

City Budget Reveals Effects Of Inflation Taxes Cut One Mill

With one dissenting vote cast by Councilman Harold Jefferies, Council approved the proposed 1974-75 City budget, Monday, after granting Councilman Herbert Mueller's request to increase the capital outlay for the City Airport by \$3,900. The budget also reflects a tax cut of one mill to bring the City's tax rate down from 16 mills in 1972 to 14 mills in 1974.

Increased tax base from industrial expansion in the city accounts for the main reason for the decrease. The Council has been making every effort to reduce the local tax rate each year because Lowell City taxpayers' total tax is the second highest property tax in Kent County, slightly behind wealthy residential East Grand Rapids.

The Lowell budget calls for an expected total general fund revenue of \$479,355.60, up \$33,777.00 from the previous year.

Principal increases in the 1974-75 budget come from increased salaries to city employees, increases vary from 5.21 percent to 11.53 percent and will cost the city an extra \$23,000.00 over the previous year.

Street Program

The budget revealed that the major street fund expected revenues of \$62,200, but has plans to spend \$86,476.00; the deficit to come from a bond issue to be paid off by anticipated future revenues in the street funds. This work was outlined at a previous meeting and will complete the city street system.

Federal revenue sharing monies, which are expected to be some \$40,000 in the coming year are being held to construct a new city hall, fire barn, police headquarters complex. Early estimates set the cost of this at \$250,000, of which the city presently has slightly over \$100,000.

The adjourned May 6 Public Hearing on amending Zoning Ordinance No. 22 was held Monday night with the City's Planning Consultant, J. Paul Jones outlining the Planning Commission's recommendation for adoption.

The amendment now under consideration by the Council would allow for the inclusion of Planned Unit Development (PUD), permitting greater flexibility in land use on now undeveloped land lying in what is designated as the flood plain area; portions of land on the south edge of Lowell along Grand River.

Under Planned Unit Development, there are six categories, each category allowing a specified type of land use. Mobile home parks would fall in one category, another allows for a combination of single and two family dwellings while still another permits a broader contemporary concept of office buildings plus residential dwellings. A developer would have to meet the specified requirements of the particular category elected. All plans for development in these areas would be submitted to the City Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

PUD is not mandatory, Jones said, and present zoning classifications remain the same in all other areas of the City and if a developer did not elect to use the PUD concept, regular zoning regulations would then apply.

After some discussion, council voted to appoint the auditing firm, Biggs and Hall of Saranac, and appointed City Manager Blaine Bacon as acting treasurer due to the resignation of Mrs. Betty Rogers on May 10; granted a request for a kennel license by Mrs. Jean Stiles, providing adjacent neighbors have no objections and approved the library board's recommendation for Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Mrs. Guernsey Hahn to fill the expiring terms of Mrs. Harold Jefferies and Mrs. Mart Schneider on the library board.

Sidewalks were a topic for more discussion Monday night with complaints from several residents who are dissatisfied with some of the work done in replacing sidewalk where existing sidewalks had been damaged during last summer's construction program. Manager Bacon read a letter from a resident of the Segwun area requesting that sidewalks be replaced along South Hudson, citing the hazards to pedestrians who frequently walk there. Council members agreed to look into these matters and try to effect satisfactory results.



EARLY DEADLINE—Due to the observance of Memorial Day falling on Monday, May 27, all copy for next week's edition must be in by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 24. Your cooperation in helping us meet this rigid deadline will be appreciated.

IMPATIENTLY WAITING—"I've got my reservation in for a surgical table," relates Mrs. Mac (Rosie) Fonger of Rosie Drive Inn, "but how long I'll be on the waiting list is anyone's guess." Recently in traction at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Fonger's lab tests showed a very badly slipped disc. In severe pain, which can only be relieved by surgery, you can be sure Rosie is impatiently waiting. "The only nice part of it all, Rosie revealed, "was all the nice cards, flowers and kindnesses I've received from all my friends and patrons. To you all, a big thanks."

NEW CHIEF—John Kwekel, 32, has been appointed full-time fire chief of the Cascade Township Volunteer Fire Department. Kwekel succeeds Grover Buttrick who served the department on a parttime basis. The new chief will begin his new duties June 1.

