

Curtain Goes Up Thursday On The Musical Comedy 'Guys And Dolls'



The Lowell Senior High School Vocal Music Department, under the direction of Paul Balsam, will present the musical comedy "Guys and Dolls" this Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, May 2, 3 and 4, at 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

Rehearsing for the play about underground gamblers and sentimental chorus girls in New York City in the early 50's are—Carrie Weemhoff who plays the part of a Salvation Army woman, Sarah Brown; Rick Thompson, in the roll of Sky Masterson, and Tom Scheidell.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the school, and they will be available at the door.

Commission Vote Supports School In Boundary Transfer Hassle

Superintendent Leonard Sinke informed Lowell Area School board members Monday night that the school's long and drawn-out hassle with Lowell Township over transferring the Middle School property into the City of Lowell has finally been decided in the school's favor.

The State Boundary Commission voted 4 to 0 to support the board's request, since they determined that there were many advantages to the school and no significant harm to the township.

Superintendent Sinke stated that it was a definite and final decision and cannot be appealed but that it must, however, be written up and then approved again as written.

The board was also informed that one petition form had been picked up to be circulated by a candidate running for one of the two board vacancies at the annual June 10 election. The terms of both Dave Wingeier and Dr. Robert Reagan expire at that time. Wingeier has announced that he will run for re-election but Dr. Reagan is undecided. Potential candidates have until Monday, May 13, to file their petitions.

A brief report on the newly formed Citizens' Study Committee was next presented to members of the board. The group held its first meeting last week at which time it considered several alternatives to hold the line on the present school program which otherwise may have to be cut back due to inflation and rising costs.

One suggested solution was a slight millage increase. The group will meet again Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Rooms K 3 and 4 at the high school. The meeting will be open to any member of the community who wishes to attend.

A motion to reconsider board approval for adding hockey as a recognized school sport became enmeshed in a snarl of Roberts' Rules, but finally wound up with the board definitely favoring the addition. During the discussion it was pointed out that thus far only East Grand Rapids is considering adding the growing ice sport to their school program and that unless other schools followed suit we might possibly wind up with a team with only one opponent.

Don Kelly, Asst. Supt., pointed out, however, that it was not too many years ago that East Grand Rapids and Lowell had the only school wrestling teams.

A review of the 1971 building and site fund listed the following proposed expenditures: construction of additions to Alto and Bushnell, \$1,287,000; remodeling Runciman, \$75,000; remodeling present portion of Alto, \$25,000; remodeling present portion of Bushnell, \$20,000; construction and furnishing administration building, \$175,000; washer in bus garage and additional asphalt in garage area, \$6,000. Two contingency funds were also included, \$100,000 for the larger project of the two elementary additions and \$10,000 allowed for the other items.

The financing has already been provided for in the bond issue passed three years ago.

The board gave formal acknowledgement to member Dave Wingeier's pet project, that of establishing a high school agriculture program. "It's been my feeling for the past two or three years that we are an agricultural area and we certainly should teach it in our schools.

Even if we weren't a farm community, I feel that all young women and young men should have a basic knowledge of where our food comes from," Wingeier stated.

"However," he added, "I don't believe that we should go ahead and hire a teacher and purchase books and materials if we are not going to have any students

Cascade To Select New Fire Chief

A recommendation for employment of Cascade Township's first full-time fireman, who would become fire chief, June 1, will be acted upon May 13 by the township board.

Trustee Joseph E. Popma, chairman of a special committee named to make the selection, recommended the board appoint John Kwekel, 32. Kwekel, a lieutenant in the department, was one of three interviewed by the committee.

If the recommendation is approved, Kwekel would succeed Grover Buttrick, a charter member of the volunteer department organized in 1941 and its chief since 1965. Popma said the full-time position was offered Buttrick, who declined for personal reasons. Donald Winters, a third candidate interviewed, also asked not to be considered, Popma said.

All three had been recommended by the 26-member volunteer department. Salary of the full-time chief will be \$10,000, according to Clerk Edward Meyer.

The board delayed action because Trustee D. R. Ellinger, a member of the committee was absent.

