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## High School Doors To Swing Open On September 4

Lowell Senior High school students will start school September 4. The starting time will be 8:30 a.m., and students will finish at 2:55. The lunch hours will be divided into three (3) sections with the first lunch period starting at 11:30.

Student schedules have been mailed out along with locker assignments. Juniors and Seniors will be given lockers in the new addition. A map of the high school including the new addition was included with the mailed out schedules.

The high school has added some new teachers over the summer, to teach some of the new courses brought about by the curriculum revision last year.

Mrs. Priscilla Rogers will be teaching Speech; Miss Virginia Thome, Spanish; Robert Rice, Band Director; Mr. Gail Hirschy, Graphic Arts; and John Forshee, Consumer Auto Mechanics.

The construction to the new high school is almost completed and the staff and administration are looking forward to working again with the excellent student body of Lowell Senior High School.

## Rev. Wilfred Fiet To Be Installed At Ada Church

The Rev. Wilfred Fiet will be installed as pastor of the Ada Community Reformed Church by the classis of North Grand Rapids September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Howard Schipper, President of Classis and Pastor of Bethany Reformed Church will have charge of the installation service. Rev. Fiet was born at Morrison, Illinois, and attended the Trinity Reformed Church of Fulton. He is a graduate of Central College and his seminary studies were taken at Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. Fiet has served the Olivet Reformed Church of Muskegon, Michigan, and most recently the Community Reformed Church of Dolton, Illinois. He has three children; Leanne, Lowell, and Loren.

The Fiet family will move into their home at 5610 Farhill S.E. August 30.

## Ada Woman Named Among Top Ten Sales Reps

J. Lorraine Merren of Ada has been named to the top ten salesman's roster, it was announced by the Institute for Business Planning, Inc., one of the nation's leading publishers of information on the planning aspects of taxation, insurance, and finance.

Mrs. Merren is a graduate of Wayne State University, a past president of the American Business Women's Association, and Woman-of-the-Year. The Merrens reside in Ada.

## Olson Assigned To Benton Harbor



Trooper Olson

Ronald W. Olson of Lowell was among the recruits who became Michigan State Police troopers during graduation ceremonies August 24 at the National Guard Armory in Lansing.

Principle speaker for the occasion was Frank J. Kelly, State Attorney General. Col. John R. Plants, Department Director, gave the oath of office to the new officers and presented their badges.

Post assignments for the officers who report to their first stations August 30 were announced by Lt. Col. Forrest J. Jacob, Deputy Director. Olson, son of former Lowell City Manager and Mrs. Bernard C. Olson of Milan, Michigan, will be at the Benton Harbor Post.

Another graduate, Joseph T. Stuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuck of Route 1, Saranac, has been assigned to the Cadillac Post.

## Award Posthumously Conferred On DeVries

A Michigan State Police award for valor, the department's highest tribute to an enlisted member, is included in the 14 citations for officers and two for civilians authorized by the board of awards, Col. John R. Plants, director, reported.

The valor award is posthumously conferred upon Tpr. Steven B. DeVries, 32, who was fatally shot last October near Niles by a bank robbery suspect (Kenneth E. Oliver, 33, Detroit) who was convicted in June for first degree murder and given a prison life term.

The valor citation for DeVries, formerly of Lowell, noted that he "bravely fulfilled his duty even at the sacrifice of his life. He exemplified the finest traditions of the Michigan State Police and his name will forever be inscribed on the honor roll of their most illustrious officers."

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

## Multi-Purpose Unit To Open In Lowell Soon

A multi-purpose senior citizens' center administered by Senior Neighbors, Inc., will open in Lowell soon, according to County Commissioner Arnold Wittenbach.

The center is one of five covered under a contract between Kent County and Senior Neighbors, a United Fund agency. Financial support for the centers is provided by federal HEW Title III monies, the Grand Rapids Foundation and the United Fund.

A site for the Lowell center is being sought. It will be staffed by a director and two assistants, not yet hired.

Eleanor Hargrove, Executive Director of Senior Neighbors, said the Lowell center will offer the same types of services as the other centers now provide, including social and educational programs and activities, information and referral, counseling and volunteer activities.

"The center will serve not only the city of Lowell, but also the eastern part of Kent County," Wittenbach said. The commissioner said selection of the site is expected soon.

## Award Winner



Mitch McNeal, above, was recently selected as the most outstanding member of the 1972-73 YMCA Jr. Hi-Y Club. Mitch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNeal, 521 Elizabeth Street, Lowell.

He has served the Jr. Hi-Y Club as President for the past two years and was selected for the award by the club members, his teachers, and the club's advisor, Al Eckman.

Also selected as being one of the top members from their club were: Scott Homolka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Homolka, 429 High Street, Lowell; Tom Kempker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kempker, 916 Lincoln Lake, Lowell; and Ray Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Alexander, 209 Brook Street, Lowell.

The above mentioned boys enjoyed a two-day trip to Cedar Point, Ohio, last week.