CLOSED—Beginning June 8, the Speerstra Insurance Agency and the J.R.B. Insurance Agency will be closed on Saturdays during June, July and August.

SWAP DAY—Lowell City officials started off the Michigan Week activities in a two-day Mayor's Day Exchange with South Haven. Sunday, Mayor Carlen Anderson, Councilmen Harold Jefferies and Herbert Mueller and City Manager Blaine Bacon, and their wives, participated in the dedication of the new South Haven City Hall. On Monday they toured the municipal power plant and downtown redevelopment project, there, before returning home. On July 18 South Haven Mayor Elizabeth B. Davis and other officials will be welcomed in Lowell.

AUCTION—June 7 has been selected as the date this year for the Ada Firemen's Annual Auction at the Ada Township Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. The funds raised will be used for the July 4th fireworks display.

INSTALL WALKS—O. E. Bieri and Sons Construction have installed two new entrance sidewalks at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on East Main Street. Also in the works is a paved driveway for the parsonage.

MEMORIAL DAY—The State Savings Bank of Lowell and the Lowell Post Office will be closed all day, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

CAR FOUND—The 1961 tan Chevrolet stolen last week from Imperial Motors on West Main Street was recovered by the Lowell Police Department May 18. The vehicle was found off Foreman Road, between Cumberland Avenue and Parnell Road.

CAUGHT—Seven juvenile shoplifters were caught in three separate incidences last week at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street. Those caught were turned over to their parents, with possible pending action from Juvenile Court.

ENTERED—The Kent County Sheriff's Department are investigating a breaking and entering incident at the Boy Scout Cabin May 18.

FIXED—Through the combined efforts of the V.F.W., the American Legion and the City of Lowell, the historic war cannon at Oakwood Cemetery has been placed on a new foundation. Area residents will get a chance to see the memorial gun when they attend Memorial Services Monday at the cemetery.

FOR THOSE WHO WONDER—Bingo will go on as usual this Friday night at the V.F.W.

Book Drop At Ada Mall

Moby, the Kent County Library bookmobile, now has a book drop for Ada patrons in the Ada Shopping Plaza mall.

Patrons who cannot return their books to the bookmobile on Thursdays may place them in the large, plainly-marked container in the plaza.

Moby is open at the plaza parking lot on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.



Mrs. Nola Beth Shear of Lowell was one of the many Lowell area residents who took advantage of the three-cent a pound airplane rides offered Saturday by the Lowell Lions Club.

Gas, Weight Has Increased Tax Income

Gallons of taxed gasoline down; income from gas and weight taxes up. That was the report to the State Highway Commission today on January-through-March receipts of Michigan's Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in comparison to the same period of 1973.

Net receipts for the first three months of 1974 totaled \$169,849,674, an increase of 6.8 percent over the \$159,108,023 net in the same quarter of last year. All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, as well as license plate fees, go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

First quarter distribution amounts to counties, compared to the same period, in this area, were:

	1974	1973
Ionia	440,118	418,728
Kent	1,437,436	2,215,054
Barry	392,056	383,157
Montcalm	485,270	468,874

Amounts received for the first yearly quarter by area cities and villages were:

	1974	1973
Clarksville	3,154	3,011
Belding	33,774	32,230
Ionia	33,303	31,747
Lowell	21,687	19,877
Saranac	8,500	8,111

For a variety of reasons, it is difficult to draw many valid conclusions in comparing this year's first-quarter income with last year's," said John P. Woodford, State Highway and Transportation Director.

Woodford noted that Michigan's state tax on gasoline was increased from seven cents a gallon to nine cents effective Feb. 1, 1973. Collections in March, 1973, on February sales thus produced revenue from the nine-cent tax for only one month of the three-month quarter last year.

Gasoline tax receipts totaled \$79,008,789 in the January-March period last year and \$85,645,631 this year. Gallons of gasoline taxed declined as a result of gasoline shortages and reduced travel, totaling 1,022,348,771 (b) gallons in the first three months of 1973 and 967,506,000 (m) in the same period this year.