The board also set May 13 for an answer to two property owners protesting a zoning change made when the board approved a new interim zoning map earlier this month. The map has been published and becomes effective May 18.

The land involved is in the vicinity of Kraft Avenue and 52nd Street S.E. Attorneys representing property owners Mike Fishman and William Meyers questioned if proper notification procedures had been followed. The board promised a check with its legal counsel and an answer prior to the effective date of the map.

School Emergency Preparedness Workshop To Be Held May 2

A one-day School Emergency Preparedness Workshop for public school administrators in Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties will be held in Grand Rapids next Thursday.

The State Board of Education workshop is being held for the purpose of developing or updating disaster plans for schools in the three counties.

Topics that will be discussed include severe weather, floods, bomb threats, disturbances and demonstrations. It is the first of a series of workshops that will be held throughout the state.

The workshop will be held starting at 10 a.m. at the Hospitality Inn at 4041 Cascade Road S.E.

Schedules June 1 Pageant

Now in its fourth year running, the Miss Lowell Showboat pageant looks to be ever better for 1974, with four contestants, three from Lowell and one from Forest Hills, submitting early entries.

The pageant, which has dropped its Miss Michigan franchise this year, is under the sponsorship of the Lowell Area Jaycees. Ed Ridgway will head the pageant committee for 1974, with Dean Collins serving as contestant chairman, and Dennis Weersing handling the programs and advertising.

Announcing June 1 as the date for this year's pageant, Ridgway revealed that all area girls, aged 17 years and older, are invited to seek the title of Miss Lowell Showboat.

The girls will be judged in three divisional classifications—evening gowns, talent and swim suits, Ridgway continued, with a panel of select judges being given the task of naming the new Showboat queen and her runners-up. Individual awards for talent, swim suit and Miss Congeniality will also be presented.

During a month of pre-pageant grooming, the contestants will work on perfecting their talent presentations . . . will attend rehearsal sessions . . . and strive to attain the nod of the judges as the new Miss Showboat.

Upon her selection, the new reigning beauty will be plunged into a heavy schedule of promotional appearances . . . parades, fairs, TV shows, etc., announcing the 1974 shows starring impressionist George Kirby, July 25-27 and the New Christy Minstrels, July 18-20. She will also be promoting the fact that the "minstrel show under the stars," originally started in 1932, will be housed this year in a new \$60,000 amphitheatre, offering more comfortable seating, some with backs, and adequate room to stretch your legs, sit back, and enjoy the show of shows.

Official entry blanks for this year's pageant, so far, have been filed by Lori Ann Courser, Helen Margaret (Meg) Reynolds, Teresa Ann Ryan, and Kimberly Ann Waller.

Miss Courser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courser, 203 North Hudson Street, Lowell, is a senior at Lowell Senior High School.

An exchange student to Denmark in 1973, she has won first place ratings in solo and ensemble festivals for both vocal and clarinet. In high school, she has been active in the Ski Club, on the Debate Team, the Forensic Team, a member of the Chamber Choir, in the Band, been a participant in the all school plays and musicals for four years, and is an honor student.

Miss Courser, who plans on attending Michigan State University, majoring in law, will give a skit as her talent presentation.

Meg Reynolds

Miss Reynolds, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Reynolds and the late Herb Reynolds of 146 Valley Vista Drive, Lowell, will do an impressionistic dance as her talent presentation.

A senior at Lowell High School, Miss Reynolds lists her hobbies as snow and water skiing, bicycling and jewelry making. She is a member of the choir at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, is on Stete's Teen Board, and is active in the Lowell Area Jaycees. Besides being a member of the Ski Club, and on the student council, she served as Homecoming queen at Lowell High School in 1973.

When she graduates in June, Miss Reynolds plans to

Spring Clean Up Set For May 6-10

There are a lot of reasons to take advantage of Lowell's Clean up week, scheduled to be held this year from May 6 through May 10, but here are a couple of reasons you might not have thought of.

First, getting rid of excess trash can eliminate fire hazards, according to Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker. Trash piled in attics and basements are ideal places for a fire to start and spread quickly.

Baker also noted that such trash also serves as fuel for a fire already started.

