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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 Punsutawaney, 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 stu-

NEW ADDITION AT KING MILLING...

The recent erection of an elevator leg at King Millinto 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 demonstation 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

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 Nubmer Two ratings (which signifies above average excellence) were Tom Bergy, 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, cor-

Receiving Number Three ratings (a good average performance) were Dénise 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.

ROSIE DRIVE INN-This week's special: Nicky or Neal Burgers, 45¢. Broasted Chicken by the bucket to go. Breakfast Specials?

POLL PROBES **PROBLEMS**

Is There Trouble Here?

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 parti-

Since I have been deemed the "Mediator in the middle of the muddle," 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

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 perform-

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.

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



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

Senior Citizen Housing

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 diseas-

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 aducational 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 Explusion 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 Explusion 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 Lindberg-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 wom-

The Lowell Library is open: Monday, 10:30-5:30; Tuesday, 12-8:30; Friday, 1:30-6; and Saturday 10ed trees as well as new planting sites. Estimated cost would run about \$18 for a 1¼" to 1½", 8-10 ft. tree, including labor.

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 Gillissee 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; Seymore 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,

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, \$347,020; Saranac, \$129,150 plus \$3,498 in Title I funds.

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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,

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

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

Committee Named To Review And Update 'Code'

Lowell Board of Education President Robert Reagan has announced the appointment of a community ommittee 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 Wingeier, Dr. Robert Reagan, Mrs. Dode Collins, Ernie Blasher, John Troy, B. J. Kropf, David Wingeier, 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 Merklinger and Mrs. Judy Baird.

ings or contact any of the members.

Anyone wishing to provide input to the revision of this policy is invited to sit in on the committee meet-

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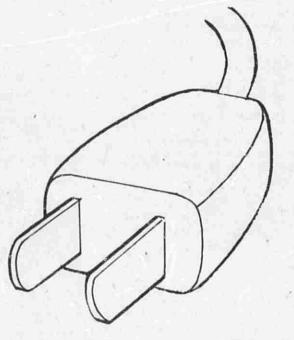


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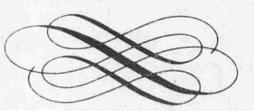
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THE WHIRR OF TV CAMERAS

Judging from the expressions, congressional candidate Richard VanderVeen's visit to the Lowell Rotary Club on Wednesday noon was an enjoyable experience. VanderVeen, left, is greeted by Arnold Wittenbach, Club President, and Don Rocheleau of Attwood Corporation.

Once more the whirr of TV cameras and the buzz of radio and news people were heard as the Lowell Rotary Club met Wednesday noon, January 30. The reason for this interest by the news media was a visit by 5th congressional District candidate Richard

In his address Mr. VanderVeen stated that he would like to continue the public debates with his opponent Robert VanderLaan. Other concerns Mr. VanderVeen discussed were income tax reform, care for those not able to care for themselves, the energy crisis, the job situation, and the cost of health care.

This month's Junior Rotarians, Craig Mulder and Scott Phillips, were introduced. Mr. John Jones was winner of this week's "Wife's Fun

Completes Basic. . .



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

Miss Ridgway has been transferred to Shep-pard 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

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 ollecting silver medallions, coins and small embossed bars . . . Foreign companies invested \$1.5 billion in new plants in this country, last year, bringing the total plant commitment to \$16 billion.

SCHOOL

Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, February 7, 1974

Lunch Menu

Lowell Area Schools Week of February 11, 1974

White Bread

Oven Barbequed Weiners Scalloped Potatoes Buttered Corn

Assorted Fruits Hamburgers w/Catsup or Mustard Pickles, Carrots & Celery Buttered Mixed Vegetables

Applesauce & Cookies WEDNESDAY: Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Potatoes w/Butter

Bread or Rolls Cranberry Jelly Peaches

THURSDAY: Chili & Crackers Cabbage Salad Hillbilly Bread

Orange Jello with Whip Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Green Beans

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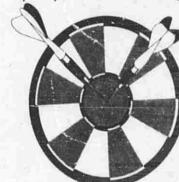
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February 10 will find Priest Lloyd DeVormer the speaker for the 11 a.m. Worship and Priest James Smith speaker for the 6 p.m. Worship. Song Service precedes the 6 p.m. service. This will take place at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter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

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

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

& Cut Flowers

Services Set For Firmie Fairfield,62

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

He is survived by his wife, Ida; mother, Mrs. Margar et Fairfield of East Lansing; six children, Mrs. Fred (Rebecca) Grummet of Greenville, Ronald of Minneso ta, 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 Dollaske and Rev. Elton Mills officiating. Interment Alton

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Fund.

