



IN RIGHT PLACE AT RIGHT TIME . . .

Local TV news reported recently the averting of a possible drowning of a youth whose boat was sucked out from under him by the swift current of Thornapple River. A driver traveling along Thornapple River Drive observed the plight of the boatman and quickly went to his aid. It has been reported to the Ledger that it was Bill Thompson, 20, of 418 King Street, Lowell, whose plunge into icy waters saved the boy's life despite a fractured knee for which he was operated on January 28th.

NOT A SURPRISE . . .

It was not known what happened at Punsutawany, Pennsylvania, but in Lowell the 'groundhog' did not see his shadow February 2. If the groundhog tradition holds true there will not be another six weeks of winter. However, winter does not officially end until March 21.

SIX INCHES FALL . . .

The area experienced another of its winter blizzards which began during the day last Friday extending through the night. Some six inches of snow fell during the several hour period causing some drifting and returning some of the deep snow which was lost during a couple of nearly 50 degree temperatures and rain during mid-week.

Saturday morning highways and streets were mostly snow covered, slippery and difficult to drive on.

UP ANOTHER NICKEL . . .

Michigan drivers began paying between 2.6 and 5.4 cents a gallon more for gasoline February 1 under price increases announced by five major oil firms.

The oil companies also told their dealers this month's gasoline allocations will be cut.

WERE THEIR FACES RED . . .

State authorities are pointing the finger at one school district—they don't want to say where—whose schools had to be closed for a day because a State Police inspection team suddenly swooped down and found 18 school buses unsafe to drive. The team "red tagged" the buses on the spot, which means they couldn't be used until fixed.

Lowell can be very proud of their fleet, which is kept in top-notch shape, insuring a safe ride for students.

NEW ADDITION AT KING MILLING . . .

The recent erection of an elevator leg at King Milling Company will facilitate the distribution of wheat into six grain tanks. The grain will be deposited in pits after harvest, weighed, and then will travel at the rate of 3,000 bushels an hour up the leg and into the storage bins.

"The leg will speed up the receiving of wheat and will mean less time spent waiting in line for the farmer hauling his grain to market," King Doyle, company president, reported.

NEW RADIOS W/REPEATERS

New radios with repeaters were installed February 4 in the Lowell Police Department cruisers. Each car will now be carrying walkie-talkies which have been installed to provide more safety for the officers and provide better communication.

A demonstration of the new equipment was made by Police Chief Barry Emmons at the City Council meeting on Monday night.

WAIVES EXAMINATION

Harold Jones of Lowell waived examination in Circuit Court Friday on two felony counts and three counts of larceny. He was arrested by Lowell Police in connection with entries made at the House of Townsend, Superior Furniture and Grants in Ionia.

Bandsmen Get High Ratings

Lowell High School had an unusually large turnout at the District Band Solo and Ensemble contest held at Hope College last Saturday. Approximately 30 band members registered for the exacting competition which determines those eligible to compete in the State finals.

Under the able direction of Robert Rice, Lowell band instructor, several came away with top Number One ratings, which automatically put them in the finals: Sue Christenson, flute solo; Lori Courser and Terri McMahon, clarinet duet; Ron Krebs, piano solo; John Rash, baritone solo, and Barb Sterzick, flute solo.

Distinguishing themselves with Number Two ratings (which signifies above average excellence) were Tom Berg, saxophone solo; Mark Blough, Bonnie Shade, Paul Wittenbach and Phil Gerard, trombone quartet; Pam Galbreath, clarinet solo; Phil Gerard and Paul Wittenbach, trombone duet; Ron Krebs, oboe solo; Terri McMahon, Lori Courser, Mary Roth, Doug Anderson and Terry Raymor, clarinet quintet; Mary Roth and Pam Galbreath, clarinet duet; Cindy Vader, saxophone solo, and Pat VanSlyke and Brenda Clark, cornet duet.

Receiving Number Three ratings (a good average performance) were Denise Cadwallader and Becky Gerard, French horn duet; Susan Sinke, trombone solo; Barb Sterzick, piano solo, and Valarie Videan and Chris Wynalds, flute duet.

None of the Lowell musicians received any Four or Five ratings.

POLL PROBES PROBLEMS

Is There Trouble Here?

By Sam

Is there a pending problem in the Lowell Area School District? If so, what?

These and other questions are being asked this week, as the Ledger attempts to unveil the main reason and/or reasons for a recent barrage of "Letters to the Editor," which indicated that all is not well.

Is it a few who feel discontent . . . is it many . . . are the problems that small or that great . . . are they of the utmost importance that a wall of non-communication should be built between the parents, students and school officials . . . who is really at fault . . . and what does it all boil down to?

This we hope to find out this week, as we ask the public to speak up. If you feel you have a reason to complain, then do it! If you feel you have a good point to make, pro or con, than do it! But do it now.

At first I was going to place my opinion poll in the line of direct questions, but since talking with so many people, have decided that this is not the route to take in feeling out the thoughts of those who wish to participate.

Since I have been deemed the "Mediator in the middle of the middle," here's what I propose to do, and what I hope to accomplish in clearing the air, and getting back to the basics of providing our children with the best education possible.

1. I would like to hear all sides of the story. If you've had something to say for a long time, but have hesitated to speak up . . . now is the time to do it . . . bring it out into the open . . . don't slide it under the carpet any longer, hoping one day it will disappear.

Students, give me your thoughts, parents, let me know your complaints, and citizens, let me hear from you, too.

2. Upon receipt of all letters, I will, without revealing any names, condense your comments and present them as a whole to the Board of Education, in hopes that we can clear up what you feel is the pending problems within the school system. Also, without using names, a resume of the poll being taken will also be made available to our readers.

If I receive no further letters, then we don't have a problem, do we? But if I do, then I, as a concerned parent, citizen and editor of this newspaper will do my utmost to see that something is done . . . either to correct the problem completely, or put it on the roadway to settlement. They say you can't fight city hall, but no one wins any kind of a battle without first trying. I cannot promise immediate results, but I can promise you that all possible measures will be taken to get answers and solutions.

The Board of Education is willing to listen, and I'm willing to talk on the behalf of the people in this community. So, if you want me to speak up, now's the time.

All comments should be mailed to Box 128, Lowell, dropped in the mail slot on our door at 105 N. Broadway Street, or brought into the office.

See And Hear About Denmark



Shawn Ayres, YFU Exchange student, encourages weekly attendance at the travelogue showings at the high school.

More local residents continue to turn out for the Lowell Exchange Students public lectures covering the countries in which they lived last summer.

Sue Condon not only spoke and showed slides of the Philippines, but also beautifully presented two native dances and displayed many items of interest that she brought back from the islands.

Berndt, a German Y.F.U. Exchange student, now living with the Condons, also took part in one of the folk dances and executed an equally excellent performance.

Next Monday night at 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium, Lori Courser will tell of her many diversified experiences in Denmark and also show slides of that country. The program is free and all members of the community are urged to attend.



Last week's snow fall provided a unique setting for the covered bridge at Fallsburg Park.

Seek Senior Citizen Housing

Acquisition of 23 of the more than 30 federally subsidized (235) houses in the Valley Vista Area may be a strong possibility and would provide low-rental housing for senior citizens, City Manager Blaine Bacon reported to Council Members Monday night at their regular meeting.

Recognizing the need for such housing, members of both the City Planning Commission and City Housing Commission have explored various avenues in an effort to obtain the houses which have been vacant for many months, Bacon stated.