Secondly, getting your house, garage, warehouse, backyard or whatever cleaned out during this week, can save you money, too. It will save you a trip to the dump, plus the items are picked up by the city at no charge.

The Lowell Street Sanitation Department trucks will pick up all rubbish and household debris that has been placed at the curb, providing the material is in containers or banded.

Cooperation of all residents is asked to use only containers that can be lifted onto the trucks. Do not use 55 gallon drums, as they become too heavy to lift when full.

Bulky rubbish such as trees, weeds and large cardboard boxes are to be banded so as not to exceed four feet in length, nor more than 50 pounds in weight. Please do not rake leaves into the gutters at the curb or ditches—they will "not" be picked up.

The City crews will pick up debris on the East side of the Flat River on Monday and Tuesday, May 6 and 7; on the West side of Flat River on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 8, 9 and 10.

MALFROID, IN CONCERT

Larry Malfroid of Grand Rapids will present a Classical Guitar Concert Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m., in the St. Cecilia Auditorium. This benefit concert for La Leche League of Grand Rapids will enable the chapter to send representatives to the July educational La Leche League International Conference in Chicago.

enter Grand Rapids Junior College.

Teresa Ryan

Undecided whether her talent presentation will be singing or drama, Miss Ryan is looking to further her education in a technical school when she graduates from Lowell High School this June.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryan, 2807 Segun Avenue, Lowell, Miss Ryan lists her hobbies as horses, ceramics, learning guitar, singing, bicycling and motorcycle riding.

During her four years at Lowell High School, she has been a representative on the homecoming queen's court, been a pom pom girl, played girl's basketball, taken drama, and been a member of the concert choir. Her outside activities find her in the Camp Fire Girl program, a member of the Junior Tri-Hi-Y, and a 4-H Club member.

Kimberly Waller

Miss Waller, a senior at Forest Hills Central High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Waller, 817 Pettis Avenue, N.E., Ada.

She shows horses all over the State of Michigan and loves to teach children how to dance. She is a teacher's aide in gym, and has won the President's Physical Fitness award.

She has won numerous band, essay and painting awards, is a 4-H Club member, and holds membership in the U.S. Pony Club. She can be found doing student council work at Forest Hills, where she is a pom pom girl, has been a cheerleader, and is on the girl's basketball team.

For her talent presentation, Miss Waller will do a modern dance. After graduation, she hopes to enter Grand Rapids Junior College.



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Wesleyan Church To Hold Revival Services

Revival services will be held at Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Avenue, beginning Sunday, May 5, continuing through Sunday, May 12.

Lowell Women's Club To Install Officers

The Women's Club of Lowell will hold their Annual Spring Luncheon and installation of the new officers in the Methodist Church Education building, on Wednesday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Engagement Revealed

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Sharon Kay Nelson and Clyde William Childs has been revealed.

'Explore New Paths' Theme For Church Women United's May Fellowship Day

May Fellowship Day will be celebrated by Church Women United of Grand Rapids area Friday, May 3, at Calvin Christian Retirement Home, 2000-32nd Street, S.E.

Women taking part in the Skit are: Elaine Mahacek, Sara Glover, Sue Mann, Phyllis Gifford, Geri Vinkemulder, and three "resource" people in the audience.

Evangelistic Meetings At Eastmont Baptist



Evangelistic meetings will begin at the Eastmont Baptist Church Sunday, May 5, and continue thru May 10.

Special speaker for the meetings will be Rev. Don Moffat, editor of the Ohio Baptist paper.

CO-OP CLUB TO HEAR FARM EDITOR MAY 9

The Vergennes Co-operative Club will meet at the home of Marion Yates Thursday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Charles Johnson, Farm Editor for the Grand Rapids Press.

Mothers Work Hard Spring Carnival Is This Friday

This is the week of the annual Spring Carnival sponsored by the Alto Mother's Club.

Once again the rooms of the Alto School will be filled with games, a Country Store, a White Elephant Sale, a Bake Sale, a Pet Room and numerous door prizes will be given away.



In the country store, a variety of items can be found.

