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Graduation Sunday

Lowell Senior High School's Ninety-fifth annual graduation exercises will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. at Recreation Park. Because of the large number of relatives and friends of graduates the ceremonies are not open to the general public. Seniors have been given tickets to distribute to their parents, friends and relatives for the graduation ceremony.

Dr. Richard Siegle, Vice-President of the Board of Education will present the diplomas to this year's graduating seniors.

Citizens Protest M-21 Project

Citizens opposing the State Highway Department plans to make M-21 a 4 and 5-lane highway generally following the E. Fulton Street route are seeking legal advice on future action to modify the route.

This course was announced by Howard Sutton, one of the Forest Hills School area residents, Thursday after a public meeting in Collins Elementary School, 4368 Heather Lane SE. Sutton said another meeting will be held shortly.

About 70 persons at the meeting heard a state progress report on plans for the 4.7-mile project, from Int. 96 to Ada, but they got little encouragement from the report for route changes.

James Kazenko, route locations engineer for the Highway Department, said the M-21 highway plan is in its fifth year, adding, it usually takes seven to eight years to complete a highway project.

Kazenko noted the official public hearing was held in July, 1969. Now, he said, the Highway Department is ready to start right-of-way appraisals.

The improvement is to include a 5-lane road from Int. 96 to Grand Trunk Railway intersection and from there, 2.5 miles of divided, 4-lane pavement, reverting again to 5 lanes to serve the commercial and industrial area at Ada. The cost was estimated at \$3 million.

Citizen objections at the public meeting concerned safety of school children and school buses, intersection access problems at Crahen Avenue, Greenbrier Drive and Forest Hills Avenue, SE, all in close proximity, and the threat of the highway and increased traffic to substantial residential areas.

They asked highway officials to consider routing M-21 from the Leonard Street, NE, interchange of Int. 96 to Ada, thus moving the route further north.

"You (the Highway Department) are sacrificing this area for Amway Corporation (at Ada)," remarked one citizen.

Others said the improvement was designed prior to the construction of Forest Hills Northern High School (opened last fall.) The new school is on Leonard St. NE, about a mile east of the East Beltline and many of its school buses reportedly use Fulton Street and Crahen Avenue.

"You are telling us 'this is it' whether we like it or not," said one citizen.

"We agree there is a need of a good highway artery from Grand Rapids to Ada," said Sutton. "But there seems to be a lack of concern for the problems of this area."

Kazenko pointed out that in 1967, a traffic survey showed 7,000 cars a day used M-21 in the Forest Hills area and 5,500 in the Ada area. Five years later, he said a survey showed 6,700 cars using M-21 in the Ada area and 10,700 in the Forest Hills area. The Forest Hills traffic increased much faster than expected, he contended, due to local development.

Sue Stephenson Crowned Miss Lowell Showboat

Following her coronation as Miss Lowell Showboat Saturday night in the Lowell High School Auditorium, Sue Stephenson of Lowell began her role as the leading



Monday night's Lowell City Council meeting was long on discussion but short any major decisions. Discussion mainly continues to be with various aspects of the sewer project-or problem-however you may look at it.

Consideration of an extension of sanitary sewer and water main improvement for James Street resulted in a new date being set for a Public Hearing to be held at the regular Council Meeting on July 2. Several residents of James Street were present and evidenced their concern in receiving both Sewer and Water improvements. In answer to a question by one resident concerning the cost, and whether there was a possibility of receiving any federal money, Mayor Anderson said there wasn't any chanceof receiving federal help for sewers for James Street - but explained there is about \$55,000 which cannot be used in the on-going sewer separation project. The reason for this being that the federal grant can be used only for certain special items. For instance, the federal money cannot be used for street improvement. Therefore, because the actual cost of what the federal grant money may be used for does not reach \$500,000, but roughly \$445,000, there is \$55,000 left over. Anderson stated that maybe this money could be used to further improve such areas as James Street.

However, city officials will know more after a scheduled meeting with HUD representatives later this month.

At the public hearing on the use of the City's Federal Revenue Sharing allocation for the period from January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1973, Council passed a resolution declaring their intent to use the \$20,230 for land acquisition for new municipal facilities.

In a motion passed with one dissenting vote by Councilman James Hall, council moved to enforce the emergency sewer ordinance passed last month. The ordinance states that all property owners, not now connected to the sewer system will have until 18 months after the completion of the present project to connect. Property owners will be notified of the cost of hooking on or tapping in, as it was felt it would be cheaper to do so now.

The width of sidewalks to be replaced received some consideration regarding the merits of 4' or 5' wide sidewalks. Also the matter of driveway openings at commercial establishments was discussed. Leonard Jackson of Jackson Motor Sales and Steve Wittenbach of Wittenbach Sales and Service at the meeting, were given assurance that Victor Miske of Williams and Works would work with them in arriving at an amicable solution. In the matter of sidewalks, council moved to go along with the engineers' recommendation which calls for 4' sidewalks-in most places-I think-but as I said there was a lot of discussion! In other business, Council granted Showboat Corporation permission to close Lafayette Street from June 15 till August 6 and moved to spend a budgeted \$569 for police radio equipment to be purchased through the County Sheriff's Department. The low bid of \$405 submitted by John Boot to paint City offices was accepted and is for labor only-City to furnish paint. Manager Bacon stated he had received a number of complaints from residents living near the Pickett & Scheuer Gravel Company prompted by the early morn-ing till late at night hours the gravel crusher and trucks are in operation. The gravel company is providing grav-el for the Lansing Airport and has been working three shifts because of a tight timetable to be completed in the next four weeks. Bacon said the company is aware of the problem and will try to do what they can to alleviate the noise pollution. Mr. George Hale of S. Hudson Street was present to ask council why it was necessary to include South Hudson in the Sewer separation project. Hale stated he had written a letter, back in the winter, asking the same question but felt he had not received a reasonable answer. Hale thanked the Council for listening but left with his question still unanswered.



'BARE MOVEMENT' ...

The 'cupboard was bare' because twenty-five of our much desired Ship 'n Shore halters slipped from their hangers and protective cellophane covers and skipped out of our store. We, at Cary's, know they are a desirable fashion for the summer days. We would like to think that they are out on approval and will be returned. We are truly sorry that we were so busy that we couldn't handle the transaction—No doubt we will see them as a leading fashion on Main Street.

PLEADS GUILTY ...

Louis Yalacki of Lowell, pleading guilty to a first offense of building without a state license was assessed \$54 fine and costs by 63rd District Court Judge Joseph B. White.

In addition, Yalacki was given 30 days to make good to the persons he was building for.

ENTER CUT RATE ...

Money, cigarettes and pop were taken from the Lowell Cut Rate Market on East Main Street, May 30.

The breaking and entering investigation remains open.

IN CIRCUIT COURT ...

William K. Murray involved in a purse snatching incident in Lowell, has entered a guilty plea to Larceny over \$100 in Circuit Court.

The offense carries a 2½ year maximum sentence. A pre-sentence investigation is underway.

JAILED 60 DAYS ...

In 63rd District Court judgments at the Lowell City Hall last Friday, a Lowell youth, Mark Rittersdorf, 18, was sentenced by Judge Joseph B. White to serve 60 days in the Kent County Jell, and placed on a year's probation.

Appearing on an 'assault and battery' warrant, Rittersdorf was sentenced for hitting another youth with a belt. The incident occurred at 13486 Crestwood Drive, Lowell.

TORNADO BLAST ...

It has been confirmed by Lowell Civil Defense Di-



Sue receives trophy and congratulations from the 1972 Showboat queen, Cheryl Hoyle. (Additional pictures on page 3). lady in the community project, a "minstrel show under the stars."

Miss Stephenson's selection came after the panel of judges evaluated all nine candidates, finding it difficult to reach a decision.

The winner of the bathing suit competition, Miss Stephenson gave a dramatic reading "The Waltz" for her talent presentation.

Chosen as 'Miss Congeniality' of the pageant sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycees, Pam Fratzke of Forest Hills was named the first runner-up. For her talent, she gave a bow and arrow exhibition.

Second runner-up Peggy Moore of Belding sang "Bridge Over Troubled Waters."

An imitation of Lilli Tomlin by Kristi Kern of Belding won the talent award.

Highlights of the pageant included an opening dance number featuring all of the contestants to the Coca-Cola theme, "I'd Love To Teach The World To Sing."