Now hopes seem higher with applications ready to be sent to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. If acquired, the houses would rent for about \$64 per month including utilities and maintenance. No cost to the City is involved except for the loss of about \$200,000 tax base, but Bacon said he felt the improvements that would be made to the 23 units would effect a total upgrade of the area and would ultimately compensate the loss.

George Watson, Oakwood Cemetery sexton, presented for Council consideration a well thought out proposal for a City tree planting plan. Watson suggested several species of trees that would be hardy and disease resistant. The tree planting program would be long range, over about a 10 year period, and would include the removal and replacement of dead or diseased trees as well as new planting sites. Estimated cost would run about \$18 for a 1 1/4" to 1 1/2", 8-10 ft. tree, including labor.

Open Statement

This statement by the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education is intended to express its feelings concerning the recent criticism of our schools appearing in the Lowell Ledger and Suburban Life and is not meant to be a rebuttal or attack on the recent letters to the editor concerning dissatisfaction with certain functions of the school system.

It is the aim of the Board to provide the best possible educational system it can within the resources available.

The Lowell Board of Education welcomes letters, comments, phone calls or any other form of communication whether they are critical or constructive in nature. We, however, firmly believe that in order to be fair to the student or parties involved, no confidential situation shall be discussed, argued, or explained in the local, or any, paper. In order to clarify our position on certain decisions, it would necessitate the opening of a student's personal file. This absolutely cannot and will not be done in the form of a public letter or any meeting open to the public.

The Board is aware that changes have to be made periodically concerning the operation of our school district. During the first three months of the present school year, many policies were updated, changed, deleted, and revised. Presently we are in the process of doing the same with the Expulsion and Suspension Policy. In order for your Board of Education to do a proper job, we need input from every possible source. Therefore, as members of the Lowell Area School System, please feel free to contact a board member or a member of the newly formed Suspension and Expulsion Review Committee concerning your viewpoints on any school related matter. We would even appreciate your compliments.

Valentine Stories Are Filled With Warm Thoughts

A "Comic Valentine" will be arriving at member libraries of the Kent County Library System for preschoolers during the week of St. Valentine's Day.

Betty Garver and Patricia Feehan of the Children's Services Department, will present a 30-minute program featuring stories filled with warm thoughts.

Books to be used in the program will be "May I Bring a Friend?" by Beatrice De Regniers, "Yummers" and "George and Martha" by James Marshall, "Gladys Told Me to Meet Her Here" by Marjorie Sharmat, and "The Happy Lion" by Louise Fatio.

The Valentine program will be given Monday, February 11, at the Lowell Library at 10:30 a.m.; on Tuesday, February 12, at the Cascade Library at 9:30 a.m.

February is the birthday month of many famous Americans—Washington, Edison, Lincoln, Marian Anderson and Charles Lindbergh—to name a few. Learn more about these outstanding persons. Make a trip soon to your nearby Kent County Library where there are books about these and other famous men and women.

The Lowell Library is open: Monday, 10:30-5:30; Tuesday, 12-8:30; Friday, 1:30-6; and Saturday 10-5:30.

Funds from HUD have reduced the cost of running 156 feet of sanitary sewer on James Street. Council moved the \$1,510.60 special assessment be spread to the two affected property owners, Mrs. Lorna Franks and James Briggs—\$775.30 each.

Council concurred with Williams and Works engineers' recommendation to approve the extension of the contract between Gillisse Construction Co. and the Kent County Department of Public Works from December 5, 1973 to June 1, 1974, and that the one year guarantee take effect upon completion of work and final acceptance is made.

Post Office Begins Selling Food Stamps



Lowell Postal Clerk, George Roberts, processes some of the 48 food stamp transactions made at the office on Monday.

Lowell Postmaster C. R. Doyle announced that sixteen postal units in Kent County were ready to begin selling food stamps for the Kent County Department of Social Services Friday, February 1.

The post offices where food stamps will be sold are Ada, Alto, Belmont, Byron Center, Caledonia, Cedar Springs, Comstock Park, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Lowell, Rockford, and Sparta. In Grand Rapids the stamps will be available at the Main Post Office, 225 Michigan NW, Station "C", 1451 Lake Drive SE; Seymour Square Station, 2017 Eastern Ave. SE; South-Kent Branch, 4316 S. Division; and Wyoming Branch, 2929 Michael Ave. SW.

In each of the post offices food stamps will be sold "only" during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. These are the hours when we can best serve the food stamp customer and when they are least likely to interfere with our other postal business, Doyle said.

State Aid Money Paid To Schools

Lowell Area Schools have been informed they are to receive funds as part of the six payments made to them each year from the State Aid Fund to be distributed in February.

In figures released, the Lowell system will receive \$284,000, plus \$3,218 in Title I funds.

Other area schools will receive: Belding \$226,000; Lakewood, \$347,920; Saranac, \$129,150 plus \$3,498 in Title I funds.

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THE STATE SAVINGS BANK—Of Lowell will be closed all day Tuesday, February 12, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday. c44

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Engaged To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. John VonEhr of 7707 Knapp Street, Ada, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cherie, to Dr. David Alan Dudley of Kalamazoo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dudley, of Charlottesville, Indiana.

Miss Von Ehr was graduated from Lowell High School, and is attending Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

Dr. Dudley was graduated from Bell State University, Muncie, Indiana, and Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is an intern at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

The couple plan a candlelight ceremony at Knapp Street Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, on the sixteenth of March.

Committee Named To Review And Update 'Code'

Lowell Board of Education President Robert Reagan has announced the appointment of a community committee to review and update the school's Code of Conduct for students and bring back a recommendation for revision. The committee was appointed as a result of a request from school administrators at the December 10 board meeting.

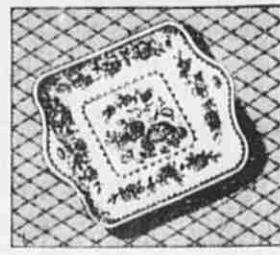
The committee involves approximately 30 people representing students, school personnel, parents, and citizens. It is very representative of the community as a whole, including people who have recently criticized school personnel in the Ledger.

Those who have agreed so far to serve are: Donald Kelly, chairman; Dennis McMahon, Mrs. Dorothy Flier, Art Bieri, Roger Buck, George Cook, Barry Emmons, Rev. Dean Bailey, Mrs. Gladys Benedict, Mrs. William Yost, Mrs. Clara Winggier, Dr. Robert Reagan, Mrs. Duke Collins, Ernie Blasher, John Troy, B. J. Kromf, David Winggier, Roger Roberts, Mrs. Rose Ball, Mrs. Donald Beachum, Mrs. Donna Gerard, Jim Hall, H. D. Monroe, Ray Jones, Mrs. Barbara Curtis, Roger Kropf, Arnold Kimball, Gary Gilbert, Mrs. Virginia Fonger, Roger Graham, Bill Nowak, Dave Beach, Miss Martha Applegate, Al Burrows, Miss Linda Ball, Mrs. Judy Merckinger and Mrs. Judy Baird.

Anyone wishing to provide input to the revision of this policy is invited to sit in on the committee meetings or contact any of the members.

