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## Citizens Rebel Sidewalk Assessment On Foreman

Four Lowell City taxpayers on Foreman Street, west of Lincoln Lake Avenue, who were first asked to pay \$1,200 of the cost of a sidewalk, deemed necessary to get students to the new middle school, staged a small rebellion at Monday night's Council meeting.

The citizens contended that the sidewalk is no benefit to their property, in fact one property owner who



### ONLY INTERESTED CITIZENS . . .

A telephone call to the Ledger office the other day asked bluntly which firm connected with the sewer-water construction program did two inspectors by the name of Jack Beggs and Phil Schneider work for?

Taken by surprise with the way the question was put, we asked if this was some sort of a joke! "I'm serious," quipped the caller.

Several more leading questions found us informing the caller that the gentlemen were not official inspectors, but two local insurance men, who were interested in seeing that the job got done right!

### TRAILS MUCH SMOOTHER . . .

It was a great week for a vacation! The weather was superb, making it twice as hard to get back in the groove upon our return Monday.

We thank our readers and advertisers for their cooperation in giving us a week on.

We discovered one thing, however, the trails into the northern woods are much smoother to negotiate than most of Lowell's thoroughfares!

### IT'S COLORFUL . . .

Sprucing up for Showboat Week, the Levee Restaurant on East Main Street has a new colorful paint job. It will be greeted by restaurant goers and Showboat viewers as they round the corner on Lafayette Street to the dockside stadium.

### GAS ONLY! . . .

The marquee in front of the new Shell Station on West Main Street reads: Open 'Gas Only,' Car Wash to Open Soon.

Our compliments to the Shell Oil Company for their new landscaped addition to the corner of West Main Street and Hudson Street.

### ISSUED APPEARANCE TICKET . . .

Lowell Police issued an appearance ticket June 29 to Raymond Homrich for simple larceny (shoplifting). Homrich was cited for allegedly stealing a 29 cent package of sinkers from Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street. He is scheduled to appear in Lowell's 63rd District Court.

### IS HOSPITALIZED . . .

Lowell City Councilman Vince McCambridge underwent heart surgery Monday at Butterworth Hospital. Although his condition is listed as good, McCambridge will be retained in the intensive care unit until Friday, and will remain hospitalized for another week thereafter.

We wish him a speedy recovery!

### WARMEST DAY . . .

Area residents endured their hottest day of the 1973 summer Sunday as the thermometer rose to 95 degrees.

It was the second hottest day in a row as Saturday proved to be in the early 90 degree range.

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only has seven feet between the curb and the house said a five ft. sidewalk in that space would be a definite liability.

Under a joint City and School plan a sidewalk will be built from Lincoln Lake Avenue to the new middle school. The school proposes to build a walk across the front of the high school property and the city would build a walk west of the railroad on the north side of Foreman, across the water well property, which joins with the middle school.

David Miller, a member of the School Board was at the meeting and stated the school's feeling that a walk along Foreman is necessary for the safety of the children.

The citizens insist that only a small portion of the children will walk in the first block west of Lincoln Lake, with most of them cutting across to the high school property on Suffolk. The citizens also mentioned the fact that they have already been assessed on the storm sewer and street program and that another assessment is just too much for individuals to pay.

Councilman Harold Jefferies supported the stand of the citizens and proposed that if sidewalk is a necessity for the safety of the children that the city-at-large should pay this cost rather than four taxpayers alone.

Jefferies also stated that in the some 30 years that he had been attending council meetings no citizens were ever forced to pay for sidewalks; all walk construction had been with the property owner's consent.

The council agreed that sidewalk was necessary, but City Manager Blaine Bacon was asked to bring in a revised plan for financing the construction. This report is expected at the next meeting.

The James Street hearing scheduled for the July 2 meeting, which was postponed because of the lack of a quorum, has been cancelled.

Informal discussion of the special assessment was held July 2, and it was agreed that this assessment program would not be pursued further until some help can be secured from State or Federal funds.

In other action at the meeting the council took bids on auto, liability and workman's compensation insurance; voted to add \$100 to their \$400 pledge to the Lowell Chamber of Commerce for the Main Street Christmas decorations purchased last year.

### Next Meeting July 23

The council agreed to postpone the next regular meeting set for July 16 until Monday, July 23.