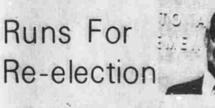
Cola theme, "I'd Love To Teach The World To Sing." Pam (Murray) Mitchell, Miss Lowell Showboat of 1971, was present along with Miss Wyoming and Miss Annyets.

Miss Stephenson received her crown from the 1972 queen, Miss Cheryl Hoyle, who also gave a dramatic reading.

The other contestants in the pageant, who should be complimented for their participation included Connie Hodgman, Kathy Marmon, Sharon Doyle, Angie Swan and Cheri McKeage.



The first person to correctly identify Gerald Staal, Charles Houseman, Katie Charles and Byrne McMahon in last week's mystery picture was Gib Snieder of 11855 E. Fulton. A free subscription will go to the first person who identifies this week's photo at noon on Friday, by calling 897-9261.



With 25 years of school service behind him, Harold Metternick, Sr., of Alto is up for re-election Monday, June 11.

Metternick, present board secretary, has been on the local school board for the past 12 years. Prior to that he served as secretary of the Alto Board of Education for 13 years.

While serving the Alto School System he was instrumental in bringing about the annexation six school districts, Alto, Logan Lake, Bowne Center, Merriman, Morse Lake and Sweet, to the Lowell School District so that the students in these areas would receive a more diversified and select education.

A resident of the Alto area for 47 years, Metternick is presently the manager of Linton Lumber where he has been employed for 37 years. He is on the board of St. Patrick's of Bowne Church, president of the Alto Businessmen's Association and serves as the Alto Fire Chief.

Always interested in children and their education, he has continuous service in this area and is the senior member of the present board. Over the years he has chaired many committees and during his tenure with the Lowell board has seen the construction of Alto and Bushnell elementary buildings, the Senior High, and now the new Middle School and Senior High addition. He has two grandchildren attending Alto Elementary now. rector Barry Emmons, a siren blast, elerting residents of a tornado will be one long three-minute blast.

A recent alerting blast, unnoticed by many area residents, according to Emmons was dispatched incorrectly-sounding more like a fire siren.

'No' all clear warning is given.

VOTE MONDAY

Voters in the Lowell and Forest Hills School Districts will go to the polls Monday, June 11, to vote on bonding propositions, elect Board of Education members and project their feelings on the Community College issue.

All registered voters are urged to go to the palls on that day.

NEW COMMANDER

At installation services June 11 Avery Block will become the new Commander of the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Lowell Showboat Chorus rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m., June 20, at the Lowell Junior High School.

Participation in this year's production is open to all persons, high school age and up. Be there for the first practice.

CARNIVAL SATURDAY ...

A "Neighborhood Carnival" against Dystrophy will be held Saturday, June 9, at Richard's Park at 10 a.m. sponsored by O Mi Ka Horizon Club, Ta Wa Aya Discovery Club and Oda Konya Camp Fire Girls.

There'll be plenty of fun for all, so plan now to attend.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

Lowell firemen were summoned to the Monroe Merrill home on 28th Street early Monday morning after lightning struck the house causing damage to electrical wiring in the basement.

Half Day Session Last School Week

There will be half day sessions on Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14 for students in the Lowell Area Schools.

Starting times and morning bus pick-ups will remain the same.

Early buses will leave the Senior High School at 11:30; late buses, at 12:40.

Early buses will leave the Jr. High-Runciman area at 11:45; late buses, 12:55.

Kindergarten runs will be as follows: Regular morning kindergarten students will attend Wednesday morning, June 13. This will be their last day. Regular afternoon kindergarten students will attend Thursday morning, June 14. This will be their last day.

Skill Center and Special Education students will follow their regular schedule on June 13. This is the last day for these students.

ROSIE DRIVE INN- This Week's Special: Regular Hot Dogs, 254. Family nitc, Tuesday, 4-8 p.m. Broasted Chicken dinners, 5-8, \$1.25. c9

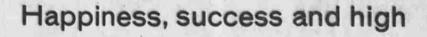


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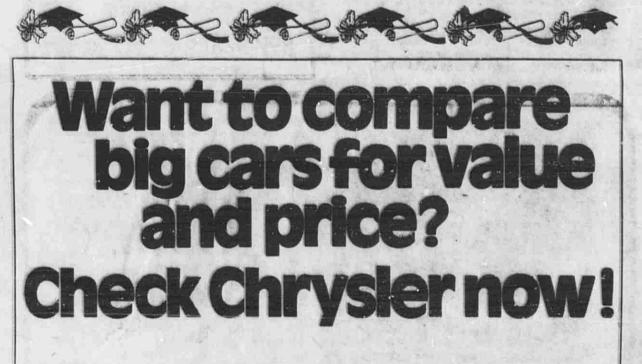
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Open House To Honor The Dale K. Shades

An open house honoring the 25th wedding anniver-sary of Mr. and Mrs. Dale K. Shade of Alto will be held unday, June 17.

Stagecoach Westward."

June 26, double feature, "People Soup," and "The

The Lowell Area School Board of Education meet-ing Monday, June 11 in the Senior High School Library. The agenda includes:









Biggest Disappointment 'Missing School

Perfect school attendance ended May 22, for a seventh grader at Forest Hills Junior High School. Sheryl VanderLaan, age 12, was participating with her physical aducation class in the President's physical fitness program and running the 600 yard dash when she fell, breaking her right arm.

Sheryl's biggest disappointment was not the broken arm, but the fact that she had missed a day of school; the first in five years. Sheryl's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanderLaan of 3249 Behler S.E. in Cascade.



Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, Thursday, June 7, 1973 Former Methodist **Minister Retires**

The Crestwood United Methodist Church of Muskegon will honor their minister, The Reverend Mr. Philip R. Glotfelty, on his retirement from the ministry of the Methodist Church. Reverend Glotfelty has served 47½ years in the ministry and retirement will be granted at the Conference in Albion on June 13. Reverend Glotfelty was Lowell's pastor from 1948 to 1955.

The Pastor-Parish Committee is planning a dinner following the Sunday Morning Service on June 10, and they are taking reservations from the members and friends for this dinner. Please send your reservations to: Pastor-Parish Committee, 1220 Creston, Muskegon 49442 or telephone 773-9696

Reverend Glotfelty began his ministry in the Southern Illinois Conference and received his training at Garrett Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1932 with a Master of Divinity Degree. He transferred to the Michigan Conference in 1937 and has served the following churches: Middleton-Urbandale, Battle Creek, Lakeside, Muskegon, Lowell, Charlotte, Plainwell and Holt. He came to the Crestwood United Methodist Church in 1970, after completing a \$400,000 new sanctuary for the Holt United Methodist Church. Seven men are in the active ministry after receiving

his counsel and advice to answer the call to preach while he was their pastor. He served as a Trustee of Northwestern University, served on the Minimum Sal-ary Committee of the Town and Country Commission where he led in the adoption of Conference standards for the parsonage. He served on the Conference Board of Missions, the Conference Commission of Archives and History and the Council on Alcohol Problems.

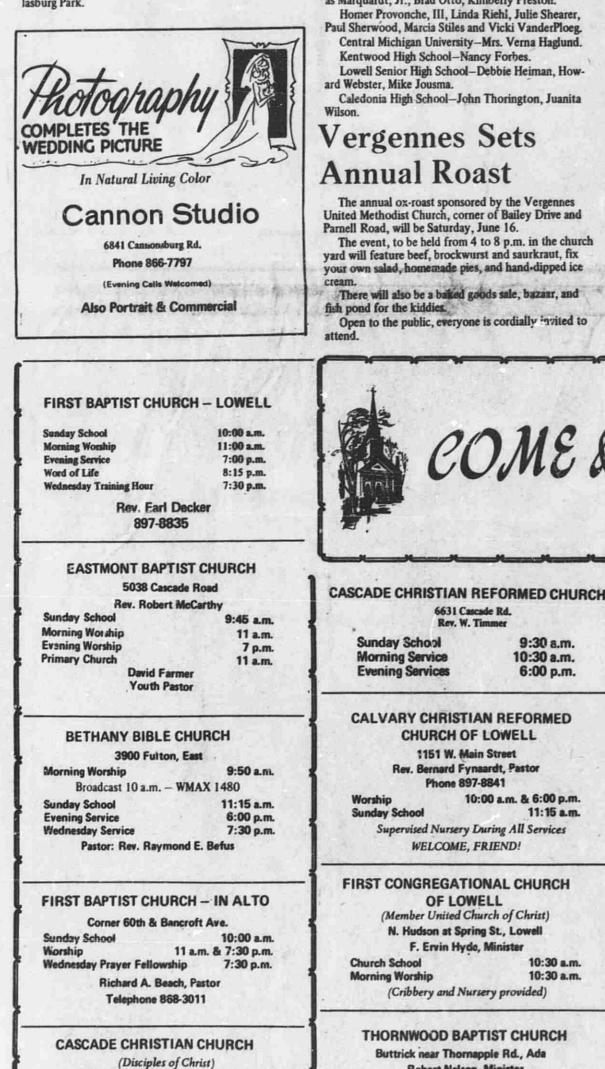
Reverend and Mrs. Glotfelty will make their retirement home at Winnetaska on Lake Michigan in Muskegon.