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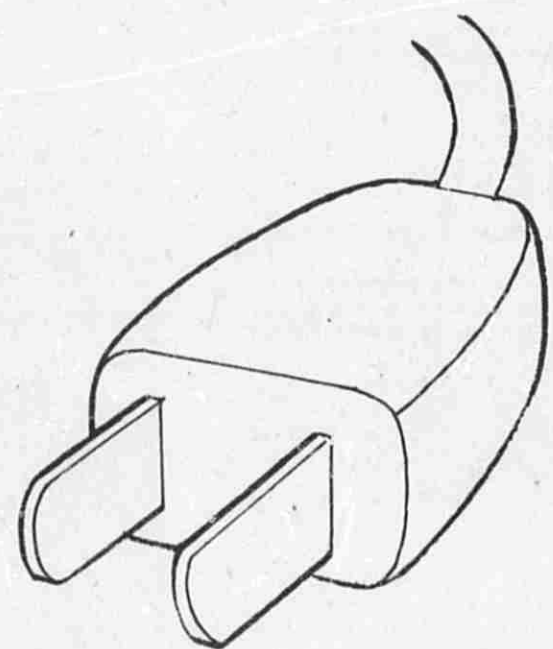


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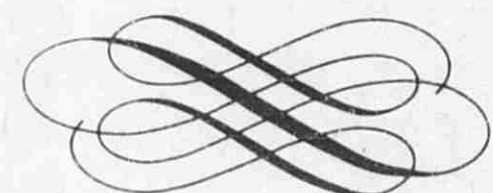
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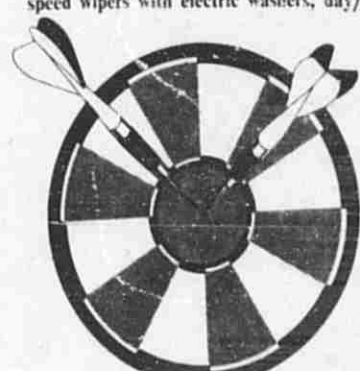


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TUESDAY:	Hamburgers w/Catsup or Mustard Pickles, Carrots & Celery Buttered Mixed Vegetables Applesauce & Cookies Milk
WEDNESDAY:	Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Potatoes w/ Butter Peas Bread or Rolls Cranberry Jelly Peaches Milk
THURSDAY:	Milk Chili & Crackers Cabbage Salad Hillbilly Bread Orange Jello with Whip Milk
FRIDAY:	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Green Beans Pickles, Carrots and Celery Chilled Fruit Cup Milk

Completes Basic...



Airman Virginia Ridgway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ridgway of Key Heights, Lowell, has completed her basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Mrs. Ridgway has been transferred to Shepard Field, Texas, for three weeks of advanced technical training. From there, she will be sent to California, for on-the-job training in clinical dental work for one year.

The new airman graduated from Lowell High School in 1970.

BITS O' BUSINESS

U. S. consumption of silver last year probably totaled 185 million ounces, up 22 percent from 1972 use of 151 million, according to government estimates. An important factor in the rise was the growing interest in collecting silver medallions, coins and small embossed items. Foreign companies invested \$1.5 billion in new plants in this country last year, bringing the total plant commitment to \$16 billion.

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'Witness Of The Zion Community' February Theme

February 10 will find Priest Lloyd DeVormer the speaker for the 11 a.m. Worship and Priest James Smith speaker for the 6 p.m. service. This will take place at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8147-68th Street.

Wednesday evening fellowship service will follow the theme "Office Work of the Spirit" with Elder Ivan Stark as speaker. This is a time of sharing our prayers and testimonies to strengthen each other.

The J. High Retreat will be held February 8, 9 and 10 at Chief Noonday Outdoor Center in Yankee Springs.

The Women's meeting this month will be held on February 21. Lorraine Lautenschlager will be the hostess with Bonnie Colburn as co-hostess. The theme will be Patience.

Services Set For Firmie Fairfield, 62

A rural Lowell man, Firmie Fairfield, aged 62, of 13879 Covered Bridge Rd., passed away Sunday afternoon, February 3.

He is survived by his wife, Ida; mother, Mrs. Margaret Fairfield of East Lansing; six children, Mrs. Fred (Rebecca) Grummet of Greenville, Ronald of Minnesota, Michael at home, Samuel of Portland, Raymond of Minnesota, Mrs. Dallas (Judy) Boynton of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Charles of East Tawas, Wayne of Ann Arbor; two sisters, Mrs. Firm Spring, Mrs. Winston Miller, both of East Lansing; 21 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Dolan and Rev. Elton Mills officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Fund.

School Board Agenda

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Cafeteria.

1. March 11 Election on Elementary Bldg.
2. Update of Showboat Proposal.
3. Transportation needs for 1974-1975.

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Air Force Enlistee

Robert Kenneth Lacie, jr., a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School, was recently enlisted into the United States Air Force. He is presently undergoing six weeks of basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Lacie, sr., of 11333 Foreman Road, Lowell. After completion of basic military training, airman Lacie will receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

The Rev. Raymond Gaylord, Cascade Christian Church, will be conducting membership classes for sixth graders and junior high young people Saturday, February 23. There will be one class at 10 a.m. and a second one at 11 a.m.

If you have a young man or woman for this class, please call the office (949-1360) and designate which hour they would like to attend.

Calendar of Coming Events

FEBRUARY 1974						
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Showboat Garden Club will meet Monday, February 11 at 8 p.m. at the YMCA. Craft night - Paper Toss, bringing three pictures all alike and scissors.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

"Partners for Progress" is the theme of the 52nd annual convention of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen, to be held at the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 12-14.

Lowell Evening Club will meet Tuesday, February 12, at the Jack Fonger home, 611 N. Washington Street. The program, a book review, will be given by Betty Coons.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Women's Club of Lowell will meet February 13, at 1 p.m. in the lounge of the Congregational Church in Lowell. The program chairman will be Mrs. Robert Yates, who has arranged for Mrs. Howard Krum to tell us about the "Festivals of America."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The VFW Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Thursday, February 14 at 8 p.m. A social hour will follow with refreshments and a one dollar Valentine exchange gift.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The VFW Post 8303 and Auxiliary and their guests will have a Valentine's party and potluck supper at the hall Saturday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. Bring own table service and a dish to pass. Games to follow.

new ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Don White are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl January 26 at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Named Dawn Marie, the new arrival tipped the scales at eight pounds, five and a half ounces. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete White of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. George Grimes of Tuston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sharp of Mulliken announce the birth of a son, Gregg Andrew, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce on January 27. Awaiting his new brother at home is Brian, aged 1½.

Grandparents are Mr. Allen Sharp of Mulliken and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vosburg of Ada.

Six-Week Class On 'Death And Dying'

For six consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning February 27, a series of studies on "Death and Dying" will be held in the Cascade Christian Church parlor.

This series of lectures and discussions, to take place at 7:30 p.m., will feature a theological professor, a psychiatrist, a lawyer, a recently released film and a panel of local people who have recently experienced tragic death experiences.

This series is being set up by the worship committee. A two dollar registration fee is being asked of each participant.

Death is one subject which most people tend to avoid. As Christians, we feel that we should build death into our total philosophy of life. This is a course that you will want to attend.

Nelson Hoose, 16, Dies Unexpectedly

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home of Lowell for Nelson L. Hoose, Jr., 16, who passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 28.

The Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiated, with the interment services being conducted at Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery.

The youth, a sophomore student at Lowell Senior High School, is survived by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lowing of 14075-28th Street, S.E.; two sisters, Leann and Wanda Hoose, both at home; and his grandparents, Mrs. Evelyn Bailey of Lowell and Mrs. Anna Parks of Manvela.

PARK CHURCH TWILIGHT SERIES

The third program in the current Park Congregational Church Twilight Series will be presented Sunday, February 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Featured artist will be Julianne VandenWyngaard, Assistant Professor of Music in the College of Arts and Sciences at Grand Valley State College.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Carol,

Once more I feel a deep urge to share a concern with the many people who look forward each week to receiving their Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life.