## Special Holiday Traffic Patrols

Special Michigan State Police traffic patrols for the three-day Labor Day weekend will begin operations at noon Friday, August 31, and continue through to midnight, Monday, September 3.

Traffic accidents during that holiday period last year in Michigan claimed 33 lives, which is the average loss for Labor Day weekend in the 10 years 1963-72. High loss in that span was 51 during the weekend in 1968 while the low toll of 24 was recorded in 1971.

Michigan residents and visitors are urged to use extra care in all their holiday activities to lessen the risk of accidents. Normal precautions should include using safety belts in cars and life preservers in boats.

Maximum traffic patrol coverage will be provided by the State Police from 3 to at least 9 p.m. daily during the holiday weekend. As in the past, special attention also will be devoted to highway sections having bad accident experiences.



RECORDS ARRIVE . . .

The 45 record cut by soloist Terry Buck and arranger Tom Hagen have arrived at Lippert's Pharmacy and Rosie Drive Inn.

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NEW SHOW TIMES . . .

Effective September 7, the Strand Theatre on West Main Street will alter their show schedule:

One show will be shown at 7:45 p.m. on Fridays; one show at 7:45 p.m. on Saturdays; and two shows on Sunday—one at 3 p.m. and one at 7:45.

TAKES NAIL POLISH . . .

Anna Haines of Alto was arrested August 15 for larceny of a 49 cent bottle of finger nail polish from Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street.

BUSINESSES ENTERED . . .

An open investigation is underway by Lowell Police evolving around the breaking and entering of Cary's Gee Hardware August 25. Entry made through a side door, netted the culprits \$39.50.

Entry was also made into the Lowell Ledger. The thieves left empty handed.

APPREHEND FIVE . . .

Lowell Police were informed by the Kent County Sheriff's Department August 21, that they have solved the breaking and entering of the Lowell Cut Rate Market on East Main Street.

Five subjects have been apprehended . . . they have also been implicated in several break ins outside of the city.

OPEN BOWLING . . .

The American Legion Lanes will commence their Fall and Winter schedule of open and league bowling September 4.

Special week day prices (40 cents per game) will be offered this year.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL . . .

All the pertinent information regarding the September 4 opening of Lowell Area Schools can be found elsewhere in this edition.

HAZEL HOSPITALIZED . . .

Main Street's oldest retail merchant, Hazel Hoag was taken by ambulance to Butterworth Hospital Monday.

Let's remember her with cards, she's in room 629.

CONTRACT RATIFIED . . .

By a majority vote of Lowell teachers, a 3-year contract was ratified last Thursday night after an estimated 100 hours of bargaining between the School Board and the teachers' negotiating team.

The new contract calls for a cost of living adjustment over the next 2 years. Starting salary for a beginning teacher was set at \$8,550, a 4.7 percent increase over last year.

## -Mystery Photo-



Thelma Page of 1339 Grand River Drive, Lowell was the winner of the mystery picture last week, identifying the Hobo Party participants. They were Carrie Gulliford, Alra Rathburn, Henrietta Good, Ina Potter, Thelma Page, Lora Dawson, Maud Adriance, Pearl Jones, and Lizzie Spencer. Be the first to identify our Mystery Photo this week by phoning 897-9261 at noon on Friday.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Catherine Jefferies of Lowell in the death of her brother, John R. Young, 61, of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Young passed away August 22. Services were held Saturday with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

To the family of Mrs. William (Betty Ruth Maloney) Jensen in the unexpected death of her husband Sunday.

"CINDERELLA" & "CHARLIE AND THE ANGEL"—Coming to the Strand Theatre soon. c20-21

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special: Olive Burgers 45¢. Family Nite — Tuesday Nite, 4-8. Roasted Chicken To Go. c-21



## Second In Nation

Gary Kropf, local motorcycle enthusiast has won the second place spot in the nation in the Hare Scramble races according to the September issue of the AMA News (American Motorcycle Association). Gary's amateur point standings in the 101cc to 125cc class for the first six months of '73 gained him the favorable position.

The Hare Scramble is run over a rough terrain on a closed circuit course.

Art Blough, also of Lowell, won 2nd place in the 351 to 500 cc class in the national standings for ice racing, the AMA News revealed.





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## The Levee Review Club

Their 65+ age has seldom deterred a group of eleven retired men from starting out their day with a breakfast at the Levee Restaurant on Lowell's Main Street each morning for the past six years.

Calling themselves the "Levee Review Club," many topics have been viewed and reviewed over many cups of coffee and orders of bacon and eggs or whatever the appetite might call for.

"All fish lies started and stopped here," joked one member, as an example of the obviously enjoyable morning repartee indulged in by the group as they tried to give this reporter last Friday morning, some idea of the scope of subjects covered.

Ranging in age from 69 to 82, Thelma (Cookie) Roth has made sure each member's birthday was observed by a special cake or some other remembrance.