Nothing Tops Bible School

Snoopy says nothing tops Bible School.' June 25-28, at the Vergennes United Methodist Church.

Held daily from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; all area children are invited. The school will feature: stories, music, games, arts and crafts.

Culminating the bible school will be a picnic at Fallasburg Park.



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6:00 p.m.

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Youth Group Meetings

Sunday School

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Morning Worship

Sunday School

Evening Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church Calls Assistant Pastor

John D. Blakemore, of Rochester, New York, has accepted the call of Trinity Lutheran Church to serve as assistant pastor. Mr. Blakemore, a graduate of Valparaiso University in Indiana, has completed his theological edu-cation and was graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago May 27.

He served his internship at Trinity Lutheran Church, Macomb, Illinois, under the supervision of the Rev. Kenneth Soderlund. He will share in the pastoral leadership and service at Trinity along with Dr. Raymond A. Heine, senior pastor of the congregation, and will have special responsibilities in Christian education, youth ministry and social ministry

Mr. Blakemore is planning to begin his duties at Trin-ity on July 1. He will be set apart for the gospel ministry by the rite of ordination and installed as assistant pastor at a special service to be conducted by Dr. How-ard Christensen, President of the Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, July 1.

Mr. Blakemore is married and he and his wife, Ann, have a two-year-old daughter, Tami.

Sunday Services

Honor Graduates

Thirty-three high school graduates will be honored at the Cascade Christian Church June 10 at the annual Cap and Gown Sunday observances.

A buffet breakfast, to which all seniors are invited, will be held at Howard Johnsons, East, at 9 a.m. Follow-ing, the graduates will attend the 10:30 worship service, wearing their caps and gowns.

Several of the graduates will assist with the services. Graduates to be honored include:

Forest Hills Central High School-Brian Bishop, David Banta, Stephen Blackport, Molly Blanton, Greg Carpenter, Tom Clark, James Comrie, Christine Den-Houten, Daniel Ellinger, Teresa (Traci) Finelli. Karen Fulscher, Eric Hansen, Robert Johnson, Mark Keener, Shirley Kingsland, Bonnie Leach, Thom-as Marquardt, Jr., Brad Otto, Kimberly Preston.

Homer Provonche, III, Linda Riehl, Julie Shearer, Paul Sherwood, Marcia Stiles and Vicki VanderPloeg,

Central Michigan University-Mrs. Verna Haglund. Kentwood High School-Nancy Forbes. Lowell Senior High School-Debbie Heiman, How-

ard Webster, Mike Jousma. Caledonia High School-John Thorington, Juanita

Vergennes Sets **Annual Roast**

The annual ox-roast sponsored by the Vergennes United Methodist Church, corner of Bailey Drive and

Parnell Road, will be Saturday, June 16. The event, to be held from 4 to 8 p.m. in the church yard will feature beef, brockwurst and saurkraut, fix your own salad, homemade pies, and hand-dipped ice

There will also be a baked goods sale, bazaar, and fish pond for the kiddies.

Open to the public, everyone is cordially invited to

William Lomas, Choir Director, Honored Guest

The Adult Choir and congregation of the First Unit-ed Methodist Church of Lowell, May 27, honored choir director William Lomas. Mr. Lomas, who has served the church as choir di-

rector for the past seven years, has resigned. During the 11 a.m. worship service, Carlen Ander-son speaking on behalf of the choir, Rev. Bailey, and

the congregation, expressed appreciation for his fine leadership

The choir members hosted a coffee-punch hour in his honor after the service and presented him with a gift certificate.

Elder Ivan Stark

To Speak Sunday

Sunday, June 10, "How Can We Serve?" is the ser-mon topic being preached by Elder Ivan Stark at the

11 a.m. morning worship at the Alaska Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Church school for all ages is held at 9:45 a.m. Instead of the regular Sunday evening service there will be a Book of Mormon Class at 7 p.m. The instruc-tor is Elder L. J. McCaul.

Wednesday night, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. the Midweek fellowship service is held. "The Home Radiates the Light of God" is the theme being used by Priest Ken Colburn. In charge, Elder Floyd LaLone.

Vacation Bible School June 25-29 from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening at the Alaska Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, three-yearolds through 14 years of age. Theme will be "Created by God."

Honoring Grads

Twenty-three graduating seniors connected with the First United Methodist Church of Lowell have received invitations to participate in the 11 a.m. worship service on June 10.

The First United Methodist Women will present them with a gift and they will be honored guests at a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

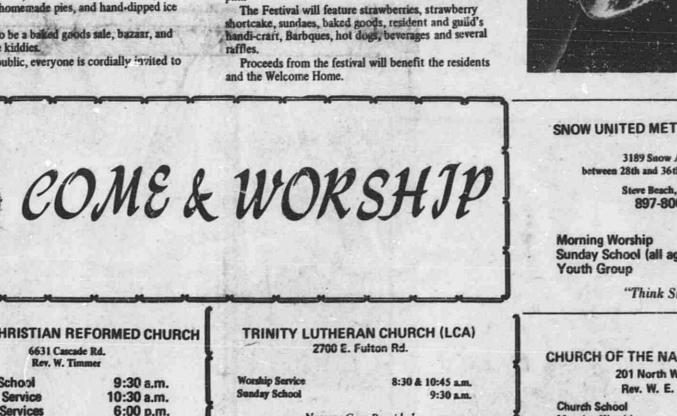
50th Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Wissman of 52nd Street, S.E., will be honored at an open house June 16, commemor ating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The open house, to be held in their home, will be from one o'clock until 6 p.m. All relatives, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend.

Strawberry Festival

Welcome Home for the Blind Guild's 6th Annual Strawberry Festival will be held Saturday, June 16 at the Home, 1953 Monroe Avenue, NW, 10 a.m. to 7



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Rev. Bernard Fynaardt, Pastor Phone 897-8841 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. 11:15 a.m.

WELCOME, FRIEND! FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (Member United Church of Christ) N. Hudson at Spring St., Lowell F. Ervin Hyde, Minister 10:30 a.m. Church School Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

(Cribbery and Nursery provided) THORNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH Buttrick near Thornappie Rd., Ada

Robert Nelson, Minister SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE 11 A.M. EVENING GOSPEL SERVICE 6 P.M.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH 5125 CASCADE RD., SE

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Pastor: Rev. James E. Henning Phone 942-9091