Every morning I see a whole army of Lowell's fine children marching bravely out into the cold black night. Some are carrying brown paper bags or Charlie Brown lunch pails or other makeshift containers. Some are even carrying school books. Most of these little first graders through senior high seem cheerful and uncomplaining.

The Safety Patrols are at their posts on the corners. But looming out at these brave little hikers, with headlights blazing like dragon eyes, is a whole mob of automobiles!

What a recipe for DANGER: early morning darkness, young children on their way to school and automobile drivers hurrying to work.

What a miracle that no one has been killed! I feel so very THANKFUL to the drivers who have been extra cautious - to the teachers who have added their warnings to ours as parents - and to God.

Sincerely,
A Dad Who Loves His Children

Hi Carol:

I felt you handled your answer to Mrs. Kehoe very well in a recent edition of the Ledger.

Attached is an article which appeared in the Grand Rapids Press. It may or may not be worth printing in your paper? I've been told the Lowell Public System ranked fifth from last in the state in the 4th-7th grade testing program two years ago. Some people feel the Board and the Administration take the approach: "If we don't recognize a problem, we don't have to admit we have a problem."

The good people who sponsor the Lowell Public System may have a number of serious problems. Problems which just don't go away with the passing of time. Fortunately, concerned parents living in this area have a choice of a number of excellent school systems, namely Catholic, Christian, Baptist, Lutheran and Seventh Day Advent. All of these fine private systems are dedicated to educating the complete child with concentration on the 3 R's.

Looking forward to seeing you at Woodland Mall in March during Christian Education Week.

Sincerely, Bob Leasure

PARENT CHECKLIST

For the first time, Michigan parents will be handed a checklist to judge how well their children are doing in school. In what State School Supt. John W. Porter termed an "historic first," the State Department of Education will distribute a "Handbook for Parents" this summer with details, grade by grade, of what students are expected to know and do.

The 42-page handbook contains hundreds of specific items of knowledge and ability for parent use in comparing what their children have learned and what they should have learned.

In effect, the handbook will put the instructional part of Porter's "accountability" idea on a direct line between parents and schools.

"Every principal has been asked," explained Porter, "what it is that his elementary school is trying to do for a child. Well, here it is."

Porter said the book prescribes not average, but minimum student performance objectives. There may be wide differences beyond those minimums, he said, but every student should have at least the skills included in the book.

The checklist ranges from abilities a child is expected to have when he starts first grade to skills a student should have at the end of the ninth grade.

In most cases, the list is arranged by three year grade groupings - grades 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9 - so parents can check progress along the way as well as when their child finishes a group.

Subjects covered by the handbook include math, science, social studies, communication skills including foreign language, art, music, health and physical education.

Porter intends to make sure school officials won't be caught by surprise by parent inquiries. At the insistence of principals, schools will be first to receive copies of the handbook when it's put in final form later this year.

The list was put together over four years by committees of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and business men.

In a "Dear Parent" letter accompanying the handbook, Porter will stress that while the checklist focuses mainly on instruction, elementary schools still are aimed at "development of the whole child."

Porter said this means students, besides acquiring competence in basics, should come out of elementary schools happy, well adjusted, socially accepted and respectful of others' rights.

He also issued two warnings to parents. First, he said, every child is different. Some will learn the minimum skills quickly if they have good teaching, but others will have trouble no matter how good the school is.

Second, said Porter, different schools will teach in different ways, so what's going on in one classroom may not be the same as in other classrooms. "That's local control," remarked Porter, "and that the State Board of Education supports."

Despite those differences, Porter added, "It is expected the minimum outcomes will be quite similar from building to building." And, he urged parents to use the book as a guide "in gauging how well your child is doing in school."

An evident purpose of the handbook is to give parents a chance to do the same thing the state is doing with its accountability program - find out what schools should do, test how well they're doing it and then look for ways to improve.

Parents would be able to take the first two steps using their children's experience and then follow a school's attempt to improve.

The handbook will cover the first nine grades although printing of a checklist for junior high isn't finished yet. Cancellation of the project will be preparation of minimum competency requirements for high school completion.

If the books go to parents before schools open next fall, parents will have something of a jump on their children's teachers.

According to state plans, value of the checklist items will be tested not fall at all at 30 schools. Only after that would the list be passed out to all teachers.

Most schools, however, have seen earlier versions of the checklist items during the preparation period.

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Honor Society Formally Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society of Lowell Senior High School held its annual formal induction ceremony for new members Monday evening, January 21, in the "J" quad of the new west wing. Twenty-eight new members were invited to join the society. They and their parents and friends were welcomed by President Mark Blough. Mark also introduced the speaker, Rev. Richard Beach, who spoke on "Following Good Examples."

Nancy Gabriel gave a brief history of National Honor Society and the officers took part in a candle light-

ing ceremony with each explaining one of the prerequisites of the society: Ben Porritt, character; Dave Slater, scholarship; Mark Blough, leadership; and Marlene Marks, service. Mrs. Virginia Fonger, sponsor, presented pins to the new members.

After the formal ceremony, the second year members served refreshments to the new members and guests in the new media center.

The new members are Linda Bailey, Mary Bailey, Tom Bergy, Susan Christenson, Pam Fairman, Gilbert

Fonger, Phillip Gerard, Garbutt Graham, Sandra Graham, Jeff Hendrick, Gail Klosterman, Ronald Krebs, George Lessens, Rick Loughlin, Craig Mulder, Carol Myers, Robert Pfaler, Jeff Pierce, Sharon Pratt, Roseann Ritzema, Charles Rogers, Dean Roth, Barbara Schaff, Sharon Sellers, Candace Sorensen, Tom Stuart, Randy Werner and Kurt Yost.

Happy Birthday

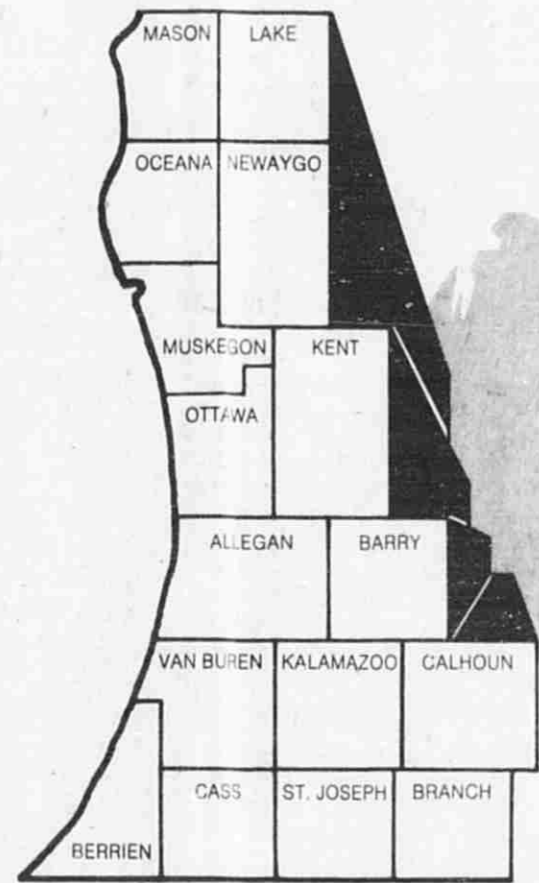
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee of Lowell, entertained relatives Saturday evening from Jackson, Grand Rapids, Alto, Caledonia and Lowell in honor of their daughter, Patricia Ann, of Troy, Michigan, who was recently married to William Ashby, Jr., of Oxford, Michigan. Mr. Ashby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ashby, Sr. of Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The former Miss Lee is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is presently teaching in the Birmingham Schools. Mr. Ashby, a graduate of Rutgers University, is currently with Zerex Corporation in Troy, Michigan.