Revenue from diesel fuel taxes totaled \$4,618,807 in the first three months of last year, compared to \$4,454,060 this year, a decrease of 3.5 percent. The diesel fuel tax stayed at seven cents a gallon when the gas tax went up to nine cents.

The number of auto license tabs sold in the quarter totaled 2,620,354, up 4.8 percent from the year before. Sales produced \$51,280,637, up 5.06 percent.

The number of commercial plates sold in the quarter totaled 533,815, up 15 percent from 1973. Sales yielded \$36,691,134, up 11 percent. The increase was attributed in part to delays by trucking firms in purchasing new plates late last year while fuel supplies were uncertain and shortages severe.

Department of State officials also noted that many owners of both passenger and commercial vehicles put off paying annual fees in years when tabs are issued instead of new plates.

Proceeds in the Motor Vehicle Fund are distributed at three levels of government after deduction of collection costs, the Waterways Commission's 1.25 percent share of gas taxes, and the General Transportation Fund's one-eighth cent share of the gas tax for public transportation. The formula provides for 44.5 percent to go to the Department of State Highways and Transportation, 35.7 percent to the state's 83 counties and 19.8 percent to the 530 incorporated municipalities.

Under this formula, the Highway and Transportation Department will receive \$75,583,093, as its share of the quarterly collections. The counties will receive \$60,636,324 and the cities and villages \$33,630,230.

To Celebrate 90th

Mrs. Mary Parker of Pinckney Road, Saranac, will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 2.

An open house in her honor will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at her home on June 2.

All of her friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend. She has requested "no gifts please."

NOTICE—Due to the Memorial Holiday, May 27, there will be no immunization clinic at the East Kent Community Center. The next scheduled clinic will be June 10, 1974.

THE UNI PERM—That everyone is talking about is here. Vanity Hair Fashions, 897-7506. c7-8

Kids' Summer Park Program

The East Kent Community Center on Grand River Drive, Lowell, is sponsoring a Summer Park Program for all Lowell and surrounding area children. The program is scheduled to start July 22, 1974 and run until August 16, 1974.

The Summer Park Program will consist of half day sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. The Program will be held at Bushnell Playground. There is no charge, and all activities and materials are free.

Qualified Park Supervisors will coordinate daily activities and supervise the additional staff that will be working with the children. We urge all area children to take part in the Summer Park Program. For further information please contact Karen Charon at 897-5111.

Fliers will be distributed at all schools in Lowell to the children from six to twelve years of age on Thursday, May 23, 1974. It is important that interested parents fill out the flier and return it to school with the child.

Second Pre-School Conference Set

The Lowell Area Conference on the Pre-School Child has scheduled its second session for Thursday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building at the First United Methodist Church at 621 E. Main Street, Lowell.

The Lowell Area Conference on the Pre-School Child held its first session on Saturday, April 27, 1974. Twenty-four persons from various organizations in the community and concerned community residents attended this meeting. The first meeting was held so that community people could discuss the need of Lowell area pre-schoolers and possible programs that could be developed.

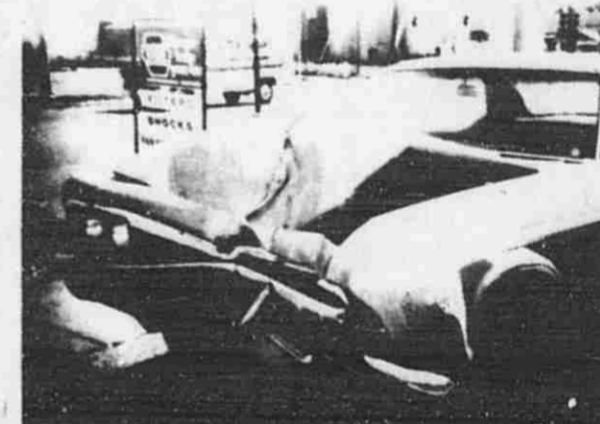
Listed below are some suggested needs from the first conference:

Title I Funds for Pre-K, Middle Income pre-school, Day Care—working mothers, Co-op nursing school—effect families, In School—pre-school classes—readiness rooms, Day Care for 2½-8 years, Funds and Space needs, Tutoring program, CAP—agency to help.