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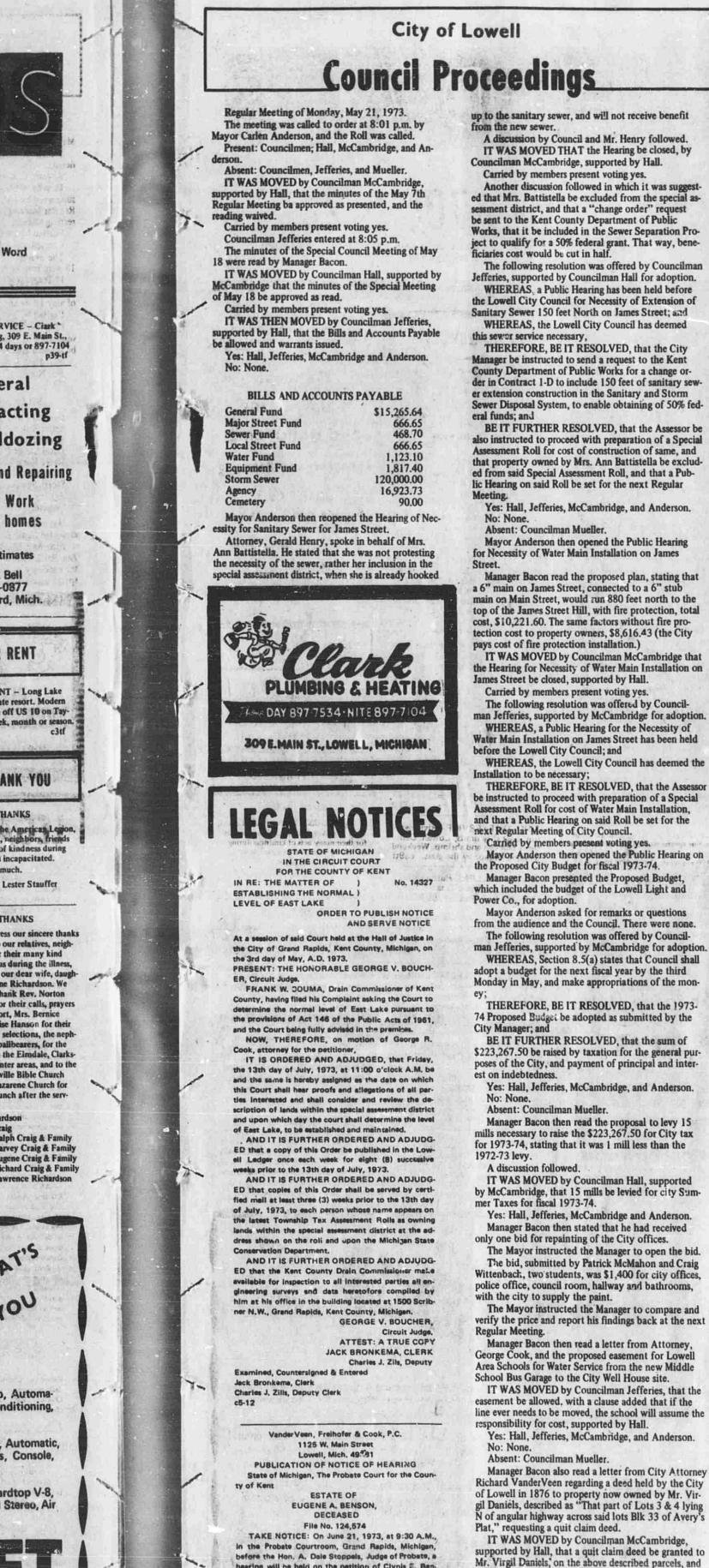
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mission and the City of Lowell for the period July 1. 1973 to June 30, 1974, is hereby accepted and Blaine E. Bacon is designated as Maintenance Superintendent the Municipal Maintenance Map and Budget Sheets.

Supported by Councilman Jefferies.

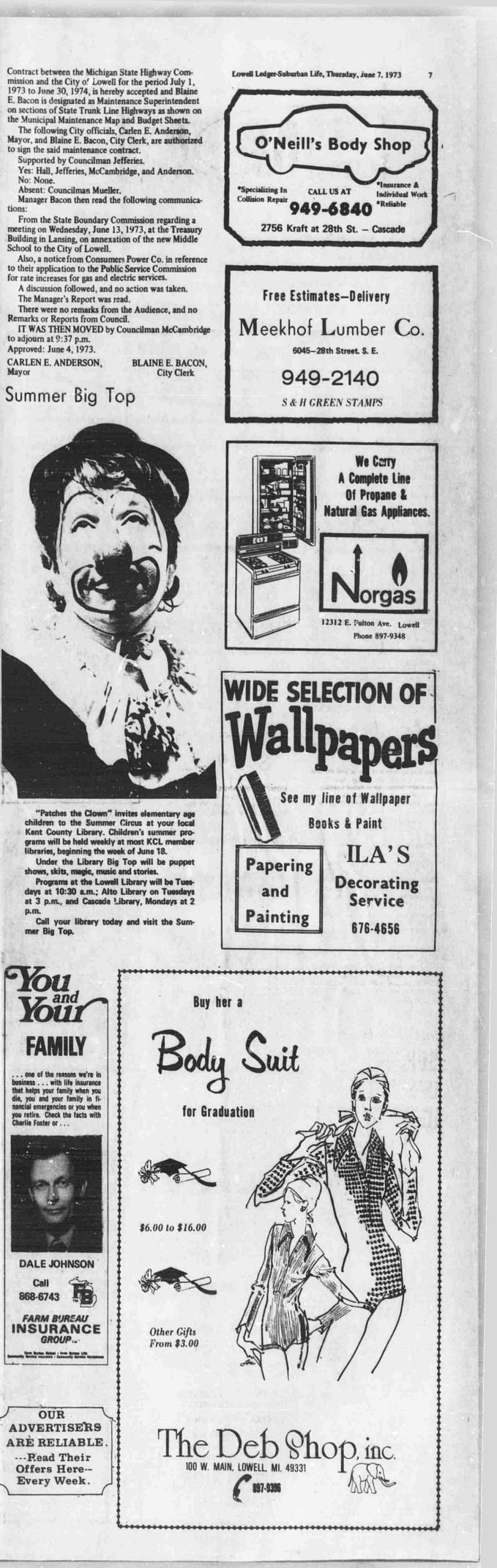
No: None. Absent: Councilman Mueller.

School to the City of Lowell.

for rate increases for gas and electric services. A discussion followed, and no action was taken. The Manager's Report was read.



Programs at the Lowell Library will be Tues-



before the Hon, A. Dale Stoppels, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Clynis 2. Ben son, Administrator, for allowance of his Final Account and for assignment and distribution of residue of said Dated: May 30, 1973. ander Veen, Freihofer & Cook, P.C. By: George R, Cook

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Clynis E. Bonson, Administrator 614 Montcalm Ave.

that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign

No: None.

Absent: Councilman Mueller.

Highway Commission to be renewed.

A discussion followed.

and moved for its adoption.

Yes: Hall, Jefferies, McCambridge, and Anderson.

The Manager explained briefly the content of the

Annual Maintenance Contract with the Michigan State

Councilman Hall offered the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Maintenance



---- Editor's Mail Box -----

To the Editor:

Within the next few days the people of Kent County will decide at the polls as to whether or not the propos-ed community college for Kent County will become a reality. At the same time they will vote into office those people who will serve as trustees on the govern-ing board of the new community college. Of the 25 people who are running for these offices, seven will be elected for six-four-, and two-year terms. One eminently capable young man who is running for a two-year term is Thomas Stahr, who has taught U. S. Government in the Lowell High School for the

past five years.

Mr. Stahr was born and raised in Grand Rapids. He is a graduate of Union High School, Grand Rapids Junior College, has a BA degree from Michigan State Univer-sity, and an MA degree with a major in history from Vestern Michigan University.

Because of the skilled and conscientious approach to his teaching, Mr. Stahr is highly regarded by his col-leagues, students, and the administrators of Lowell High School. His city background, combined with teaching experience in a rural area, gives him a balanced approach to both urban and rural needs. Most of Mr. Stahr's work for the past five years has

been with seniors who are planning their immediate future, either in jobs or further academic or vocational training. He has been innovative in the planning and de-velopment of new courses in the social studies area of the Lowell High School and is keenly aware of the rap-id changes in all areas of school curriculum programs. His performance demonstrates the pride he takes in his If the newly proposed community college is to serve the entire county, we must elect some trustees to repre-

sent the outlying areas as well as the city. These people must be chosen for their wisdom, their skills, and their

hance such a board. In the forthcoming election of June 11, let us elect Thomas Stahr for a two-year term.

Dear Editor:

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living in Lowell.

Dear Editor:

children in Kent County.

cilities and services as well.

lowest cost to you.

please just vote "yes."

June 11.

A. Blanche Mullen Trustee, Lowell Board of Education

Mrs. Lanny DeWitt attended as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Marilyn Buffinga, Jan Kleingeld, Karin Powell and Carol Tortellet.