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Johnny L. Bobo, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bobo, Route 1, Clarksville, was promoted to Army Specialist Four while serving with the 2d Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. Spec. Bobo is a welder in service battery, 1st Battalion of the Division's 92d Field Artillery. The specialist's wife, Gloria, lives on Route 1.

A patient at Blodgett Hospital is John Krebs. His visitors are limited to family only.

Recently released from the hospital were Mrs. Hugh VanderVeen, Mrs. Douglas LaDue, Mrs. Claude North and Miss Sandra Thompson.

Mrs. Fanyie Hill of Iowa who resided for several months at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Maxine) MacNaghton of Ypsilanti passed away January 23. The body was returned to Grinnell, Iowa.

A new address for Frank VanDusen has been received by his Lowell friends. It is Frank VanDusen, C.S. Longlines, Davis & Davies, Marine Agencies, Inc., Box 3020, Honolulu, Hawaii 96802.

James E. Cooper has been appointed Production Manager for the Lansing branch office of the Northwestern National Insurance Company. Prior to joining Northwestern National, Cooper served five years as a field representative with a major insurance company in Michigan. He has held various positions in the insurance industry, primarily in the production area, for 23 years. Cooper, his wife Nancy, and four children reside at 904 Riverside Drive, Lowell.

Chip King of Ada will be one of the participants in an unusual program of compositions for pipe organ and wood wind instruments to be presented Sunday, February 10, by Western Michigan University's Department of Music. The concert is open to the public, free of charge.

Belated birthday wishes to Gordon Kelly, Ivan Blough, Jo Ellen Lathwell, Mary Ann Ross, Mike Wittenbach, Jon Armstrong, Candace Colby, Ann Campau, Ann Mulder and Melinda Kline.

Funeral services were held January 31 for John Grooters, 76, of Grandville. Among his survivors is a brother, Gerald, and a sister, Mrs. Godfrey (Evelyn) Heim, both of Lowell.

Mrs. Arthur (Joyce) Gross returned to her Lowell home January 24 after spending three weeks in Killean, Texas, visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Captain

and Mrs. Duane (Marian) Mayou and daughter, Ashley. With Texas weather ranging in the high 70's, Mrs. Gross said Michigan seems a little cold. The Mayous sent their best regards to all their friends back in Lowell.

Funeral services for Peter J. Eckman, 89, were held January 25 in Hastings. His survivors include a son, Carroll of Lowell and a step-daughter, Mrs. Vern (Lillian) Sturges of Lowell.

Mrs. Cora Fillingham of Wayland, a sister to Mrs. Glen Godfrey of Lowell, passed away February 1. She was 77.

Among those named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List at Grand Valley State College were four Lowell area students—Gerald Ellis, 2719 Bewell (4.00 average); Anne Powers, 1523 Parnell Road (3.75 average); Julie Rutherford, 425 Lafayette (3.71 average); and Steve Vanderzyl, 10749 Settlewood (3.67 average).

Katheryn A. DuVall, 2901 Buttrick, Ada, and Janet L. Bieri, 840 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, will be among the handmen at Ferris State College to perform two high school concerts on February 9. Miss DuVall plays the Bass clarinet. Miss Bieri is a flutist.

Myrtle Culver is at home recuperating from a bad hip injury and will be celebrating a birthday February 13.

AT SCHNEIDER MANOR . . .

Minnie Huffman and Louise McDiarmid were visitors at the Senior Citizens group in Saranac Wednesday evening.

Mrs. A. L. Spafford of Dearborn visited her parents, the Lynn Johnsons, last Tuesday. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chase of Kent City.

Pauline Johnson entertained the Manor Euchre Club and all enjoyed the delicious refreshments as well as the fun of the game.

Harriette Thurlert entertained Blodgett Hospital Tuesday for eye surgery.

Lucille Knowles, Elsie Barsema, Anne Ellis, Louise Stowe and Hattie Metternick visited Mrs. Claude Thorne at Porter Hills last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Flynn at their home in Burnie Center on Sunday and all visited their brother, William Flynn, at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home.

General Shop . . .



Enjoying the many wood and metal shop facilities available to the Adult Shop Class are Harold Franks, center front, Curtis Hodge, Eunice and Andy Kooiman. Gary Gilbert, far to right, is the instructor.

The evening "General Shop Class" is held on Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at the Lowell Senior High Shop. Class members receive instructions in wood and metal working, wood finishing and welding.

The class is given free to non-high-school graduates and to others on a fee basis. Call the YMCA, 897-7375 or Lowell High Counseling Office, 897-9202 to register.



Ida and Sam Yeiter of Lowell, Tupperware distributors from Seal-Craft Sales, Inc., of Grand Rapids were recognized for outstanding sales and recruiting achievement during the company's annual distributors conference held this month in the Grand Bahamas.

The Yeters were also named one of the company's Top 30 distributors in the U.S. Congratulating Sam is Joe Hara (left), president of Tupperware Home Parties.

Learning To Develop



Norene Loper, center, puts a negative into an enlarger, thus, completing the class assignment of taking, developing and enlarging a time exposure picture.

Class instructor, Lowell McCoy, left, looks on. Mr. McCoy teaches at Saranac and is employed at Dehn Photo Studio in Ionia. Elizabeth Kropf, right, is waiting her turn to use the enlarger. Members learn to develop, enlarge, mount and display their own pictures.

Although this class is for intermediate to advance photography students, a class for beginners is offered Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

These classes are offered for Adult high school credit or self-enrichment. Sign up at high school guidance office or the YMCA.

Campout Together



Both fathers and sons pitched in to help at mealtimes during the YMCA Y-Indian Guides Campout this past weekend.

Over 65 fathers and sons attended this Winter event at the YMCA Camp at Barlow Lake near Middleville.

Y-Indian Guides and Y-Indian Princess Clubs are among the parent child programs offered by the Lowell Area YMCA.

Arrows To Face Greenville

Lowell grapplers increased their conference record to four wins and no defeats, last Monday, as they overtook the Lakewood Vikings 38-18.

The visiting Viking opened the meet with an early pin in the 98 lb. class, but 105 lb. Rick Johnston countered for the Red Arrows with a pin of his own, which tied the score at six all.

Lakewood managed a 7-0 victory in the 112 lb. division and temporarily took a three point lead over Lowell.

The Arrows then busted open the meet by taking the next six matches in the following way: Scott Dykhuis captured a 14-3 superior decision, Jim Dykstra won by a pin, Jerry Gauger claimed a 7-2 decision, Jerry Kropf defeated his opponent 9-0. Ron Lyons gained a superior 13-0 decision, and Jim Rathbun pinned his challenger. At this point in the meet the Red Arrows led by a score of 32-9.

The Vikings started a brief comeback as they won a close 5-3 decision in the 167 lb. match, but Lowell's Glen Anderson pinned his opponent and ended any threat of a Lakewood comeback.

The Vikings rounded out the meet with a pin in the H.W.T. division. The final score was Lowell 38-Lakewood 18.

The Red Arrows will battle the Yellow Jackets of Greenville for the Tri-River Conference Title this Wednesday February 6. The meet will be held at Lowell with the JV's starting at 6 p.m. and Varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Blough

Lowell Thwarts Red Hawks

Lowell's high scoring 3rd quarter gave Lowell a final push to overcome the Cedar Springs Red Hawks, 70-59.

The Red Hawks made several turnovers in the third period, which Lowell's guard, Ken Kropf, turned into 8 quick points. Kropf scored 13 points in the 3rd quarter to widen the lead.