School Board Agenda

The Lowe Area Schools Board of Education meeting on Mond v, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell

1. March 11 Election on Elementary Bldg. 2. Update of Showboat Proposal.

Transportation needs for 1974-1975.

Air Force Enlistee Robert Kenneth Lacic,

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. Lacic, sr., of 11333 Foreman Road, Lowell. After completion of basic military training, airman Lacic 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 disignate which hour they would like to attend.

Calendar Coming Events

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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 Tole, bring 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 Nursery-

men, 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

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." Tea Committee: Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. D. Kelly, Mrs. L. Sinke, Mrs. G. Lane, Mrs. S. Ryder and Mrs. B. Tow-

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.



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

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 11/2. Grandparents are Mr. Allen Sharp of Mulliken and

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vosburg of Ada.

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10:00 a. m. & 6:00 p. m.

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 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,

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 grandmothers, Mrs. Evelyn Batey of

Lowell and Mrs. Anna Parks of Mancelona. 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 Colleges.

The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken.

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Letters to the Editor

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 band instruments. 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

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

warnings to ours as parents-and to God.

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

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 grades testing programs 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 "histor ic 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

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

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 hand-

book 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-

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 compe-

tence in basics, should come out of elementary schools happy, well adjusted, socially accepted and respectful of others' He also issued two warnings to parents. First, he said, ev-

ery 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

The handbook will cover the first nine grades although printing of a checklist for junior high isn't finished yet. Culmination of the project will be preparation of minimum compentency 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

According to state plans, value of the checklist items will be tested next fall at about 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 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 Exam-

Nancy Gabrion gave a brief history of National Honor Society and the officers took part in a candle lightsites 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

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He keeps himself open to ideas as a good neighbor in Kentwood, a teacher of youth in Sunday classes, a frequent participant in civic affairs.

You have a right to know. One member of a special committee which studied political ethics, Bob is a sponsor of a new code of conduct for government officials. Other model legislation which he supports would:

1) Open up meetings to prevent conducting public business in private; 2) Open up campaign financing records and help prevent conflicts of

interest; and 3) More closely control lobbying.

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Monday February 18th.

VanderLaan

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 Zerox Corporation in Troy,



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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 wi eman in service battery, 1st Battalion of the Division's 92d Field Artillery. The specialist's wife, Gloria, lives on

A patient at Blodgett Hospital is John Krebs. His vistors 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. Fanye Hill of Iowa who resided for several months at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Maxine) MacNaughton 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 ance 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

Belated birthday wishes to Gordon Kelly, Ivan Blough, Jo-Ellen Lathwell, Mary Ann Ross, Mike Wittenbach, Jon Armiston, 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 Killeen, Texas, visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Captain

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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 Low-

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.

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, 1573 Parnell Road (3.75 average); Julie Rutherford, 425 Lafavette (3 71 average; and Steve Vanderzyl, 10749 Settlewood (3.67 av-

Katheryn A. DuVall, 2901 Buttrick, Ada, and Janet L. Bieri, 840 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, will be among the bandsmen 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

AT SCHNEIDER MANOR.

Minnie Huffman and Louise McDiarmid were visitors at the Senior Citizens group in Saranac Wednes-

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 Thurtell entered Blodgett Hospital Tuesday for eye surgery. Lucille Knowles, Elsie Barsema, Anna 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 Bowne Center on Sunday and all visited their brother, William Flynn, at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home.

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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.

Top Distributor ...



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 Yeiters 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



vance 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.



mealtimes during the YMCA Y-Indian Guides Campout this past weekend ter event at the YMCA Camp at Barlow Lake

Y-Indian Guides and Y-Indian Princess Clubs 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

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 hallenger. At this point in the meet the Red Arrows led by a score of 32-9. The Vikings started a brief come back 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 come back.