Forest Hills Hi-Lites

Robert Wilson has been undergoing tests and observation at Ferguson-Droste-Ferguson Hospital in

John Gurney is in the Grand Rapids Osteopathic

Forest Hills voters will go to the polls June 11 to vote on the building of new facilities for this rapidly-

Mrs. Gerald Gilmore was hospitalized recently at

Richard Reid was a recent patient at Blodgett Me-

The June issue of Field & Stream magazine was re-leased today featuring, recently beautified comedienne Phyllis Diller as the first centerfold in the 78-page history of the outdoor recreation monthly.

Miss Diller's appearance is based on her selection as Field & Stream's "Miss Fun Fishing 1973." Her center fold photograph and new title is intended to emphasize fishing as fun for the entire family.

Read The Want Ads



Under New Manager

dedication. A professional teacher would surely en-

Councilman Harold Jefferies should be congratulated for voting against using city funds for Showboat seating. How could the other councilman be so gullible? If the Showboat cannot pay their own way, they shouldn't

Listening to my mother and father talk, if my mem-ory is correct, the Lee fund was for the destitute elder-

When the Showboat committee becomes so greedy that they have to drape one side to the showboat, so the elderly, invalids and some in wheel chairs that have the elderly, invalids and some in wheel chairs that have been watching the boat dock for y'ars, some since it began, now cannot watch it anym ire. They could care less about the acts, just the thrill of watching the boat come down every night and dock and listening to the band and chorus and all the young people. If it wasn't for the older people there wouldn't be a Showboat. It's about time that the Showboat Commit-

tee woke up to the fact that they aren't the only ones One of the younger generation

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805 East Main, Lowell

I am a parent of a handicapped child. Because of this, and because of my active participation in several special education programs, I am aware and concerned

with the needs and opportunities for the handicapped There are several things which every tax payer should know about these programs; Michigan Law provides that the public school systems are responsible for the education of retarded children to age 25.

Kent County has a rapidly growing population and this means that there will be many more handicapped children to be trained and educated in the next few years, and with the state schools for the retarded closing, and these children being sent back to their homes, this, obviously, will require expanding our present fa-

We are fortunate in this area in that we have an excellent system. This means that the required improve-ments to handle the increased load can be made at the

A bond issue to cover these expenses will appear on the ballot of a special election to be held on Monday,

If you have or know a handicapped child you are already planning to vote "yes." If you are going to have children some day, these services will be available should you need them. If you are just concerned and want to know how you can help

If it really isn't important to you, consider this, if you are living in a \$20,000 house, these improvements will cost you \$2.50 per year or 34 per day. Do you know any place \$2.50 could do so much? For whatever your reasons, I sincerely urge every registered voter to vote "yes" June 11 on this very spe-

ial proposal. It is necessary and right. Thank you! Shirley Gravelyn

THURSDAY NIGHTS Stump the band with your

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FABULOUS

Hot Recks



Brief Team Before Practice Game

Summer and YMCA Baseball go together in Lowell. Ron Zimmerman, Coach of a cadet softball team, the "Crows," is shown briefing his team prior to a Saturday morning practice game with Carroll Eckman's Clarksville team.

Junior High Tennis Clinic Attending the Lowell YMCA Tennis Clinic for Junior High students were Roger Wilson, Ted Feuerstein, Denise Rittenger, Mrs. Feuerstein and Dan Hill. Dan was on hand to help Coach Mark Weber, program instructor.



Several golfers from

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League secretaries-let's get on the ball and

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A grade school thru Junior High School lea

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Call the YMCA to sign

June 27 at 10 a.m.

up now, 897-7375.

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Mike Shinabarger of Lowell registered an 'Eagle' on the eighth hole at Arrowhead Golf Club Sunday.

... "It's been a little wet," according to area course owners," but it hasn't hampered too much as yet league action during the week. ...

The new Clubhouse at Dave Potter's deer run course is nearing completion. "It won't be long now," Potter revealed, "and we'll have the unit open, offering to our customers and members a wide variety of services." ...

Moto Cross, June 10

The Portand Trail Riders Motorcycle Club will host a "moto-cross" event at their track on Sanborn Road, Sunday, June 10. On the same day, a "hare scramble" will be held on Egypt Valley Road, sponsored by the Wolverine Rid-ers. The next Moto at Egypt Valley will be June 24.

Stevens Promoted



A1C Mike Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Lowell, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant Sgt. Stevens in station ed at Vokota Air Base in

Forest Hills Rangers Win District Title

Dave Slater, Forest Hills Central High School senior, blasted his 10th and 11th home runs of the season to pace the Rangers' 6-1 championship win over North-view in Class B District baseball tourney action at Forest Hills Saturday afternoon. Forest Hills earned its finals berth with a 4-3 victory

over Grand Rapids Catholic Central earlier in the day. while Northview took a 3-2 win over Sparta. Pitcher Ken Fox got the early-day win for Forest Hills. The victory was the 17th of the season against 11 setbacks for the Rangers, now headed for this Satur-

day's B-Regional play at Wyoming's Kimble Stadium Forest Hills got three runs in the opening inning and added one each in the second, third and sixth, while outhitting Northview eight to five. Slater's big inning was the first. Jack Sherry, Rang-

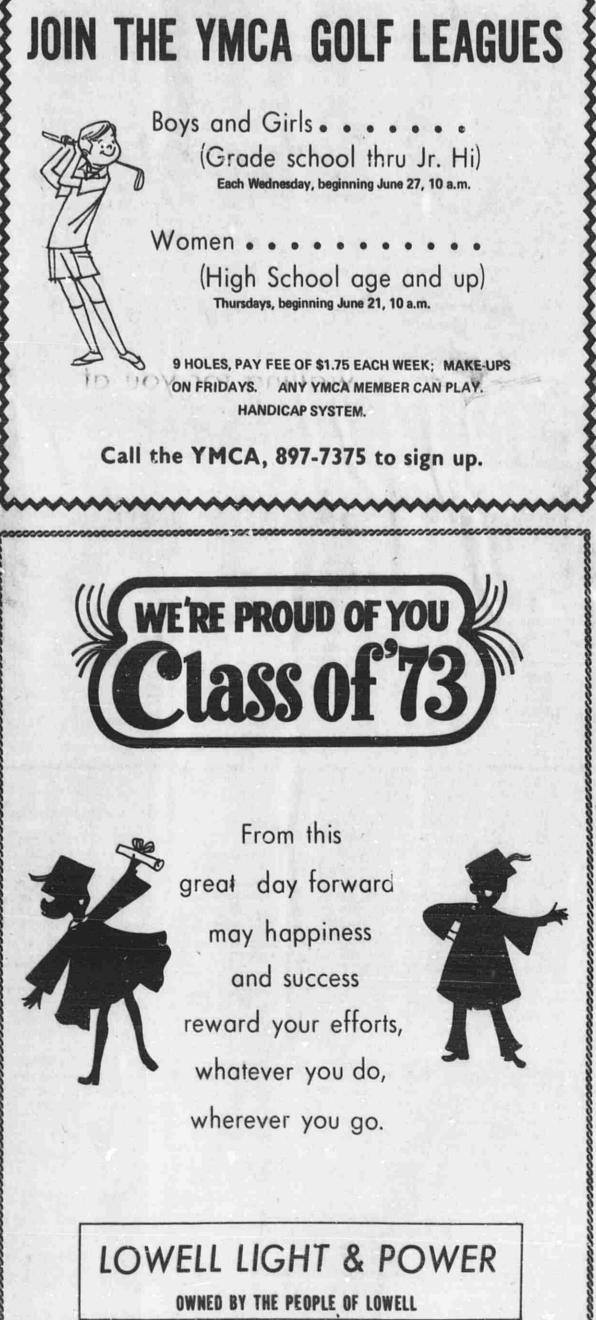
er catcher, started the rally with a double to left, and then stole third. Joe McCormick walked and Bill Heneveld flied out to center, bringing Slater up to park the ball 370-feet over straightaway center field for three RBI and a 3-0 lead.

