard and give the rock a location where people could see it, read the plaque, and where it would be taken care of properly. A bronze story plaque about Robinson, with a map showing where the rock had been, and where Robinson's various activities in the area were, was planned to be set beside the rock. The tens of thousands of visitors to our headquarters could then have seen it and learned something of the history of the area.

The rock in its old location is inaccessible. To stop on the road to look at it, if one did happen to notice it while speeding by, would invite a rear end collision. When it is returned to its old site it will soon be overgrown with weeds and forgotten again, unless an automobile hits it.

Who Owns The Rock?

The Plaque on the rock says only "Erected by Kent County in 1927." However, no one at the County Road Commission has been able to fine any record of it. Amway considered it owned the rock because it owned the property on which the rock stood. When Mr. Smith began writing letters to the Press, Kent County, Ada Township, the State Highway Department, the State Police, the County Sheriff, and the Governor (although he never had the courtesy to write

Amway) — we ordered a survey to be made and found that the state highway easement line passed just behind the rock. We suspect the state highway people weren't too grateful for this discovery since it passed the ball (rock) to them.

An interesting sidelight is that a few years ago the late Gus Walgren requested permission from the Ada Township Board to move the rock to a better site at his new building a short distance away. Evidently the Ada Township Board then thought THEY owned the rock because they granted his permission to move it. When he removed the plaque, preparatory to moving the rock the people who at that time lived on the property adjacent to the rock protested to the Township Board, claiming THEY owned the rock. Mr. Walgren then decided it wasn't worth the trouble and settled for cleaning the plaque and returning it to the rock.

What Will Amway Do With The Rock?

The State Highway Department cornered by the fury of Mr. Smith, has requested us to move it back where it was. While we don't agree that they necessarily have jurisdiction over the rock, nor do we agree that moving it to its old site is wise from the safety standpoint, we don't feel we have the time to argue about it. We, therefore, will honor their request. We have delayed moving it until the sewer line was completed (now done), until we have razed the building (to be done very soon), and until we have received a written agreement from the State Highway Department accepting full responsibility for the rock and absolving Amway from any claim for damages if a motorist should hit it (just received today). We have also requested that the highway department take care of the site in the future, cutting the grass and trimming the weeds.

The Ada Township Board has requested State Highway Commission agreement to move the rock to a site by the Ada Township Hall. This would, in our opinion, be a safer location than the roadside location, and would make the rock easily accessible for viewing. The State Highway Commission has not agreed to this proposal, however.

So the rock will go back to its old home on the weeds. We have been told that Mr. Smith comes by daily to see if we've moved it back yet. We hope after it is moved he will visit it as faithfully with his lawnmower and grass shears. Mr. Smith is a relative newcomer to Ada, and we believe represents the view of only a small minority. We're sure the great majority would rather see it in its present beautiful and safe, location where it is accessible to all. But common sense does not always prevail in these matters.

Patience, Ben—the rock will move. But when it has moved—what will you do for fun?

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Dear Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised by the tribute paid to me by the Lowell East Kent Community Center through your paper last week.

If you believe in something, it's easy to struggle to achieve it, especially since I was never alone in the struggle. Many people donated items, money and time, without which there never would have been an L. C. Center. People from Ada, Lowell, Cascade, Grand Rapids, professional and non-professional. People like you who believe in helping a neighbor during a time of

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Thank you for making the center a reality.

Nancy Kehoe

Former Vergennes Supervisor Dies

Leon E. Alberts of 3316 Parnell Road, Ada, passed away May 4 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, following a short illness. He was 68.

Funeral services for the former Vergennes Township supervisor and area farmer were held Monday morning at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell with Father Kenneth Schickel celebrant. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Ellen, Mr. Albert is survived by one son, Gordon of Parnell; one daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Jacqueline) Rittersdorf of Parnell; three grandchildren; one brother, Francis of Comstock Park; and one sister, Mrs. Russell (Ernestine) McFougal of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home of Lowell.

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