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

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

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Lowell Thwarts Red Hawks

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

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 Belding for Tri-River

	FT	FG	F	P	TS	
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	2	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		
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		1	2	3	4	
LOWELL		20	7	28	15	
Cedar Springs		10	18	12	19	

JV's Lose to Red Hawks

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

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 scorng. 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 10 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 Rynsburger'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 Northern's 53-8 win over Godwin Heights, gives Northern first place in the standings with a 4-0 record while Cen-

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 Wabeke of Zeeland and the Rangers' Keith Langan. Wabeke 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 to the crowd noise and questioned the official scorer as to whether the signal had been given prior to the buzzer. The scorer ruled no points. Dan Faulkner followed with a great win for Forest

Lowell's wrestling team captured first place in

The following are the results of the day's wrestling

In the 98 lb. division Rick Johnston placed fourth

Gary Weimer took the first place honors in the 105

o. weight class by pinning his first opponent, beating

112 lb. Jeff Rickert captured third place in his di-

vision by winning his first match 8-4, losing his second,

and taking his last two matches by the identical score

by defeating his first challenger 12-5, his second 7-6,

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

In the 145 lb. weight class Ron Lyons wrestled his

155 lb. Jim Rathbun gained fourth place with a 10-

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 oppon-

n his H.W.T. division Gordon Klahn placed fourth

taking the third by a pin, and dropping the final match

The final team scores were Lowell-82½, Murkegon

Catholic Central 1-77, Orchard View 67, Grand Rapids

Central 48, Grand Rapids Union 44½, Portage Central

42, Muskegon 37½, and Holland 23.

by winning his first match 2-0, losing his second 9-0,

1 loss, 4-0 and default wins, and a 4-0 loss in the finals.

way to second place by winning his first two matches,

8-0 and 9-5 and losing his final bout 8-6.

with an 8-4 loss, 2-1 and 6-3 victories, and a 3-0 loss,

Jerry Kropf laid claim to first place in the 132 lb.

and pinning his final opponent.

Jim Dykstra snatched the 119 lb. first place honors

by gaining two byes and going down to defeat twice.

his second 13-6, and defeating his third 24-8.

the Muskegon Wrestling Tournament last Saturday as

ten of their twelve matmen placed in the tournament.

for Lowell:

Hills by picking up a reversal with 29 seconds left in his match, and a two-point near fall with five seconds remaining to post an 8-4 verdict. Prior to the meet, Central Coach David Bond plan-

ned on forfeiting the heavyweight bout since he did not feel very secure sending his 182-pound Shawn Gary on the mat against Zeeland's 175-pound Steve Vanden-Bosch. With his team down, Bond had no choice. Gary picked up the only two points in the opening

two minutes with takedown at the ten second mark. VandenBosch started the second period in the down position and quickly reversed before Gary escaped with 1:20 left in the period, which ended with a 3-2 lead. Gary escaped 13 seconds into the final period before VandenBosch finally got hold . his elusive target and he proceeded to record a pin at the 5:11 mark. Gary lost the match but won the heart of Forest filis and Zeeland fans alike with his scrappy and deLowell Ledger-Suburban Life, February 7, 1974

Lowell Captures Muskegon Tourney 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

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

To the many new faces we saw this weekend "Welcome." We will be looking for you more often. To the members-in-name-only, why 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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an enlarger; thus, completing the class assignment of taking, developing and enlarging a time 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, Although this class is for intermediate to ad-

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The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the East and West Kent Soil Conservation Districts will be held at the Kent Skill Center, East Beltline 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 Vander hyde, Jr., 1116 Pine Island Drive, is expiring. He is seeking another three year term. Also a candidate for this position is Reginald Cridler, Jr. of Rockford.

Two directors positions are to be filled in the West Kent District. They are presently held by Harold Thome of 2137-7 Mile Rd., Comstock Park and Pat Cohill, 213 Netherfield, Comstock Park. Both Mrs. Cohill and Mr. Thome are seeking re-election. Other candidates are Duane Roberts, 12696 Wegal Road, Kent City and Dick Suwyn of Caledonia. Directors serve without salary for three year terms of office.

Robert Norman 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

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

traits 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.

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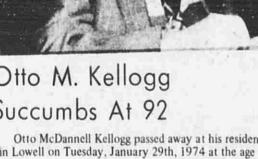
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Theatre Arts **Group Competes**

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

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

Candy Sorenson of Lowell was also given high recognition when she was one of only eight to receive an

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

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 Haney says, "Four out of

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until 1969 when he moved into his present home in

only a little assistance.

quietly and peacefully.

al was at Oakwood Cemetery

one great-great-grandchild.

town where he had remained until the day of his pass-

ing-entirely capable of caring for his own needs with

He passed away in his sleep as he took his usual

morning rest. God took him in the way he had lived-

The funeral service was held on Friday, February

, 1974 at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. His grandson, Rev.

Richard M. Helderop of Dorr gave the memorial. Buri-

He leaves three daughters who were all born and

raised in the community, Mrs. Harold (Alma) Collins

Rexford (Dorothy) Oriel of Grand Rapids.