## Larceny Complaints Being Investigated

Two larceny complaints, two destruction of property reports and a hit and run accident are under investigation by the Lowell Police Department.

On June 29, officers were called to the Lawrence Everitt residence at 419 North Monroe Street, where four fishing rods and reels and two tackle boxes were reportedly missing from the front porch.

Another home was entered July 4, and a small bank containing an undetermined amount of change was reportedly taken.

Dennis James Thompson of Grand Rapids told Lowell Police July 1, that his car was parked behind another on North Broadway Street, and was heavily damaged when the other car took off.

The destruction of property complaint showed that Thompson's car was showered with gravel, damaging the windshield, breaking the right parking light out, and causing the front end to be chipped by the stones.

No apparent entry was made at the Charles Miller residence in Valley Vista Trailer Park, July 7, when the front screen door was pushed out.

Miller, who made the vandalism report, revealed that nothing appeared to be missing from the trailer.

A hit and run accident in the parking lot at Newell Manufacturing brought Lowell Police to the scene July 6. Two parked cars were damaged when a third vehicle fled the scene.

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## Six Injured In Three Car Melee

Six persons were treated and released by their family doctors, following a three car accident July 3 at the intersection of West Main Street and Valley Vista Drive.

Lowell Police reported that a car driven by Clifford Day of Saranac was struck in the rear by a car driven by Melvin Eggleston of Ada. The impact drove Day's car into a car driven by Mrs. Brenda Vennema of Lowell.

All three vehicles sustained heavy damage. No major injuries were recorded by the drivers or their passengers.

Lowell Police were called to West Main at Smith Street July 5 to investigate a minor personal injury accident.

### Two Car Crash

A car driven by Warren F. White of Lowell, and a car driven by Randolph Perkins of Flint collided in front of the Lowell Zephyr station. White was treated by a family physician.

White was indicated for an improper right turn and Perkins was indicated for improper passing on the right.

### Fails To Yield

Two cars, driven by Ricahrd Lee Seese and Johanna Tillie Hackney collided at the intersection of East Main and James Street, June 24.

Seese was indicated at fault for failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop intersection.

Dispatched to West Main and Broadway Streets, June 30, the Lowell Police report a property damage accident, involving two vehicles.

A car driven by Craig Alvin Wittenbach of Lowell was struck in the rear by a car driven by John Mitchell of Lowell. Mitchell was cited for failure to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

## Census Survey Asks Disability Questions

Information on the disability of individuals will be collected from a sample of households in this area in a survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census. Robert G. McWilliam, Director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Detroit, announced the survey will be taken during the week of July 16-20.

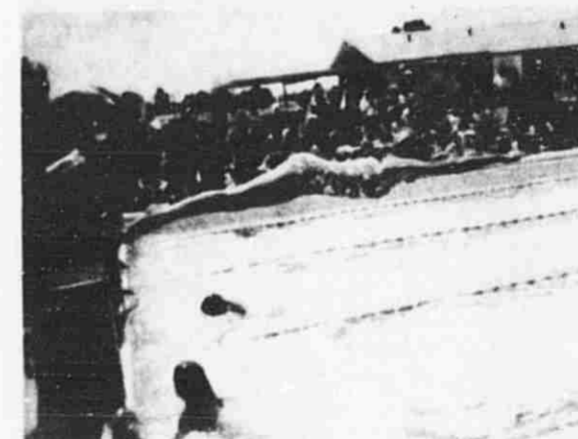
The questions are in addition to the usual ones asked in the monthly survey on employment and unemployment conducted nationwide by the Census Bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor. The questions on disability are asked for the Social Security Administration.

The results of the monthly survey on employment and unemployment provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation. For example, total employment in May held steady at its all-time high of 84 million—2.5 million more than 12 months earlier. And the out-of-work rate stayed at 5 percent, the rate held since late last fall.

Households in this area taking part in the survey are part of the 50,000 nationwide scientifically selected to represent a cross section of all households.

All information about individuals and families provided the Census Bureau is confidential by law and can be published only as statistical totals.

Interviewers who will visit households here are: Shirley A. Ford and Mrs. Lucy Hall.



Sue Stormzand takes a practice dive in YMCA Swim competition.

## Bids Taken For Rebuilding Third Section of Road

Bids were taken Tuesday by the Kent County Road Commission to build the third section of Lincoln Lake Avenue north of Lowell. This section between Vergennes Street and Fallsburg Park Drive will complete 3 1/2 miles of Lincoln Lake Avenue from Lowell to Downes Street.