Lowell's Ken Kropf led all scorers with 25 points. Craig Anderson followed with 10 points, while Rusty Steffens muscled under the boards for 18 rebounds.

Red Hawk scoring was led by Ted Gannis with 14 points, and sophomore Kevin Holton scored 10 points.

Friday Lowell plays host to holding for Tri-River competition.

	FT	FG	F	PTS
Graham, G.	3	1/1	2	7
Anderson, C.	3	4/4	3	10
Steffens, R.	2	3/7	2	7
Kropf, K.	8	9/11	25	25
Fonger, G.	0	7/9	4	7
Heintzelman, T.	1	2/4	0	4
McMahon, K.	2	0/4	2	4
Harden, W.	3	0/1	5	6

Quarter Scores

	1	2	3	4
LOWELL	10	20	28	15
Cedar Springs	10	18	12	19

Pat Brink

JV's Lose to Red Hawks

In Junior Varsity Basketball Friday night, Lowell's JV's were overcome by the Cedar Springs Red Hawks JV's.

Cedar Springs played a well balanced, aggressive man to man defense. This defense led to 38 Lowell turnovers which ended in Lowell's downfall.

Cedar Springs had three men in double figure scoring. Rick Nielson led Hawks scoring with 14, Rodney Perry 12, and Scott Waldron 10.

Jim Reagan led Lowell's scoring with 13 points, pursued by Bill Grummet with 13 points.

Zeeland Upsets Ranger Matmen

Spectators received a real challenge last Thursday night—that of watching the Zeeland at Forest Hills Central wrestling meet.

When all the shouting, grunting and groaning had subsided, exuberant Coach Jim Rymsburger's Zeeland team had snapped Forest Hills Central's unbeaten O.K. White record with a come-from-behind 30-22 victory.

Central's defeat, combined with Forest Hills North-ern's 5-8 win over Godwin Heights, gives Northern first place in the standings with a 4-0 record while Central is 4-1.

Except for two rather easy Ranger victories—at 105 lbs. by Craig Niedenthal and 112 by Greg Wagner, every bout was packed with excitement.

After Tom Sypien put Forest Hills ahead with an impressive pin, the fun really began. First there was a disputed ending to the 132-pound match, a 5-5 draw between Gary Wabecke of Zeeland and the Rangers' Keith Langan. Wabecke was not awarded the two-point reversal and two-point near fall which the referee had indicated. The referee did not hear the final buzzer due

Lowell Captures Muskegon Tourney

Lowell's wrestling team captured first place in the Muskegon Wrestling Tournament last Saturday as ten of their twelve matmen placed in the tournament.

The following are the results of the day's wrestling for Lowell:

In the 98 lb. division Rick Johnston placed fourth by gaining two byes and going on to defeat twice.

Gary Weimer took the first place honors in the 105 lb. weight class by pinning his first opponent, beating his second 13-6, and defeating his third 24-8.

112 lb. Jeff Rickert captured third place in his division by winning his first match 8-4, losing his second, and taking his last two matches by the identical score of 3-2.

Jim Dykstra snatched the 119 lb. first place honors by defeating his first challenger 12-5, his second 7-6, and pinning his final opponent.

Jerry Kropf laid claim to first place in the 132 lb. weight class by pinning his first opponent, and then winning his last two matches by scores of 8-3 and 6-2.

138 lb. Jerry Gauger placed third in his division with an 8-4 loss, 2-1 and 6-3 victories, and a 3-0 loss.

In the 145 lb. weight class Ron Lyons wrestled his way to second place by winning his first two matches, 8-0 and 9-5 and losing his final bout 8-6.

155 lb. Jim Rathbun gained fourth place with a 10-1 loss, 4-0 and default wins, and a 4-0 loss in the finals.

Glen Anderson maneuvered himself into first place in the 185 lb. division with close decisions over his first two challengers and a 7-2 decision over his final opponent.

In his H.W.T. division Gordon Klafin placed fourth by winning his first match 2-0, losing his second 9-0, taking the third by a pin, and dropping the final match by a pin.

The final team scores were Lowell-82½; Muskegon Catholic Central 1-77; Orchard View 67; Grand Rapids Central 48; Grand Rapids Union 44½; Portage Central 42; Muskegon 37½; and Holland 23.

Eighth Graders On Winning Road

It was a prosperous week last week for the 8th grade Lowell Red Arrow basketball team. They defeated East Grand Rapids in a close ballgame Tuesday night and held off a late rally to defeat Greenville Thursday night.

Although we like to win, Coach Akers is quick to point out that these games, as well as every day practice sessions, are learning situations to breed better basketball players for the future. "We stress fundamentals and good team work at all times."

The Middle School will end their season with a league tournament on February 16, 20 and 23.

Week-End Welcomed By Snowmobilers

Once again the members of the Flat River Snowmobile Club were all smiles. Kemosabi has promised us another snow dance, so be prepared for a fun-filled weekend.

To the many new faces we saw this weekend "Welcome!" We will be looking for you more often.

To the members-in-name-only, who not turn your thermostats down and enjoy our fireplace. The fire is also great for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows.

"Hot-Rod" did it again and ended up rolling in the snow. Annie is great on a motorcycle but she needs more practice on a snowmobile. Why is Flip now being called "Slider"? Watch this space next week. It may be your turn to be in the news.

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Soil Districts To Elect Directors At Meeting

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the East and West Kent Soil Conservation Districts will be held at the Kent Skill Center, East Bellline Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The evening's speaker will be Richard Foesman, Grand Rapids City Planner. Financial Reports will be given by Jerry Good of Caledonia and Harold Thome of Comstock Park. Election of Directors will be held.

In the East Kent District the term of Frank Vanderhyde, Jr., 1116 Pine Island Drive, is expiring. He is seeking another three year term. Also a candidate for this position is Reginald Crider, Jr. of Rockford.

Two directors positions are to be filled in the West Kent District. They are presently held by Harold Thome of Comstock Park, Election of Directors will be held.

Robert Newman of Rockford, Chairman of East District and Paul Spelman of Wyoming, Chairman of West District have announced that following the business meeting refreshments will be provided.



Otto M. Kellogg Succumbs At 92

Otto McDannell Kellogg passed away at his residence in Lowell on Tuesday, January 29th, 1974 at the age of 92.

He was born in Lowell, March 5, 1881, the son of Leander M. Kellogg and Frances Luella Kellogg, who were both citizens of the community for many years.

His boyhood and early manhood were spent in Lowell where he worked for many years employed at the Lowell Water and Light Department, in the care of the power plants at the Upper and Lower Dams.

Then he was a well known paper hanger and painter, taking much joy in the beauty of his work for those who sought his services.

And many of the older citizens can remember his skills as a photographer and the hand tinting of portraits and scenes of the general area.

In 1925 he moved to Grand Rapids, where he was a general heating engineer and custodian at Union High School. He held this position until 1930 when he transferred to the same type of work at the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple. He retired from that position in 1947, when he again resumed his decorating work.

In 1954 he moved to South Lowell where he lived

until 1969 when he moved into his present home in town where he had remained until the day of his passing—entirely capable of caring for his own needs with only a little assistance.

He passed away in his sleep as he took his usual morning rest. God took him in the way he had lived—quietly and peacefully.

The funeral service was held on Friday, February 1, 1974 at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. His grandson, Rev. Richard M. Helderop of Dorr gave the memorial. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

He leaves three daughters who were all born and raised in the community, Mrs. Harold (Alma) Collins of Lowell, Mrs. John (Eva) Trick of Marne, and Mrs. Rexford (Dorothy) Oriel of Grand Rapids.