Also 10 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and

He would have celebrated his 93rd birthday on

watched over him and tended his few needs.

of Lowell, Mrs. John (Elva) Triick of Marne, and Mrs.

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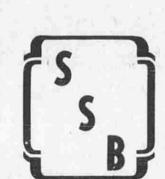
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Retired Station Clerk William Hurd Passes

A Saranac resident, William George Hurd, 75, of 56 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 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

anac Community church. Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Lanning of Waterford, Harriet Hurd of Mid-

Citizens of Saranac and an active member of the Sar-

land 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 at Saranac. Rev. Edwin Mendenhall officiated and interment was made in Saranac cemetery. A memorial has been established for Saranac Community church.

Narrow Bridge Site of Crash

A narrow one-lane bridge at Saranac was the site of a three vehicle accident about 8:30 a.m. January 31, according to Ionia State Police,

Troopers indicated Bruce Minaker, 71, of Bluewater highway, was stopped at the north end of the bridge to permit another vehicle to complete the crossing, Meanwhile Dale L. Miller, 18, of Lake Odessa, approaching the area, ran into the rear of the stopped vehicle. He was cited later for violation of the basic speed

After striking the rear of the Minaker vehicle, the Miller car carommed into the third vehicle leaving the bridge driven by Thomas E. Bruce, 32, of Lowell. Other accident investigations last Thursday by

State Troopers included one in which Ernest Murphy 24, of Grand Rapids was cited for violation of basic speed after his vehicle made contact about 5:25 a.m. with another driven in the same direction on M-21, three-fourths of a mile east of Bridge Street in Boston

Murphy indicated to troopers he was in the process of passing a car driven by Laradon L. Pitsch, 39, of Saranac, whose vehicle, according to troopers, slipped sideways on an icy patch. The two vehicles made con-tact on the left front of the Pitsch vehicle and the right side of the Murphy vehicle.

Redskins Lose In Final Minutes

The Redskins of Saranac High School lost to Vestaburg 57 to 51 in the final moments of a non-league basketball contest last Tuesday night in Saranac. In a slow first period Saranac led 10 to 7, but only led 20 to 19 at halftime as Vestaburg out pointed the Redskins 12 to 10 in the second quarter.

After intermission Vestaburg outpointed Saranac 18 to 16 to take a 37 to 36 lead at the three quarter mark. In the final period, Saranac put up a battle and tied the score at 49-49 on a Randy Butcher basket with 1:21 to play. However, it was outscored eight to two the rest of the way as Vestaburg hit six of six at the foul line. In the period the visitors topped the home

team 20 to 15. Randy Butcher led Saranac with 20 points, while Burdette Gunden added 14. Others scoring for the Redskins were Tim Parks, eight, Mark Mason, five, and

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Sixteen youths from the Fellowship group attended a snowmobile get-together at Dr. and Mrs. Kidle.

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,

Leo Hubers' barn burned to the ground Wednesday 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. Andy 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 engage-

ment 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 a Car. Real Estate: Cornell Oil Company to Albert D.

Traffic: Ronald R. Grummet, 32, paid \$32 for speeding. Clayton Houseman, 53, \$19 for speeding. Paul Morrison, 51, paid \$29 for speeding. Julia L. Owens, \$37 for Drunk & Disorderly.

Discharge: Terry Lautzenheiser, John Hoag, Mrs. Craig Adgate and baby. Jon Essington. Belding: Catherine Miller, Medical. Myrtle Cahoon

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

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 an

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

Saturday 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 Bliason. Sunday visitors of Jessie Cahoon were: Ernest and Doris Compton, Glen Rauch, Mable Stutz, Anna Ca-

Iva Cahoon spent Saturday with her sister, Bernice Dennis in Lansir

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.

Galilee Church has Awana Club Thursday evening, 8 to 13 years of age, 6:30 to 8:30. Games and Tribe

The Senior Citizen trip to Amway, Ada, will be Feb-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. Thank 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 Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nead of Perry spent Sunday and Monday at Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cahoons. Virginia Andres served a birthday dinner, honoring Rachel Diamon's birthday. Other guests were Patty.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Evans and family of Greenville.