The section of the road from Fallsburg Park Drive to Downes is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The section bid this week will improve the sight distance, provide good shoulders and calls for the relocation of Bailey Drive intersection to a point 200 ft. north of its present location.

At the intersection of Vergennes Street and Lincoln Lake Avenue, the plan calls for moving the house of Richard Willard away from the corner where it blocks the vision of traffic going west on Vergennes Street.

Low bidder for the project is the firm of Pickett & Schreur with a bid of \$256,000, the project is scheduled for completion by December 15, 1973.

## Mystery Photo



This week's mystery picture can be identified Friday at noon by calling 897-9261.

The first correct guesser will receive a free year's subscription.

Our last mystery photo was John Lewis.

## Immunization Reminder To Parents . . .

The Kent County Health Department has an Immunization Clinic at the East Kent Community Center, 10763 Grand River Drive, Lowell.

A Public Health Nurse is at the Center the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. She will give immunizations and tuberculin skin tests, and counsel parents regarding health needs.

Parents of children who will be entering Kindergarten this September are reminded to be sure their child's immunizations are up to date. Parents are encouraged to go to their private physician for this service, or to attend one of the Public Health Immunization Clinics.

"SOUND OF MUSIC"—Coming to the Strand Theatre, Lowell, for one full week in August.



## Pleaser!

Things got mighty damp when the firemen from Cascade and Ada got together for their annual waterball fight on the Fourth of July. The action took place at the Ada Ball Field.



## It Was Slippery!

Getting a head start on contestants, the greased pig at the Ada Fourth of July celebration proved a favorite part of the day for the youngsters who chased it, and the spectators who watched the action!









## Life-long Resident Jennie Kropf Dies On 91st Birthday

Mrs. Jennie E. Kropf of 12079 Four Mile Road NE passed away June 27th on her 91st birthday. She lived her entire life in the Moseley-Alton area and devoted many hours to local activities, including the Alton Ladies Aid of which she was a charter member.

Mrs. Kropf is survived by three sons, Delbert and Carl of Lowell and Eugene of Belding; three daughters, Mrs. Adelbert (Cora) Ford of Lowell, Mrs. Hilton (Lillian) Briggs of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Raymond (Emma) Herron of Lansing; two brothers, Stephen Rennells of Greenville and Melvin Rennells of Lansing; nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian, in 1961 and a son, Earl, in 1972.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment was in Alton Cemetery.

### FINISHES NAVAL TRAINING

Navy Seaman Recruit Gary J. Lorch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Lorch of 516 Cambridge Blvd., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois.



## Leisure Lovin' George Resigns

A little more time to relax! That's what George Dey has in mind after stepping down as the Lowell Lions Club Secretary for the past 17 years. Tim Perry, the new secretary looks on as George briefs him of his official duties.

George says he has enjoyed being an officer of the Club, but he will also enjoy his new position, that position his body takes in the picture. Besides Tim, who took office July 1, the other elected Club officials in-

clude: Carlen Anderson, President; Art Warning, first Vice-president; Ron Holst, second Vice-president; Carl Christiansen, third Vice-president; Bernie Kropf, Treasurer.

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## Gale A. Shook, 71 Passes; Rites Held

Gale A. Shook, aged 71, of 195 S. Center St., Lowell, passed away July 4 at Butterworth Hospital and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Mina; three sons, Rev. Elvis E. Shook of Temperence, Elgie of Kalamazoo, and Bryan of Lowell; one daughter, Mrs. William (Eldora) Schmidt of Sparta; three brothers, Lloyd of Lake Odesa, Eldred of So. Sioux City, Nebraska and Frank of Grand Rapids; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth DeVries of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Martha Slesman of Grandville, Mrs. Arthur (Florence) Owen of Wyoming; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 7 at the chapel. Rev. Elvin Yates of the Lowell Wesleyan Church, officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

## Former Lowell Woman Helps Direct Workshop

Suzanne Thaler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler of Lowell, was assistant director of Northwood Institute's 11th annual High School Journalism-News-paper Workshop June 18-23.

During the school year she is a teacher and newspaper advisor at Durand High School. Miss Thaler is a graduate of Michigan State University.