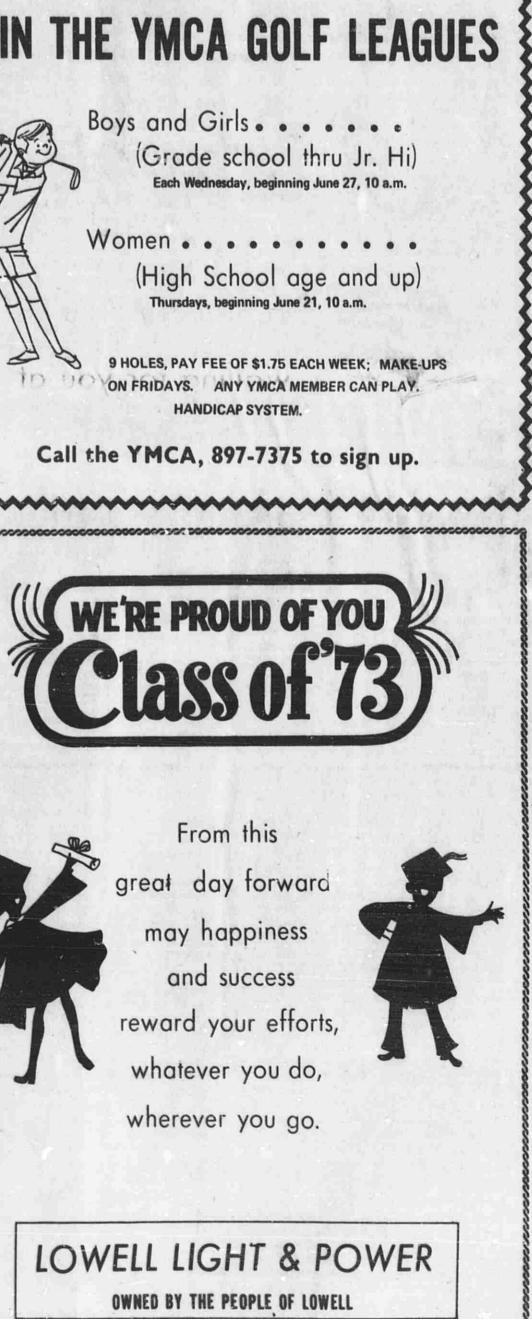
Brian Smith doubled to deep center and came home on an RBI by winning pitcher Randy Lanning to ac-count for Central's run in the second, and Slater came on with two down in the third to hit a solo blast well over 400-feet to deep center to add the third-inning marker. Mark Smith drove in teammate Brian Smith with a

double into the left field corner in the sixth to cap the Rangers' scoring. Slater totaled four runs-batted-in while going three-

for-four in the championship contest, accounting for nearly one half of Central's eight hits. Lanning recorded the win for Forest Hills by allow-

ing a solo run on five hits, while striking out four. Larry Zellman accepted the loss for Northview and was relieved in the seventh by Mike Koster.







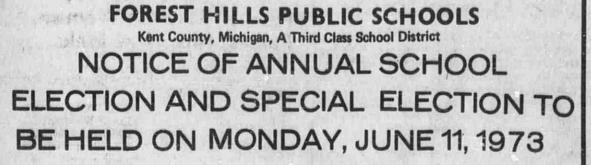
victory.

Angels 5.



Racing a car engine before shutting off the ignition speeds engine wear by washing cylinder walls with raw gasoline, according to auto experts. Turn off the ignition while the engine is idling normally.

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual school election for members of the Board of Education of Forest Hills Public Schools, Kent County, Michinan, will be held on Monday

June 11, 1973 and that the polls of said election will be kept open continuously between the hours

of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on that day NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the

polling places for the election will be the regular voting places in each election pre-cinct in the school district as follows: Precinct No. 1:

Collins School, 4368 Heather Lane, S.E.,

Grand Rapids Township, Kent County, Precinct No. 2:

Forest Hills High School, Multi-Purpose Room, 5901 Hall Street, S.E., Ada Town-ship, Kent County, Michigan

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that as a result of said election, two persons will be elected to the office of Member of the Board of Education of Forest Hills Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, each for a four year term ending June 30, 1977, and that the following list contains the names of all candidates nominated for said office of Member of said Board of Education for said term for which office two persons are to be

> Charles F. Anderson William F. Colvin James M. Crosby

elected

Lloyd A. Heneveld Mary Patricia Tonneberger

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at said election the following propositions will be submitted to vote of the electors:

Bonding Proposition No. 1:

Shall the Forest Hills Public Schools, County of Kent, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of erecting furnishing and equipping a new middle school and an addition to the Thornapple Elementary School and a Northern High School addition of a cafeteria and kitchen and to remodel the Cascade Elementary School and to acquire future school sites?

Bonding Proposition No. 2:

Shall the Forest Hills Public Schools, County of Kent, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Six Hundred Seventyfive Thousand Dollars (\$675,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping an auditorium addi-tion to the Central High School, to remodel and improve the existing locker rooms at Central High School, to erect and equip restrooms and a storage building on the athletic field and to expand and improve the athletic field bleachers?

BONDS ISSUED UNDER BONDING PRO-POSITION NO. 1 AND BONDS ISSUED UNDER BONDING PROPOSITION NO. 2 ABOVE WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGA TIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PAY ABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOBEN TAXES WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO LEVY IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT THERE FOR WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT. BONDS UNDER PROPOSITION NO. 1 WOULD MATURE OVER A PERIOD ENDING IN 1999 AND BONDS UNDER PROPOSITION NO. 2 WOULD MATURE OVER A PERIOD ENDING IN 1989 BONDS WOULD BEAR INTEREST TO BE DETERMINED BY PUBLIC SALE THERE OF BUT IN NO EVENT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE FIXED BY LAW. AS OF JUNE 10, 1973, OUTSTANDING GEN-ERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,095,000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposition will be voted upon by the registered school electors of this school district at the school election to be held on Monday, June 11, 1973, which proposition was set forth in a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, on March 19, 1973, to-wit:

BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping building facilities to house special education programs for the handicapped; and acquiring, developing and improving sites therefor?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE INTERMED IATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE INTER

MEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEC. TORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES, SAID BONDS TO MATURE OVER A PERIOD OF APPROX-**IMATELY 16 TO 20 YEARS WITH INTER** EST THEREON TO BE DETERMINED BY PUBLIC SALE THEREOF BUT IN NO EVENT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUN RATE FIXED BY LAW.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following propositions will be voted upon by the registered school electors of this school district at the annual school election to be held on Monday, June 11, 1973:

I. Shall a community college district comprised of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, excepting therefrom territory within the service area of Muskegon Community College, be established in accordance with Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1966?

Shall the board of trustees of the proposed community college district comprised of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, excepting therefrom territory within the service area of Muskegon Community College, be authorized to levy a tax on the real and tangible personal property within the district not to exceed the annual rate of 1.9 mills on each dollar (\$1.90 on each \$1,000) of the assessed valuation, as equalized, of the property within the district in the manner and for the purposes provided by Act 331 of 1966, such rate, however, not limiting taxes levied for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount and, if subject to Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, to be effective as an increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation for a period of twenty (20) years, from 1973 to 1992, both

At the organizational election to be held on Monday, June 11, 1973, there will also be elected three (3) members for the office of imunity college district trustee for six year terms ending June 30, 1979; two (2) members for four-year terms ending June 30, 1977; and two (2) members for twoyear terms ending June 30, 1975. The following parsons have been nominated:

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Lee F. Moore	William R. Schultz, Jr.
David E. Post	Thomas A. Stahr
W. W. Plummer	J. Rock Tonkel

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all qualified and registered electors of the school district are entitled to vote with respect to the matters being submitted at said election

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN of the following statement by the County Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation in any local units affecting taxable property in the said school district and the years such increases are effective:

STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS.

I, JOHN L. DAMSTRA, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the Coun-ty of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby CER-TIFY that all of FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL is located within the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

it	Voted	Years
	Increases	Effective
Kent County:	NONE	
Ada Township:	NONE	
Cannon Township:	1.0 mills	1970 to 1973
		incl.
Cascade Township:	NONE	
Grand Rapids Township:	NONE	
the School District:	15.0 mills	1973 only
	John L.	Damstra
ed May 15, 1973 Grand Rapids, Michigan	Kent Co	unty Treasure

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN by order of the Board of Education of Forest Hills Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan.

> Mary Helen Price, Secretary **Board of Education**

Graduate 413

Civic Auditorium



12 Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, Thursday, June 7, 1973



Board of Education Regular Meeting May 29, 1973. Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. Roll Call-Members Present: Reagan, Siegle, Wingeier, Metternick, Kropf, Miller, Mullen.