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, hree 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. Donnah Frappier of Clio, and Mrs. Doris Dingman of Zephyrhills, Florida; 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Doris Sturgeon of

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

Montabella Outscores Redskins 64-43

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

The Redskins were never in the game after the first eriod as the Mustangs topped them 18 to 8 and tossed 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 49 to 30 edge. In the final quarter Saranac topped Iontabella 13 to 5 Tim Parks was high for Saranac with 10, while Ran-

Butcher and Burdette Gunden divided 16 points. Others scoring for the Redskins were Mark Mason nd 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

in the league leaders.

TCAA Standings Lakeview Montabella Maple Valley Central Montcalm Carson City

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 greatgrandchildren; a brother, Leonard Fox of Wisconsin; seven sisters, Mrs. Florence Friebrantz, Mrs. Helen Hamm, Mrs. Adeline Oppeman, Mrs. Alice Graff and Mrs. Netta Miller, all of Wisconsin; Mrs. Mame Ross of Texas and Mrs. Margaret Wickshall of Traverse City.

Agency Name Changed

DeWayne Downs, manager of the Carr Insurance 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. Smokey told the Little Braves and their dads how Indians were the first conservationists. Indian Tribes protected the animals, forests, fields

and streams because they depended on nature for food and shelter From left to right: Eric MacDonald, Steve Hunt, Scott Bauman, Smokey, Steve McDole, Scott Wright, and Doug Eddy.

The YMCA Kick-A-Poo Tribe is composed of fathers and sons from the Saranac and Clarksville area. Altiough 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.

HAPPENINGS AT

SARANAC SCHOOLS The Elementary Gym will be open on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for Volleyball. Next Judo Class starts February 6, 6, 30 p.m. Times

Wedding plans for an April 6 ceremony are being

for adults and children, from 4th Grade on up. It's co-There's still time to register for Adult High School Completion or enrichment classes. For information, call Ojars Smits, Saranac 642-9186.



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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADA, COUNTY OF

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Ada, County of Kent, and State of Michigan on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1974

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Qualified electors in the township can cast their ballots at the Grattan Township

> James Byrne, Grattan Township Clerk

LOWELL TOWNSHIP

ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, COUNTY OF

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Lowell, in the County of Kent, and State of Michi-

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1974 at the Lowell Township Hall, corner of Segwun Avenue and Cascade Road, from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of electing a Representative for the Fifth Congressional District.

> Carol Wells, Clerk, Lowell Township

CITY OF LOWELL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

of Lowell, Michigan. Regular meeting of Monday, January 21, 1974. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and an Invoca-

tion by the Mayor. Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmembers Hall, Mueller, Rogers and Absent: Councilman Jefferies.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the ninutes of the January 7 meeting be approved with the following addition, page 3 paragraph 3, adding the words, "including Reserves," to read, "Also read was a letter from the Lowell Police Department, including Reserves to organization," etc., supported by Council-

Carried by a yes vote of members present. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the Bills

and Accounts be approved and warrants issued, supported by Councilwoman Rogers. Yes: Councilmembers Hall, Mueller, Rogers and An-

Absent: Councilman Jefferies. Mayor Anderson then announced the reappointment of Richard Schlernitzauer, and the appointment of David Miller to the Zoning Board of Appeals, both for

three-year terms, beginning January 1, 1974. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the appointments be approved, supported by Councilman

Carried by members present voting yes.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Hall that Councilman Jefferies be reappointed to a two year term as Council Representative to the Planning Commission-Citizen's Advisory Committee, beginning January 1, 1974, supported by Councilwoman Rogers. Carried by a yes vote of members present.

The Manager stated that the Special Election to be held on Monday, February 18, for the Fifth Congressional District Representative, coincided with the date of the second regular Council Meeting of that month, and because polls will be open until 8 p.m., and the Absent Voters ballots to be counted, and total votes to be tallied after that time, recommended that the meeting date be changed to the next evening, Tuesday,

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the Manager's recommendation be approved, supported by

Carried by members present Teh Manager read a resolution adopted by the Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen's Advisory Committee at their Special Meeting of January 14, concerning the proposed vacation of Lafayette Street, from Avery to King Streets, and the construction of a new Showboat stage area and seating facility to be built on property

owned by Lowell Area Schools He then read a letter from School Superintendent, Leonard Sinke, containing excerpts from the official minutes of the Lowell Board of Education, confirming support for the vacation and the Showboat facility. Mayor Anderson asked for any questions on the proposed vacation or project.

Councilman Jefferies entered at 8:13 p.m. A discussion followed by Council and several members of the audience.