Community Young Mothers Groups, Day Care Center—pre and after school—with parental seminars and programs, Classes for parents—discussion and school expectations, Pre-School for middle income groups, Pre School in Lowell Senior High School, Volunteers recruited and allocated—RSVP, etc., Who to call—What's available—information out to community, Parental participation in all programs is important.

Interested community persons are urged to attend this next conference and participate in the planning of possible programs for the younger children of this community.

This session is being sponsored by the East Kent Community Center. For further information contact Mrs. Karen Charon, 897-5111 or 897-5531.



A pickup truck, driven by John Timpson of 1975 Segwun Avenue, Lowell, collided with a car driven by Betty Jane Houseman, 846 Montcalm, N.E., at the intersection of West Main and Hudson Street, Monday afternoon. The Houseman vehicle was making a left hand turn onto Main Street and the Timpson vehicle was traveling north on Hudson.

Memorial Parade Routes Outlined

Plans for the annual Memorial Day parade in Lowell (Monday, May 27) have been set, according to Roger Bieri of Clark-Ellis American Legion Post, No. 152 of Lowell.

Bieri, Marshal of the Parade, said all veterans will meet at the Lowell V.F.W. Hall on East Main Street, in or out of uniform, at 8:30 a.m.

Parade participants will assemble at Richard's Park, also at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. The parade will follow the traditional route down North Hudson St. onto Main Street heading East, north up Monroe St., halting at Oakwood Cemetery. The salute and presentation of flowers will be delivered in memory of those who lost their lives at sea, at the bridges on Main St.

Several local civic groups will participate, and band representatives from Lowell Area Schools will perform. Decorated bikes, except those motorized, are urged to enter.

Services at the Veterans' Memorial at Oakwood Cemetery will be conducted by the Rev. Father Tom Niedzwiecki of St. Mary's Church of Lowell.

Representatives from the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post and Lowell V.F.W. Post 8303 will combine to form the color guard and firing squad.

In Cascade . . .

Led by members of the Forest Hills High School band, the traditional Memorial Day parade in Cascade is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. this Monday.

The parade will assemble at the Cascade Township Hall on Orange Street and proceed to the Veteran's Memorial Marker on the Cascade Road Bridge at Thorncrest.

The color guard and firing squad will be provided by McDonald-Osmer Post No. 451 of the American Legion.

Lock Bikes Up!



This past weekend, the Lowell Police Department processed numerous complaints concerning bicycle thefts. Bikes, such as the one above, should be secured with a lock, when not in use. At night, unused bikes should also be stored in a locked garage. It will also help the Police Department, if your bike is stolen, to have the serial number written down and kept in the house. Of the bikes stolen over the weekend, only one has been recovered.

Community Counselor

Adults who have been away from high school or college for more than five years are usually very unsure about what college has to offer now. Their life experiences and frustrated career plans usually convince them that the lack of a completed college education is a severe hindrance, but they are not always sure of the steps to take to remedy this problem.

Grand Valley is aware of this difficulty and has recently appointed a community counselor to work with adults who have unanswered questions regarding college. Mrs. Marilyn Chambers is the community counselor from Grand Valley State College. She is going to be providing her services at the East Kent Community Center twice a month. Mrs. Chambers will see persons by appointment. She will be pleased to meet adults in groups or on an individual basis.

If you would like to see Mrs. Chambers or have her visit you, please call 897-5111. Mrs. Chambers will be seeing persons on May 22, 1974 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the East Kent Community Center, 10763 Grand River Drive, Lowell.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—Special this week: Chicken & Chips, 99¢. Chicken by the Bucket, Family Nite, Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hamburgs, 30¢; Fries, 25¢; Hippiburger, 60¢. Sunday morning Specials. Soft Serve or Sealtest Ice Cream c7

Disciples Of Christ Campus Convention

A campus convention this year in Grand Rapids will offer something new and different for Michigan Disciples of Christ. Using the new facilities at Gezon Center, on the Calvin College campus, the Cascade Christian Church will be intricately involved in this year's gathering, May 31-June 2.

Soil Week Will Be Observed Nationwide

Governor William G. Milliken has signed a proclamation designating May 19-26 as Soil Stewardship Week in Michigan. This is the 20th year that Soil Stewardship Week will be observed nationwide. The theme for this year's observance will be "A Different Place."