Members Absent: None.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Metternick, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 1973.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

dent's office.

the 1973-74 school year.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

bus runs for the next school year.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES,

STATE OF MICHIGAN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election will be held in the Lowell Area Schools in the Counties of Kent and Ionia and State of Michigan, on

Monday, June 11, 1973

from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of electing one member of the Lowell Area Schools Board for a four (4) year term expiring June 1977.

AND ALSO, NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the following proposition will be voted upon by the registered school electors of this school district at said annual election, which proposition was set forth in a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, on March 19, 1973, to-wit:

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OLD BUSINESS

1. The June 11 annual election was discussed. There

are five issues-election of one local board of educa-

education bond issue; proposition to establish a com-

tion member, with term expiring in 1977; special

munity college district; proposition to authorize

maximum annual tax rate of 1.9 mills for the col-

lege; community college trustees. Absent voter ap-plications and ballots are available at the superinten-

computerization of high school grade reporting for

2. Motion by Mullen, seconded by Miller, to approve

3. Motion by Wingeier, seconded by Kropf, to table

the decision on whether to go to single or double

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STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES:

STATE OF MICHIGAN) COUNTY OF KENT) ss.

I, JOHN L. DAMSTRA, the duly elected qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby CER-TIFY that part of the LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS (Lowell School District No. 1 fr.) is located within the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as

	UNIT	VOTED INCREASES	YEARS EFFECTIVE
	By Kent County:	NONE	
	By Ada Township:	NONE	
	By Bowne Township:	1.5 mills	1968 to 1977 incl.
	By Cannon Township:	1.0 mills	1970 to 1973 incl.
	By Cascade Township:	NONE	
	By Grattan Township:	NONE	
	By Lowell Township:	NONE	
	By Vergennes Township:	NONE	
	By the School Dist.:	4.0 mills	1961 to 1980 incl.
	By the School Dist.:	12.5 mills	1972 to 1974 incl.
	Dated April 20, 1973	JOHN	L. DAMSTRA.
22.44	at Grand Rapids, Michigan	and the second sec	County Treasurer

STATEMENT OF IONIA COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF IONIA) ss. I, LUCILLE HEPPE, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Ionia, State of Michigan, hereby CERTIFY that part of the LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS (Lowell School District No. fr) is located within the boundaries of said County of Ionia and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

UNIT	VOTED	YEARS EFFECTIVE
Ionia County: Spec. Ed. Keene Township Boston Township	.00125 NONE NONE	Unlimited
Campbell Township: Roads		1972-1973 Incl.
The School Dist.	4.0	1961 to 1980 Incl.
	12.5	1972 to 1974 Incl.
Dated April 19, 1973	LUCILLE HEPPE,	
at Ionia, Michigan	Ionia County Treasurer	
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VOTING PLACES: PREC		
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of Education, Lowell Area Schools. HAROLD METTERNICK. Secretary.

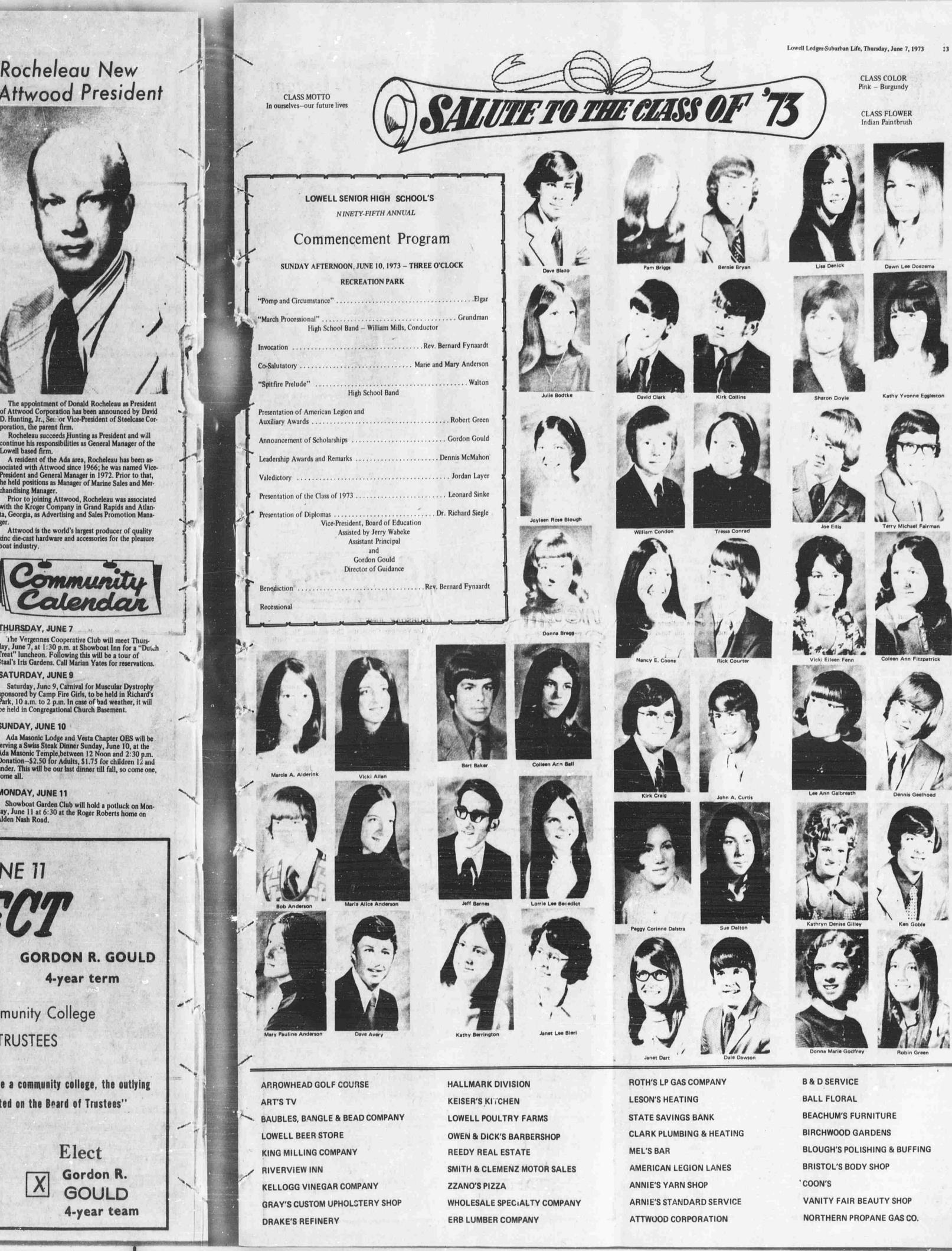
- Alto Mothers' Club on this subject.

- Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

- 2. Preliminary reports show our state equalized valuation increasing from \$36,846,364 to \$45,830,112.
- wood traded offices with Mr. Sinke.
- ed physical examinations from \$7 to \$7.50. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
- diate District has requested an increased amount and is considering an appeal.

- Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. the secretary to sign a contract with Twin Lakes
- 10. There was a comment by board member Blanche





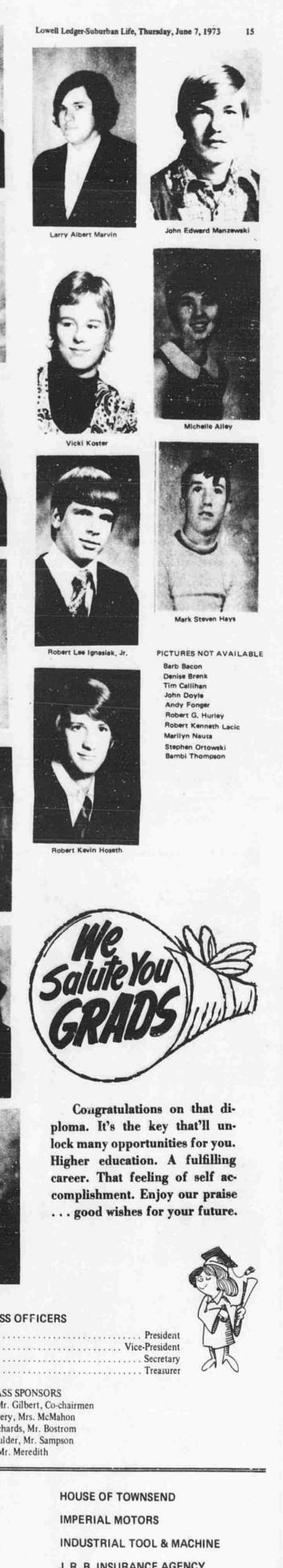


MONDAY, JUNE 11









J. R. B. INSURANCE AGENCY JACKSON MOTOR SALES

LIPPERT'S PHARMACY

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Above The Board

Completion Date To Be Met ...