Also 10 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He will be sadly missed by all—especially those who watched over him and tended his few needs.

He would have celebrated his 93rd birthday on March 5 of this year.

Theatre Arts Group Competes

Lowell High School's Theatre Arts group competed last Saturday in the district one-act play contest held in Ionia.

Of the 138 students taking part from schools throughout the district only two received "superior" acting awards and Tara Sprot of Lowell was awarded one of them.

Candy Sotens of Lowell was also given high recognition when she was one of only eight to receive an "excellent" rating.

This is Lowell's fifth year in the district competition and the local group has walked away with the top performance honors for the past four years. This year, however, their play "Antigone" was disqualified because it ran 28 seconds over the allotted performance time.

It is one of the basic rules that the group must set the stage, perform the play and then strike the set, leaving the stage bare again within a 45 minute period.

However, as director Ivan Haneay says, "Four out of five ain't bad!"

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Retired Station Clerk William Hurd Passes

A Saranac resident, William George Hurd, 75, of 66 Center Street, died January 31 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Born at Royal Oak November 15, 1898, he was the son of William and Sara Johnston Hurd. June 27, 1936, he was married at Muskegon to Charlotte B. Martin.

From 1949 to 1957 he was station master for the G.T. railroad in Saranac. In 1957 he accepted the position of station master and clerk in Carson City for the G.T. railroad where he worked until his retirement in 1963.

He was a member of the Boston lodge F&AM, Royal Arch Masons of Lowell, and the Blue lodge of the Masonic order. He was at one time worshipful master of the Masonic lodge and also king and high priest of the Hooker chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Lowell. He held position of King with the Hooker chapter at the time of his death. He was a member of the Senior Citizens of Saranac and an active member of the Saranac Community church.

Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Lanning of Waterford, Harriet Hurd of Midland and Mrs. Brethren of LaJolla, California.

A Masonic memorial service was conducted Friday evening by Past High Priest, Gould Rivette, of Hooker Chapter, Lowell, as a special tribute to Mr. Hurd's years of unselfish service.

Funeral services were Saturday at Morris-Roetman funeral home in Saranac. Rev. Edwin Mendenhall officiated and interment was made in Saranac cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Saranac Community church.

Welcome To SARANAC

Area Correspondent—Mrs. Ralph Wheaton. Call Saranac 642-3774.

Sixteen youths from the Fellowship group attended a snowmobile get-together at Dr. and Mrs. Kidde. Dinner there, also.

Guests of Helen Dodge and Mary Lou, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallen of Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gardner and Jimmy of Prescott spent from Friday till Sunday p.m. with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Henry. Tammy Olson of Lowell was an overnight guest Saturday, too.

If your job interferes with your golf game—become the Boss. One of the hardest things to take is one of the easiest to give—criticism.

This is Heart Month, in honor of American hearts, young or ??

Leo Hubers' barn burned to the ground Wednesday evening.

Do you have EXTRA Betty Crocker coupons? Please leave at the library for the collection for the new equipment for the new Forest Grove Special Education. THANK YOU.

Anly Smith, 17, LeRoy Miller, 17, Lowell, Michael Herbert, Ionia, 18, were booked in Ionia jail, charged with breaking and entering.

Money paid to Saranac by State Aid for schools was \$129,159, plus \$3,498 in funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adgate announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L. to Paul L. VanTol. Gas station sign. Fill 'er up! Yes & No. Yes, if it's a cigarette lighter. No, if it's a car.

Real Estate: Cornell Oil Company to Albert D. Grove.

Traffic: Ronald R. Grummett, 32, paid \$32 for speeding. Clayton Houseman, 53, \$19 for speeding. Paul Morrison, 51, paid \$29 for speeding. Julia L. Owens, 537 for Drunk & Disorderly.

Discharge: Terry Lautzenheiser, John Hoag, Mrs. Craig Adgate and baby, Jon Estington.

Belding: Catherine Miller, Medical. Myrtle Cahoon, medical.

Deaths: William Hurd, 73, Elizabeth (Beth) Leary, 81.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hubbard have moved into Mrs. Ortha Hubbard's home on East Main.

A Bon Voyage dinner and party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Covert by Mr. and Mrs. Darold Simpson Saturday evening. The Coverts will soon be leaving for a Hawaiian vacation.

The road to debt is a Buyway. Wisdom shows what to do. Skill shows how to do it.

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Borup gave a birthday supper Sunday evening to celebrate both Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borup's February 1st birthdays. Eleven were present.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cahoon were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blason.

Sunday visitors of Jessie Cahoon were: Ernest and Doris Compton, Glen Rauch, Mable Stutz, Anna Cahoon of Lowell.

It's Cahoon spent Saturday with her sister, Bernice Dennis in Lansing.

There will be a Valentine's party dance February 16th at the St. Anthony Church in Saranac, 8 to 11 p.m. Live music and refreshments. \$2.50 per couple. Adults only.

* Callee Church has Awana Club Thursday evening, 8 to 13 years of age, 6:30 to 8:30. Games and Bible time.

The Senior Citizen trip to Amway, Ada, will be February 19.

Would you like to know what you can do with your old papers, etc. Leave them in the "big box" at the rear of Dr. Laird's office for the benefit of Library. Thanks.

A Bible conference will be held at the Galilee Church Friday, February 18, starting with a Banquet at 7 p.m. There will be a guest speaker and fellowship.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cahoon were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Powell and son for Kathy's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nead of Perry spent Sunday and Monday at Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cahoon's.

Virginia Andres served a birthday dinner, honoring Rachel Diamond's birthday. Other guests were Patty, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Evans and family of Greenville, Sunday.

Dena Dean Dies, Rites Are Held

Mrs. Dena W. Dean, 78, passed away January 28 at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Wheelock of Saranac, three stepsons, Harold Wheelock of St. Clair Shores, Leo Wheelock of Saranac and Paul Wheelock of Cedar Springs; three stepdaughters, Helen Wheelock of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Donna Frappier of Clio, and Mrs. Doris Dingman of Zephyrhills, Florida; 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Doris Sturgeon of Muskegon.

Funeral services were held last Thursday at the Morris-Roetman Funeral Home in Saranac. Rev. Earl Cross of South Boston Bible Church officiated and interment was made in Saranac Cemetery.

Montabella Outscores Redskins 64-43

Saranac High School suffered another basketball defeat as Montabella rolled over the Redskins 64 to 43 Friday night in Saranac.

The Redskins were never in the game after the first period as the Mustangs topped them 18 to 8 and topped in 19 points to 10 for Saranac in the second quarter to take a 37 to 18 advantage.

In the third period, with Jon Bennett scoring 10 points, Montabella outscored Saranac 22 to 12 for a 59 to 30 edge. In the final quarter Saranac topped Montabella 13 to 5.

Tim Parks was high for Saranac with 10, while Randy Butcher and Burdette Gunden divided 16 points.

Others scoring for the Redskins were Mark Mason and Tim Sprague four each, Bill Overbeck three, and Bob Parks, Steve Beattie and John Adgate two each.

This Friday Saranac will travel to Portland to take on the league leaders.

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Montabella	6	2
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Elizabeth Leary, 81, Passes; Services Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Leary, 81, were held Monday at the Morris-Roetman Funeral Home, in Saranac. Rev. James Frank officiated and interment was made in Saranac Cemetery.