Saying Happy Birthday



Among the honored guests at the May Birthday Party for Cherry Creek residents were, from left, Florence Ten-Eyk, Mildred Lovelace, Beulah Duell, Ida Johnson and Elsie Franks.

Each month, a giant birthday party is held at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home at 350 North Center, to honor the residents whose birthdays fall during that month. The party usually held on the third Thursday of the month, is open to the residents and their friends.

1. Bessie Hancock, Vada McMahon, May 3. Florence Ten-Eyk, May 5. Stanley Szczylo, Annie Bard, May 6. Glen Ford, May 8. Beulah Duell, May 9. Elsie Franks, Edna Fitzsimmons, May 11.

B&PW Women To Hold Installation

The Lowell Business & Professional Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting Monday, June 3, at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be an installation of officers and will take place at the home of Evelyn Briggs, 12080 Gee Drive.

East Kent Community Center

- 10763 GRAND RIVER DR., LOWELL. OPEN—Monday-Friday, 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. Phone 897-5111. C.A.P. OUTREACH AIDES—On call Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Michigan Optometric College Supported

A college of optometry in the state of Michigan is absolutely necessary if the state is to meet its future optometric manpower requirements, according to Dr. A. Bergstrom, Midland, president of the 525 member Michigan Optometric Association.

"Without its own college of optometry, Michigan will find its optometric population dwindling drastically within the next 10 to 15 years when hundreds of present middle-aged practitioners will be retiring, this at a time when the demand for optometric services will be at an all-time high due to new governmental health care programs and prepaid vision care programs," the optometric education.

Guidance Office Busy Scheduling Next Year's Classes

Last week was a very busy time at the Lowell Senior High School counseling office. In addition to the final registration during school hours of all of the '74-75 senior class, every evening, Monday through Thursday, was used as orientation meetings for next year's freshmen and their parents.

At the orientation meetings, the counselors, Mrs. Barbara Timmer and Gordon Gould, outlined the high school requirements and curriculum. Many teachers were at the meetings to introduce their classes and answer questions about their areas of study.

Faculty salaries and fringe benefits have risen 41.6 percent since the 1967-68 academic year according to the American Association of University Professors. The cost-of-living index rose 38.5 percent during the same period.

Ray Wilson Slayton Passes, Services Held

Ray Wilson Slayton, aged 84, of 414 LeVae Dr., Belding, passed away Monday noon, May 13, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

STATE SAVINGS BANK OF LOWELL will be closed all day Monday, May 27 MEMORIAL DAY

Letters to the Editor

To the Citizens of Lowell Area Schools:

All of us pay taxes, even those who rent or live in trailer parks. Some say that an increase in millage will not affect them, because they don't own property. This is not true. With an increase in millage, taxes go up and your rent will undoubtedly go up.

Inflation has hit everything. The value of land goes up about 10% or more every year. This alone will allow more money for the school. Right now more than 75% of Lowell Township taxes are going to the school.

gone. WHY? What are they padding down there? Three years ago they had an excess of over \$144,000.00. It wasn't able to obtain the budget from two years ago, but last year they had \$80,000.00 excess. I've asked two school board members where the money has gone.

Dear Brethren in Christ: What a thrill for a mother when she hears her new born baby cry! What joys to share in the experience of seeing her baby grow, take its first step, say its first words!

Former Lowell Man Passes In Arkansas

A former Lowell man, who attended LHS, Allen E. Fredrick, aged 31, of Malvern, Arkansas, passed away May 19 and was brought to the Roth-Geist Funeral Home in Lowell.

John R. Ruth, aged 46, of 111 Ruth Dr., Comstock Park, passed away from accidental injuries sustained in an Ohio airplane crash May 13.

in Lowell. Your presence with us on June 2, will mean even more to us. Please come join us in our joy and thanksgiving to the Lord who has blessed us so abundantly.

Rescue Patrol Keeps Eye On Ecology Workers

The Forest Hills Sno-Mobile Association's rescue team, voluntarily manning an ambulance unit Saturday, played an intricate part in Cannon Township's annual Ecology Clean-Up day.