The completion date of August 6 for the new Middle School will be met, Architect Donn Palmer told members of the Lowell School Board at the last board meeting.

Expressing a great deal of satisfaction over the progress (particularly since the weather in the beginning was anything but favorable) Palmer noted that the inside painting is nearing completion, the ceiling is now underway and carpeting began this week. Cabinets are now being installed and the chalk and tag boards are partially installed.

The movable partitions are scheduled for next week, the sound system is in and the landscaping is underway.

As soon as the carpeting is laid, a weekend open house will be scheduled so that the interested public can tour the building. It is expected that the public will be genuinely amazed at this extremely functional and well planned structure and all that it contains.

Need Needling

Workmen on the high school addition will need some needling and prodding in order to meet their August 15 completion date, Palmer reported. He did, however, assure the board that he would do all the prodding necessary and that the contractor has definitely stated that it will be complete and ready for occupancy on time.

Striving to make this one of the most attractive buildings in this part of the country (in order to keep up with the Middle School, we suspect) Palmer added that he has required many "extra" work details such as blowing the construction dust off the joists and the walls before painting so that the dust will not seep through. He remarked that the workers stated they had never had to do that on other jobs . . . but they did it.

Election Issues

Board members were also reminded of the coming election Monday, June 11. The issues will be:

- 1. Election of one board member with Harold Metternick of Alto running for re-election and Carol Anderson of Lowell seeking the same seat.
- 2. Approval of the establishment of a Community College to replace Grand Rapids Junior College and a 1.9 millage to finance it. Election of trustees to serve on the Community College Board Bill Doyle, Gordon Gould and Tom Stahr are three Lowell-connected individuals running for three of the positions.
- 3. The approval of a quarter-mill to be levied for Special Education in the County. (This amounts to only \$2.50 per year on a \$20,000 house but provides for all the state required education for handicapped children throughout the entire county.) The Lowell Board of-

cision at a special meeting to be held this week since building assignments for the next school year depend somewhat on the availability of transportation.

Boundary Hearing

The hearing in Lansing on the annexation of the Middle School property to the City of Lowell from Lowell Township has been set for Wednesday, June 13.

The township is still fighting the transfer and the board is still requesting it since there will be a definite financial savings.

Few Senior Going

High School Principal Dennis McMahon informed the board that only 37 seniors signed up to go on the overnight senior trip to Cedar Point Ohio, McMahon stated that he was allowing them to go even though it was a small number since they had worked long and hard to make the trip possible. He suggested, however, that next year at least 60 percent of the seniors be signed up to go on whatever trip they decide upon by January or that the trip be cancelled.

One board member suggested that the same sort of thing apply to the Junior-Senior banquet and Prom but require that 90 percent attend or cancel it. McMahon took immediate exception to this, stating that he would certainly suggest that the students be represented before any discussion was held.

Seek Bids

The board voted to seek bids on both partial and complete demolition of the old junior high school building. The decision as to whether to remodel the newer section of the building into administrative offices will depend on construction cost estimates.

Property Options

The site committee was directed to secure options on property adjoining both Bushnell and Alto elementary buildings for possible elementary expansion.

Local Boy Wins In 'Joy of Seeing' Art Contest

Seven-year-old Jon Silvis, whose family resides in Eastgate subdivision was recently declared third-place winner in the West Michigan District for his water-color and crayon drawing entry in the "Joy of Seeing" art contest for elementary children sponsored by the Michigan Optometric Association.

Dr. Herbert R. Mueller, Lowell optometrist, as area representative and past-treasurer of the Michigan Optometric Association, presented an attractive engraved plaque to the budding young artist in a classroom ceremony on Tuesday, May 29th at Bushnell Elementary School. Mrs. John Gabrion, his teacher, was commended for her guidance and encouragement.

The contest, the first of its kind this year, was designed by the optometric association to encourage children to give thought and expression to the priceless gift of good vision. Few people, even adults, give much thought to the importance of their most precious sense until i is impaired or lost. The contest probably will be an annual event from now on.

The prize-winning drawing will be on display for

Bell Makes Customer Report

Business and civic leaders and governmental officials from Lowell Wednesday were given a customer report on the problems and sucesses of Michigan Bell in providing communications services.

Alex E. Lewis, general manager of Michigan Bell's southern area, presented the report to the group at a company-sponsored Town Meeting at the Lowell Masonic Hall. Lewis said his responsibilities included not only quality service for Lowell, but also a sharing of information about phone service.

"Part of our service job last year was to ensure that we had the people and equipment to provide needed service and avoid shortages of communications in this state," Lewis said. "This we did, and this we're continuing to do."

He said that while Michigan Bell was working to ensure an abundance of communications, the company also made significant progress in improving the quality of communications.

'Back in 1969, with our financial ability seriously impaired, we made the decision to protect the basic quality of our service-and to do everything we could to improve it," he said.

"At that time, our service was fairly good throughout most of the state, and when we compared ourselves with 20 other Bell System companies on a number of internal quality controls, we were generally around the average," Lewis said.

Service . . .

Every Bell System company uses these same internal quality controls to measure that most intangible of products-service.

"Since we don't have a car rolling down the assembly line that we can inspect, this is our best means of trying to ensure that every customer gets high quality courteous service," Lewis explained.

"So, we set ourselves the goal of being in the top fourth of all Bell System companies in every major quality measurement of service," he said. "In 1972, we reached that goal in three-fourths of our service measurements."

Other methods the company employs to keep abreast of service quality are customer surveys; company service action teams, which give special help to more than 50,000 customers a year, and an annoyance call bureau which aids customers who have problems with abusive, obscene or annoying calls.

Equipment

On the equipment side, Lewis pointed out that calls need switching machines to reach the network. Four of these machines, at a cost of \$30 million each, already are in service in Michigan. Two more will be added by the end of the year, and eight more will be installed by 1978.

These are in addition to the 82 microwave towers that also help to get calls into and out of Michigan. Included in annual construction monies, which will total

year program to improve rural service. About 20,000 customers already have received a better grade of serv-

rising costs for almost everything, most people are unaware of how little telephone rates have increased.

He said, for example, the cost of living had gone up nearly 50% in the 12-year period from 1960-72. But, he added, considering both the increases in phone rates and the six rate decreases in that same period, Michigan rates today are only 4.4% more than they were in 1960.

He said if the company receives the total amount of its current request for a rate increase from the MPSC, telephone rates will have increased about 9% since 1960.

"We believe that if we're to compete with other companies in the money market for the capital dollars we need for service in Michigan," Lewis pointed out, "our rate of return should be in the range of 9-9½%.

"We respect the need for voluntary restraint in holding down price increases, so we haven't asked for that. We feel we should have the rates that will earn what the commission itself authorized in 1970 and reaffirmed in April, 1972-which is 7.96%."

Lewis explained the company's request to charge for calls in Information.

He said that Michigan Bell learned from a recent three-month study that more than 33% of telephone customers don't call Information at all in a given month; that 75% of them make less than five calls a month, but that 10% make about 60% of all calls to Information.

"It would be much fairer to all our customers to give every one an allowance of five calls a month, and then charge 10Q a call for those who use the service more than the allowance.

"In this way, those who use the service more will pay more-instead of imposing those costs on all customers," Lewis explained.

Traces Growth

Robert I. Thole, local Michigan Bell manager who had introduced Lewis, briefly traced the growth of telephone service in Lowell.

Prior to 1923, telephone service had been provided in Lowell by the Citizens Telephone Company. That year, Michigan Bell purchased all the properties of the Citizens company, including that of Lowell.

Telephone growth has been steady over the years. There were 700 phones in 1930; today there are more than 4,500.

Thole pointed out that in the past five years, more than \$800,000 has been spent by Michigan Bell for construction in and around Lowell, and another \$235,-000 will be spent this year and next.

He said that rural service in Lowell has been reduced from 582 customers five years ago to 286 as of February of this year.