Mrs. Leary, who lived at 88 Pleasant, Saranac, died February 1 at Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 21, 1893, in Wisconsin. She was a long time Saranac resident and was married to James Lee Leary who survives.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Leonard and Robert of Saranac, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, Leonard Fox of Wisconsin; seven sisters, Mrs. Florence Friebrantz, Mrs. Helen Hamon, Mrs. Adeline Oppeman, Mrs. Alice Craft and Mrs. Netta Miller, all of Wisconsin; Mrs. Marie Ross of Texas and Mrs. Margaret Wickshall of Traverse City.

Agency Name Changed

DeWayne Downs, manager of the Carr Insurance Agency in Saranac for over three and one-half years, has purchased the agency.

Effective February 1, the name of the firm was changed to Downs Agency. They will continue to handle all real estate needs, as well as insurance.

In making the announcement, Downs revealed that the agency will have a new phone number, 642-6323, when new directories come out in March.

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Smokey the Bear made a surprise visit to the YMCA Kick-A-Poo Indian Guides Tribe during their weekend campout at Camp Mani-Tou-Lin.

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From left to right: Eric MacDonald, Steve Hunt, Scott Bauman, Smokey, Steve McDoyle, Scott Wright, and Doug Eddy.

The YMCA Kick-A-Poo Tribe is composed of fathers and sons from the Saranac and Clarksville areas. Although the dads are not pictured, they were also on hand to hear Smokey during the father-son YMCA Indian Guides Campout.

Engaged To Wed

The engagement of Miss Patricia May Simpson to Gregory James Tullis has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson of Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Tullis of Saranac are the future bridegroom's parents.

Miss Simpson is a 1973 graduate of Ionia High School and is employed at Vincent's Greenhouse. A 1972 graduate of Saranac High School, Mr. Tullis works at General Tire in Ionia.

Wedding plans for an April 6 ceremony are being made.

HAPPENINGS AT SARANAC SCHOOLS

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Board Speaks Loud And Clear

Voices of members of the Lowell Board of Education are now "loud and clear" and certainly audible to anyone interested within possibly a six block radius.

The power of the press was also clear last week when board members were found to be seated on the Middle School stage and microphones were placed so that, as Dr. Reagan put it, "people should be able to hear our mumbling all the way down to the Ledger." This is a good thing and really a vast improvement for the audience attending the meetings... the only disadvantage being that the blowing of a nose can raise a sleepy spectator right out of his chair.

Several names of community members were submitted to the Board for consideration before appointing a new review committee on suspension and expulsion rules. It was noted that most members felt that some who served on the last committee should continue so that it would not be a totally inexperienced review board. This board reviews the present rules governing the suspension and expulsion of students and makes recommendations as necessary to update the entire procedure.

Coinciding with the presentation of the above names, board members asked High School Principal Dennis McMahon for a factual report on the recent high school drug involvement.

McMahon reported that, contrary to the many rumors going around Lowell, there was no big drug raid; that warrants were not obtained to search 900 lockers, and that 65 students were not suspended or even questioned.

McMahon stated that on Sunday, January 20, he was contacted by the father of one of the high school students and that he, together with the cooperation of that father and four other parents, worked all day Sunday and Monday to trace the drug pattern among local high school students.

"It was very disappointing to me, personally, to find that we actually have traffic in hard drugs in our school," McMahon said. "I have suspected the use of marijuana by some of the students but I honestly had no idea that any of our kids were dealing with hard drugs to this extent, and I certainly didn't know they were buying and selling narcotics on school property," he added.

"To be perfectly honest," McMahon continued, "while I am embarrassed that I didn't know that kids were openly dealing in drugs in school, I feel far worse because the vast majority of our kids, even those suspected of drug use, are good kids and it is critical that we not only prevent the sale of narcotics but that we find out why these students are using them."

"We must alert parents so that they will be concerned with what their sons and daughters are doing and not lull them into a false sense of security that it is only a few. The use is apparently quite widespread and we need an on-going program with the best advice we can get. I don't think we, as adults, really understand the drug scene and it is hard to detect."

Dolores Alexander, a spectator, suggested that the school begin a new drug program in the elementary grades and involve people as speakers who have been on drugs but have won the struggle to kick the habit.

The board asked McMahon, John Gabrion and Dirk Venema to study the problem and come up with recommendations.

Ten students were actually suspended as the result of the discovery. Those involved in possessing the opium based TCH were suspended for five days and those selling the drug were suspended for eight days. McMahon said that according to the present expulsion code, only a second offense can lead to permanent expulsion.

Board member Dave Wingeier's immediate solution was to "send them to farm at hard labor."

Superintendent Leonard Sinke reported that nine separate grievances were filed in his office by high school teacher Gilbert Woolworth. Under the grievance procedure, if Mr. Woolworth is not satisfied with the superintendent's answer to the grievances, he may then request a board hearing and upon receiving his request, the board must hold a special meeting within one week. The grievances were not listed.

The board moved to hire Miss Jo Ellen Hoffman of Fenton as a teacher for the emotionally impaired at the Middle School.

A report was given on the County School Board meeting where two of the principal topics discussed were changing the tenure laws to where teachers must teach in a school system for five years before being placed on tenure, and collective bargaining for state or

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public employees being practically impossible because the State does not announce the amount of State Aid to be allocated in time for realistic bargaining.

Gordon Gould, High School counselor, announced the results of the recent counseling survey.

Teachers want more follow-up on students referred; parents and students want more contact in career and vocational counseling and curriculum selection, and everyone wants to know what services are available.

Gould also recommended that additional personnel be hired to adequately handle all these areas.

The board took it under advisement.

Way Cleared For Sanitary Sewer To Replace Tanks

Nearly a year after Ada Township and the Kent County Health Department halted issuance of building permits in the Forest Hills Gardens plat, the way has been cleared for a \$300,000 sanitary sewer to replace failing septic tanks.

A public meeting, adjourned January 28, was resumed by the township board for property owners in the plat, which lies west of Forest Hills Central High School between Ada Drive and Hall Street SE. There are 96 lots in the plat, 15 undeveloped.

Richard Miller, Health Department sanitarian, said 42 of the septic tanks in the plat were installed in 1967 or before, and at least half still are operating, well above the average six-year life span of such installations.

A survey of the plat last February indicated a number of homes with septic tank problems, particularly those in heavy clay soil, Miller said. Discharge from the tanks was finding its way into nearby Paradise Lake, he said. Miller urged all possible haste in installation of sanitary sewer, which he said was the only solution.

More than 51 percent of the property owners signed advisory petitions favoring sewer installation, according to Ada Township Clerk Kenneth Anderson. There was some opposition at the hearing, but a majority of the 30 citizens favored the project.

The board unanimously approved adoption of the special assessment roll of \$229,200 and directed it be placed on the tax roll. Anderson explained that the difference between the imposed roll and the estimated \$300,000 total would come from township sewer funds.

The Board of Public Works will consider the Ada resolution and refer it to the County Board of Commissioners for final action. If approved, the proposal to issue bonds by Kent County will go to the state Municipal Finance Commission. If state approval is given by the end of April, Anderson said, construction would start in June with completion by Labor Day.

The board approved a rental agreement with the Ada Masonic Association for use of their building at 7279 Bronson Street SE, as a polling place. Rent will be \$50 per election.

Ada Resident Passes, Services Are Held

A retired Ada businessman, Martin VanderJagt, aged 87, of 4161 Buttrick Rd. SE, Ada, passed away January 29 at the Grand Valley Nursing Center.

Surviving are his wife, Ida; one stepson, Orville Rogers of Grand Rapids; one step-daughter, Mrs. Russell Fox of Ewart; several nephews and one niece.

Mr. VanderJagt resided at the Jonkoff-Lake Drive Chapel, where services will be held Friday with the Rev. Raymond Gaylor of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery.



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