## Law Requires Vision Testing of Children Before School Entry

Parents of children starting school next September are reminded that state law requires vision testing of these children before entering school.

County Health Director, Dr. W.B. Prothro, said the law requires that vision screening tests be given by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician, a licensed optometrist, or a certified vision technician of the Health Department.

Dr. Prothro said it is expected that most of the children will be examined by their physician or optometrist at the time of the preschool physical examination. The law also requires immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, rubella and polio. A tuberculin skin test is also required.

Dr. Prothro said one of the more serious defects found by the vision testing program is the "lazy eye" which leads to one-eye blindness, found in two or three children out of every 100.

As the child grows older, the weak eye becomes weaker and sight ultimately is lost. If this condition is discovered when the child is young, blindness in the weak eye can be prevented.

Eye tests are especially important in young children because eyes change rapidly with growth, Dr. Prothro concluded.

Preschool vision testing is now being done at the Health Department, at 1619 Walker, N.W., and will continue until Labor Day. Hours for the test are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Appointments may be made by calling 456-3444.

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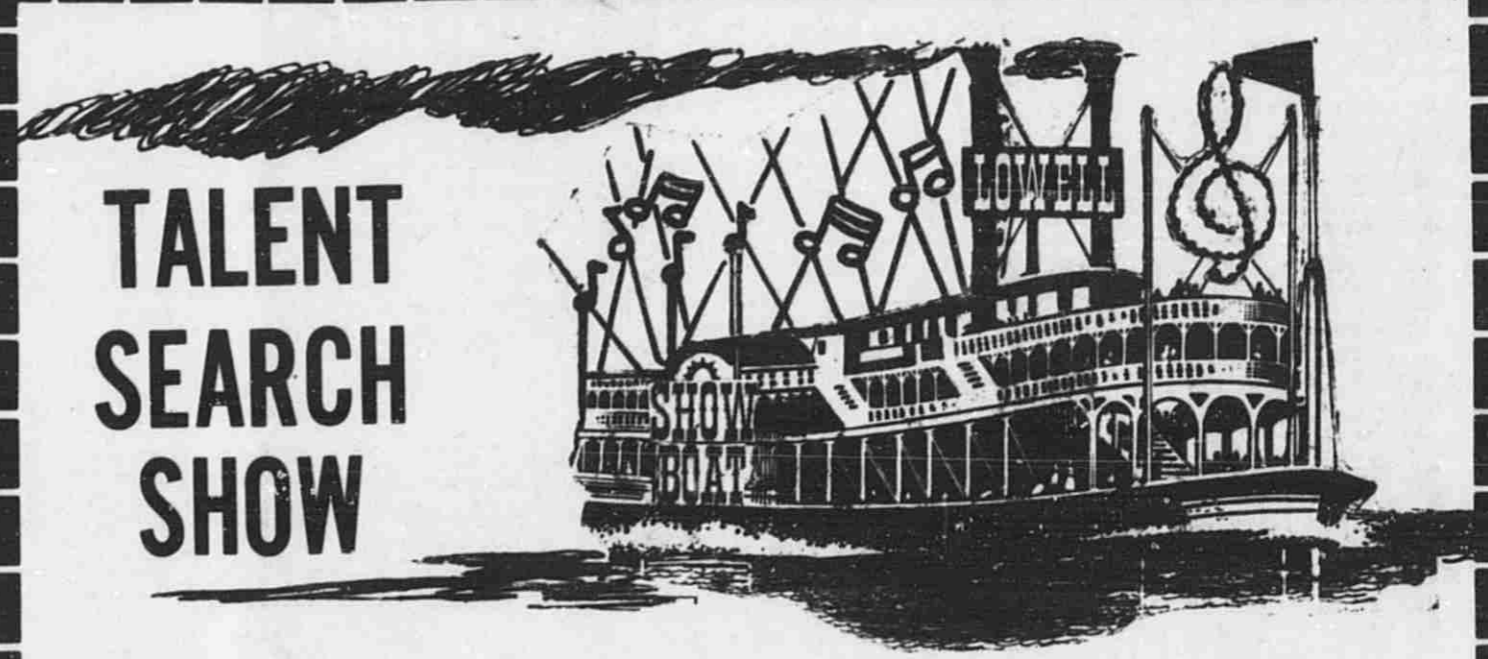
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