Some of the questions discussed were: will the Showboat Corp. pay for the facility itself, or will the City again become financially involved; and, has the Showboat Corp. paid anything back to the City on the

Mayor Anderson explained that the City holds title to the bleachers, and that the Showboat Corp. was in turn, buying them from the City, at a payment rate of \$4,000.00 per year, the first payment having already been made. He also stated that the City would not be-

come financially involved with the proposed project. Mr. Chuck Lippert asked if he might explain the plan to raise funds as a matter of information to Coun-

He stated that there were several pledges already made from private enterprise, and that citizens could make contributions. The City would not be asked for

Mayor Anderson then gave a brief outline on the discussion of the Planning Commission meeting and the resolution, stating that it would be fair to both the

Showboat Corp. and the City. Councilwoman Rogers stated she felt the City should ask for a more concrete commitment on the length allowed for the "physical initiation of construction," pointing out that if the street were closed in 1974 and construction was delayed several years, the street, which could have been used as such until that time, would have been closed needlessly. She suggested that a time limit be set of two years in which to start construction, and if not started within that period, the

closed portion of Lafayette Street revert back to an

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that Council concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation, contingent upon a two (2) year limit in which to begin construction, and stipulating that the portion of Lafayette Street from Avery to King Streets not be physically blocked off until such time as a building permit is applied for, supported by Councilwoman

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

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> Irene Osborne, Clerk Vergennes Township

ers and Anderson.

No: None.

Absent: None. Manager Bacon read a request from Steven and William Stanton, auctioneers, to hold an auction sale at the Garry Raimer residence, 220 N. Division Street, He stated that a license was required, with a fee to be set by Council, and recommended a fee of \$1.00.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall to concur with the Manager's recommendation, supported by Councilman Mueller.

Unanimously carried. Under communications, Manager Bacon read a reminder from the Michigan Municipal League, of the meeting in Lansing, a letter from the Farmer's Home Administration asking for a formal application for a low bond loan for a water treatment facility stating that there were no grants available, only on a loan basis, and a letter from Police Reserve, Arthur Farley to Councilwoman Rogers, regarding the fund drive for the Rescue Unit.

Mr. Farley was present and stated that over \$500.00 has been collected toward the unit, and, if the \$5,000 goal is not reached, all monies will be returned to those who have made donations.

Mayor Anderson praised the department for their efforts in undertaking such a worthwhile project. The Manager's report was read. He stated that word had been received that Police Officer, Michael Olson has been accepted by the Michigan State Police, and will probably be leaving in February.

Mr. Kenneth Anderson, City Engineer, stated that the County staff of the D.P.W. and Williams and Works engineers had met with H.U.D. officials in relation to the Storm Sewer Grant. He said that the City will receive the entire \$528,000,00 after all aspects of the project have been checked. He also stated that there would definitely be a rebate.

There was a question from the audience on several streets that were not undercoated during the project that were beginning to develop pot-holes. Mr. Anderson explained that there is a one-year warranty on all the street surfaces done during the project, and these will also be checked in the spring and replaced at no cost to the City.

Under Remarks from the Audience, Mr. Chuck Lippert stated that the School had asked for help in having some signs erected for children's safety.

Police Chief Emmons stated that the signs had already been ordered. Another question raised from the audience was about the City softening the water supply, with the

cost included in the billing to the public Mr. Anderson explained that this would be included in the development of a water treatment facility. Mr. Arthur Farley of the Police Reserves then asked Council if the City would accept the Rescue Unit as a City maintained vehicle if and when it became a reali-

It was concurred by the Manager and Council that

the City would accept such a unit. Under Council Remarks and Reports, Councilman Mueller announced that the Lowell Airport Committee would meet with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission on Thursday, January 24 at the Showboat Restaurant, in order to report to the Planning Commission and invited Councilmembers to attend the meeting. He also reported that as Legislative Contact, he had received information on 15 or 20 bills now in the State House or Senate that Council should know about, and could be discussed at an executive session.

Mayor Anderson stated that he had attended the ig at Grand Valley State College on re facilities and stated that 80% grants could be available. IT WAS THEN MOVED to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. by

Councilwoman Rogers. Approved: February 4, 1974. CARLEN E. ANDERSON. BLAINE E. BACON.

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Blaine E. Bacon, City Clerk

NOTICE TO LOWELL CITY TAXPAYERS

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February 28, 1974

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> Betty J. Rogers, City Treasurer City of Lowell

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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 pro-

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 question-

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,

"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 rec-

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 instal-

A survey of the plat last February indicated a num-ber 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

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

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 Evart; several nephews and one niece.

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



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