For the cake walk and some are sold at the bake sale along with breads, pies, cookies and other goodies.

The country store will feature homemade items and novelties.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

- LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Week of May 6, 1974 MONDAY: Beef Stew, Cabbage Salad, White Bread or Rolls, Assorted Fruits, Milk

'Y' Director Attends Longhouse Convention

Rommie Moore, Director of the Lowell YMCA, attended the 37th National Longhouse Convention of the Y-Indian Guides, held in Rochester, New York, April 26-28.

The 49-year-old movement is made up of small tribes of five to eight dads and their five to eight-year-olds.

Keynote speaker at the convention was Barney Old Coyote, a Crow Indian, president of the American Indian National Bank, Washington, D.C.

Former Lowell Resident Keith Himebaugh Dies

Keith Himebaugh, a former Lowell resident, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on Bull Shoals Lake, Isabella, Missouri, April 12, 1974.

He was the son of Clyde and Blanche Himebaugh. Mr. Himebaugh attended Lowell High School and Michigan State University.

Free 'Pap' Test Given This Friday

The American Cancer Society, Kent County Unit, is conducting a Pap Smear Screening program in the County.

All women of the area are urged to take advantage of this service at the East Kent Community Center on Grand River Drive, southwest of Lowell, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Studies show that advanced cancers of the cervix in Kent County appear in women over the age of 45.

BITS 'O' BUSINESS

With traffic on its Washington-to-New York run the heaviest since the railroad heyday of 1945, Amtrak has ordered 57 new Metroliner cars and is considering introducing luxury accommodations on the run.

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Rural Conservation Program Offers Long-term Agreements. Water Wittenbach, Chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, states the new Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP) provides funds for cost-sharing soil and water conservation practices.

Still Time To Sign Up! YMCA GIRL'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Division Competition open to girls ages 7-9; 10-12 and 13-15.

Come to Church. A large grid listing various churches and their services: Ada Christian Reformed Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Snow United Methodist Church, Ada Community Reformed Church, Eastmont Baptist Church, Forest Hills Community Reformed Church, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Alto-Bowne Center United Methodist Churches, First Baptist Church-Alto, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA), Bethany Bible Church, First Baptist Church-Lowell, Church of The Nazarene-Lowell, Vergennes United Methodist.

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Airman Robert Stacey Graduates With Honors

Airman First Class Robert D. Stacy, Jr., son of Mrs. Marjorie R. Stacy, 11384 Grand River Drive, Lowell, has graduated with honors at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, from the U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanic course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Airman Stacy, who was trained to repair current Air Force jet aircraft, is being assigned to Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, South Carolina. He will serve with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

The airman is a 1972 graduate of Folsom High School in California.

Tickets On Sale For International Dinner

The annual International Dinner, sponsored by the Youth For Understanding students in Lowell, will be held this year on May 15, at the Lowell Middle School. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets, which went on sale last week, are being sold by last year's exchange students—Shawn Ayres, Sue Condon, Lori Courser, Carol Myers, Meg Reynolds and Tara Sprout—and this year's delegates—Craig Anderson, Carol Doyle, Jane Rivette and Wendy Stinchcomb.

On the menu will be Chicken Hawaiian and Steak Teriyaki, salad, potatoes and an attractive array of delicious desserts. New this year will be a children's menu of hot dogs, chips, jello, cake and a beverage.

The proceeds from the dinner will help send Lowell's exchange students abroad this summer.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the Lowell Police Department for the concern that was shown at the April 12 accident at the upper bridge. For all they knew our little boy or I might have been thrown out of the car and with the aid of four officers they might have found us in time to save our lives.

That bridge is a very bad place without having an accident on it; let alone all the on-lookers that always crowd around to see what they can see so they can run and stretch the truth of what really happened all over town. Without the aid of four police officers, some of these people could have been badly hurt.

I also want to thank them for the fine job they did at aiding my husband, for all we know this might have saved his life.

Again Thanks
Mrs. Jack Gee

First Grade Girls Invited To Join Blue Bird Group

Girls in the first grade in Bushnell, Runciman, and St. Mary's Schools who are interested in joining a Blue Bird Group are invited to come with their mothers to the Bushnell School at 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 10.