Although counting the hours until final closing time Sunday after the 15th's eighteenth year existence, Thelma told the group she was going to miss all of them and would like them to return for breakfast Saturday morning—"on the house."

Members of the group include Lyle Armstrong, Alto; Oswald Biere, Dave Clark, George DeGraw, Clyde Kinyon, Tom LaPreze, Charles Shaw, Frank Stephens, James Sullivan, all of Lowell; Ray Purchase, Ada and Guy Quiggle of Cascade.

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**Hanrahan Receives Meritorious Award**  
 U. S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Peter D. Hanrahan, son of Mrs. John W. Hanrahan, 2236 Shawnee Drive SE, has received the Meritorious Service Medal at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Colonel Hanrahan was cited for his outstanding duty performance at Sheppard as an operations officer with the 90th Flying Training Squadron.

He now serves as chief of the operations branch, Department of Field Training, School of Applied Aerospace Sciences.

The colonel has served in Vietnam and holds the aeronautical rating of command pilot.

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## Fishing Derby Attracts 60

For twelve-year-old David Adriane of Lowell, it was a good day for fishing Saturday, despite the fact that some ole timers had related the prediction of no bites today!

Adriane, participating in the Lowell Moose Civic Affairs' annual fishing derby, took top honors of the day by recording a catch of 24.

Some 60 boys and girls crowded around Smit's pond, east of Lowell on M-21, to cast their lines in and hopefully get a nibble or two that would net them one of the top cash prizes.

The largest bluegill was hooked by nine-year-old Chris Vera. It measured 7 3/4 inches. A sunfish, 7 1/2 inches long, was brought in by ten-year-old Doug Myers.

Spanning the measuring stick to 15 inches was the bass caught by Chris Risner, 13. Jay Vezino, 14, caught a 13 inch bullhead.

A tie for catching the smallest fish of the day was registered by Tom Alexander, 10, and Carla Burton, 12. Their catches measured 3 1/2 inches.

According to derby chairman Jim Timmons the kids had a great day, topped off by a visit from the Moose Chuck Wagon loaded with lots of goodies.

"Next year's derby," Timmons added "should be bigger and better than ever and we're looking forward to seeing all of the kids again."

Another youth special, sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee, is coming up with the time and the place to be announced.

Red Baker, Civic Affairs Chairman has deemed the event "Youth Honor Day." Keep watching for more details. Jim Timmons will serve as co-chairman of the day which will pay special tribute to the Youth of the Community.

## LOOKING BACK

**40 YEARS AGO**

The country was about to embark on a plan of industrial reorganization commonly known as the N.R.A., the brain child of the 'brain trusters' of the Roosevelt administration.

Citizens were asked to patronize those merchants displaying the Blue Eagle emblem on their windows.

Local dairies announced a price increase to become effective September 1 made necessary because of the "new high cost of grains, dairy feed and general operating expenses." Milk 10¢ a quart, cream 1/2 pt., 12¢.

Through the federal Public Works Program, approval had been given for the surfacing of M-21.

From an article written concerning State affairs was this paragraph: Probably there has never been a time in the history of the nation when the average individual citizen has been more disturbed than at the present moment. Generally it is said we have entered upon a new era in business and in government. It is but a short time ago when the cry of the nation was for government to get out of business. There was revulsion against bureaucracy. There was a tremendous wave against public expense. Today, business has yielded itself almost entirely, and without an apparent remonstrance, to governmental control. Never in the history of the nation has public money been spent with so lavish a hand.

## Availability Of Aerial Photographs

Anyone having need for aerial photos may obtain them for any given area in Michigan by contacting the Michigan State ASCS Office at 1405 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan. Walter Wittenbach, Chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, stated that USDA provides aerial photos of the lower peninsula of Michigan about every seven or eight years. The upper peninsula is flown by the U.S. Forest Service at lesser intervals.

Anyone may obtain these photos at a nominal cost of any one of several scales varying from 3334" to the inch up to 300" to the inch. Prints cover four square miles unless a special order is filed. The costs are from \$1.75 for 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" up to \$9.00 for 38" x 38"

Wittenbach further points out that these photos can be ordered to an exact scale so that accurate distance between given points may be obtained without ground measurement. Also, exact acreages may be determined for any given area such as fields, lakes, woods, etc. Photos are used extensively for land-use planning, urban development, drainage projects, high layouts, etc. The total uses are too countless to name.

Another interesting note, Wittenbach points out, is that the private sale of photos pays 80 percent of the over-all cost for aerial photography.

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Storage For Grains  
 Dorn Diehl, State Executive Director of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, says the USDA recognizes the value of having adequate on-the-farm storage and drying equipment. The facility loan program has assisted many farmers in obtaining on-farm storage and drying facilities.

Diehl says that since the beginning of the program in 1949 through 1972, approximately \$640.9 million dollars have been loaned to farmers through 356,650 loans. These loans included farm storage structures with storage capacity of almost 1.8 billion bushels. Forty-nine percent of the total storage capacity built under the program has been completed since 1967.

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