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COMING SOON— Watch for the Spring flower sale coming soon, sponsored by Lowell Showboat Garden Club. Date to be announced later.

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SCHOOL Lunch Menu

- MONDAY: NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY. TUESDAY: Italian Spaghetti, Garden Salad, French Bread, Assorted Fruits, Milk. WEDNESDAY: Hot Dogs, Catsup or Mustard, Pickles, Carrots, Celery, Whole Kernel Corn, Diced Potatoes & Cookies.

MARY STOMBAUGH PASSES IN INDIANA, RITES HELD

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Peter and Paul Church in Goodland, Indiana, for Mrs. Mary Stombaugh, aged 74, who passed away unexpectedly May 19. Burial was made in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS. ART'S TV SERVICE. 104 E. Main St., Lowell 897-9196

Come to Church. 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.

HOW ABOUT A PICNIC DECORATION DAY? GRILLS, CHARCOAL, COOLERS, BUG SPRAYS, PAPER PLATES, CUPS, ETC. Shop Today At Your Picnic Headquarters. Kippert Walgreen AGENCY 413 East Main Street Lowell

BILLIONS OF BARRELS

Crude oil reserves total 700 billion barrels, enough to last into the 1990's without new discoveries, shale oil, or technological developments, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. More than half, 54 percent, of the supply is in the Middle East. Africa has 15 percent, the Soviet Bloc 12 percent, and the U.S. 6 percent.



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Cascade Revises Zoning Map

Because of errors, the Cascade Township Board has re-worked a recently changed zoning map. On recommendation of Township Attorney Walter B. Freihofer, the board rescinded its April 8 approval of the map because of changes made in zoning of industrial property in Section 31 on the west side of Kraft Ave. SE, south of 52nd St.

Freihofer said the board approved the zoning map but did not adopt an ordinance needed to implement the map. The map, published after the action by the board, also contained an error, he said.

The published map showed a strip of land 400 feet back from Kraft Ave. zoned agricultural from 52nd St. SE to the quarter section line. Part of it was occupied by residences, but 445 feet of the frontage, owned by William Meyers, and another 500 feet owned by Michael Fishman had been zoned industrial since 1971. Meyers owns 4.5 acres and Fishman 65, all zoned industrial including the Kraft Ave. frontage. Both had protested the zoning change.

The intent of the Planning Commission and township board, Freihofer said, was to leave the sites owned by Meyers and Fishman unchanged.

After rescinding its April 8 action, the township board adopted the zoning map originally approved by the Planning Commission and the ordinance to implement it, giving both immediate effect on publication.

Freihofer said citizens may petition for a referendum on the new zoning map and ordinance within 30 days of board approval.

BEST SELLERS...

Chrysanthemums, roses, carnations, cultivated foliage, and geraniums were the best selling florist items in 1970, the latest census figures show.

Retired Businessman Vern Armstrong, 79, Passes; Mass Is Said

Retired Lowell businessman Vern E. Armstrong, aged 79, of 948 Riverside Drive, passed away May 13 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Funeral Mass was said last Thursday morning at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, with Father Tom Niedzwiecki, celebrant. Burial was made in Portland Cemetery, Portland, Michigan.

Mr. Armstrong was born in the Cedar Springs area, and came to Lowell in 1929 from Lansing. For thirty years he operated a service station on West Main Street, first working for Pete Fineis when he arrived here. He retired in 1960.

Besides his wife, Pearl, Mr. Armstrong is survived by three sons, Lawrence and Edward of Lowell and Charles of Hamilton; one daughter, Mrs. Lucille Curtiss of Lowell; one step-daughter, Mrs. Nita Weldon of Torrence, California; one brother, Wesley of Rockford; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Urgent Need For New Animal Van

The Humane Society Guild is putting out an S.O.S., a special appeal to those concerned with animal welfare. The Humane Society's animal ambulance is in desperate need of replacement. Over the last two years, the familiar white van with its faded blue lettering has traveled Kent County's road around the clock answering the call of animals in distress.