Mrs. David Coons and Mrs. Vern Keim will explain the Blue Bird program, which is the part of the Camp Fire Girls organization planned for younger girls. Activities for the new groups will begin in the fall.



39 UNITS ACCEPTED—Lowell area's first Blood Bank Drive, conducted last month by the Lowell Area Jaycees, was termed a success. Sixty volunteer blood givers were processed, with 39 units of blood being accepted.

SHOPLIFTERS—Two female juvenile shoplifters were caught at Lippert's Pharmacy last Tuesday. Lowell Police were summoned to the scene. After a talk with the girls, they were released to the parent's custody.

POPPY DAYS—The veterans organizations of Lowell will conduct their annual Poppy Day Sales this year May 16-18. "Wear a Poppy... America's silent tribute to her heroes."

PUBLIC HEARING—May 6, 8 p.m. before the regular meeting of the Lowell City Council. Purpose of the hearing will be to listen to all parties interested in the complete revisions of Lowell City Zoning Ordinance No. 22. Said revised ordinance includes among others, six zones for Planned Unit Development.

AIRPLANE RIDES—The Lowell Lions Club and the Lowell Airport Boosters will hold their second annual three cent a pound airplane rides at the Lowell City Airport on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome, especially those weighing between 40 and 400 pounds.

MAYOR AUTHORIZED—The Lowell City Council at a special meeting Monday night, authorized Mayor Carlen Anderson to sign a "letter of intent" to pursue a long term low interest loan from the Farm Home Administration to construct a fresh water treatment plant. Larry Smith of the Lansing office and Ray Obreiter, County Supervisor for the FHA, were present to explain a recent deadline to consider loan applications imposed by the Federal office. According to Smith, all unallocated monies after May 1, 1974, will go into a national pool where the Michigan office will lose its control of the fund's ultimate use.

The action committed the Council to do the necessary paper work to be eligible for a formal loan offer later this summer.

FILING DEADLINE—Saturday, May 13, at 4 p.m. is the last date for filing petitions for election to the Lowell Area School's Board of Education. This year, two of the four-year terms are open with the expiration of terms of Dave Wingeler and Dr. Robert Reagan. Tues., May 16, is the last day for withdrawing a candidate's name before the June election. Petitions may be obtained at the Superintendent's office, 700 Elizabeth Street. Petitioners are required to have 20 signatures, with qualified electors permitted to sign no more than two petitions.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S GOLF—Senior citizens interested in joining the golf league at Deer Run Golf Club this summer are urged to contact the Lowell Senior Center, 214 East Main Street, sponsors of the league, or call 897-5250. All participants will be able to play at reduced rates, according to Howard Clack, Senior Center Director.

FLOWERY THOUGHTS—Lowell area 'green thumbs' are reminded to plan their flower gardens, keeping Lowell Showboat Garden Club's annual Flower show in mind. This year's event will be held July 26 and 27 at the Runciman All-purpose room.

ROADSIDE PICKUP—The Flat River Snowmobile Club members will assemble Saturday morning at 9:30 at Killmaster Ford to start spring cleaning along M-21, between Lowell and Ada. All trash, after being bagged, will be picked up by trucks to be properly disposed of at the end of the day. There will be refreshment breaks and a weiner roast for all workers. In case of rain, plans will be held over until the following week, May 11.

VEHICLE STOLEN—A 1973 Oldsmobile, in Wittenbach Sales and Service on West Main Street for repairs, was stolen sometime last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. Entry into the repair shop was made when the pane of glass was broken out on the side of the building and a window was opened. Something must have scared the taker, as the vehicle was returned, parked very neatly in front of Wittenbach's. The incident is under further investigation.

DRIVER IS TICKETED

Ionia state police issued a ticket for making an improper left turn to John Edward Manszewski, 18, of Lowell after the car he was driving was involved in an accident last Wednesday night on Grand River Road near the Kent-Ionia county line.

Police said Manszewski was traveling slowly and turned left in front of a car driven by Arthur Lowrey, 63, of Saranac who was trying to pass.

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