"Our kind of mission requires dependable transportation," claims Mrs. Dorothy Hazlett, Humane Society Guild president. "And the truth is, we simply don't have it with our present van. After putting in 75,000 miles of mercy over the past two years, the van is worn out. Apart from the costly repair bills, we never know now when the next break-down will occur. We need a reliable ambulance to continue giving the service Kent County animal lovers have been accustomed to receiving from us," Mrs. Hazlett says.

"Ours is the only animal ambulance service in Kent County; if our ambulance can't answer the call, nothing will. We are hoping that individuals who have called on us for emergency service in the past will come to our aid now. And there may be persons who would like to make a contribution toward the ambulance in memory of a cherished pet. We fervently hope so; the need is urgent," Mrs. Hazlett adds.

Contributions in any amount may be mailed to Humane Society Ambulance, c/o Michigan National Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501 or persons may pick up a pre-addressed envelope at most area banks.

The Humane Society is a non-profit charitable organization supported solely through contributions.

In Lowell, the envelopes may be obtained at the State Savings Bank.

Julie Ann Miller Weds Richard Hakken



Miss Julie Ann Miller and Richard Allen Hakken exchanged their vows of Holy matrimony May 18 in the Grace Episcopal Church.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Miller, Crahen Road, S.E., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hakken of Sepulveda, California.

For her wedding, the bride chose a silk organza gown, fashioned with a lace trimmed cape collar, lace trimmed deep flounce on the skirt and bishop sleeves. Her full-length veil of illusion was secured by a matching fabric Juliet cap. She carried a bouquet of daisies and yellow roses.

Wearing floral organza gowns with ruffled necklines, bishop sleeves, and deep flounced skirts, were the honor attendants, Diane Gessler, maid of honor; Roxanna Spurgis, Mrs. William Aymond and Mrs. Dennis Houghton, bridesmaids.

The groom's attendants were Gary Meechhouse, best man; Steven and Robert Miller, David VanderWeide, Jack Klunder and Dennis Teshima, ushers.

Presiding as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies at the reception held in the Undercroft were Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Miller, jr., of Bridgeport.

The newlyweds are on a honeymoon in Northern Michigan.

Ada Approves Roadway Plans

A scaled down plan for improvement of controversial Alta Dale Avenue SE, between M-21 and Ada Drive, SE, has received approval from the Ada Township Board.

The \$26,752 project will be paid for with \$14,713 from the Township and the balance from the Kent County Road Commission. The Township will ask scheduling of the construction this summer by the Road Commission.

Residents along the Township street expressed vigorous opposition to widening and resurfacing of the roadway. They opposed acquisition of additional right-of-way and the blacktop surface contending it would make the road a raceway.

Included in the project is the elimination of two 90 degree turns and grading and graveling the surface from 2,000 feet south of the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks. The portion of Alta Dale north of the railroad tracks will be improved in 1975, when M-21 is widened to four lanes.

At the request of the Adacraft Commons Association, the Township will petition the Kent County Drain Commission to establish a special assessment district for a drain to route storm water, which now empties into the Commons area pond, around the commons area.

School Board Agenda

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Meeting in the Middle School Cafeterium on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m.

1. Lease agreement presented by Showboat committee.
2. Review of reading program.
3. Adoption of Suspension and Expulsion Code.
4. Athletic Director's Report.

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- Ed Ridgway
- John Minges
- Bill Wittenbach

MAY 24

- Maude Shores
- Jean Bewell
- Marguerite Shaler
- Janet Bailey

MAY 25

- Phyllis Bieri
- Harold Barton
- Joel Bieri

MAY 26

- Wayne Carrick
- Laurie Swan
- Lynette Swan
- Lucille Rittenger

MAY 27

- Helen A. Sterzick
- Suzanne Brown
- Crystal Wilbur
- Avery Block

MAY 28

- Roger Moore
- Larry Butcher
- Sandra Meredith

MAY 29

- Gladys Blough

Surprise your friends and relatives by adding their name to our weekly birthday listing. June birthdates can be inserted by calling 897-9261 today!



Milton Zaagman, Jr., left, Humane Society animal ambulance driver, and Oscar, the Society's German Shepherd Mascot, hear the bad news, another mechanical break-down of the Society's ambulance. The Humane Society needs a reliable van to continue its work of rescuing injured and sick animals.

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