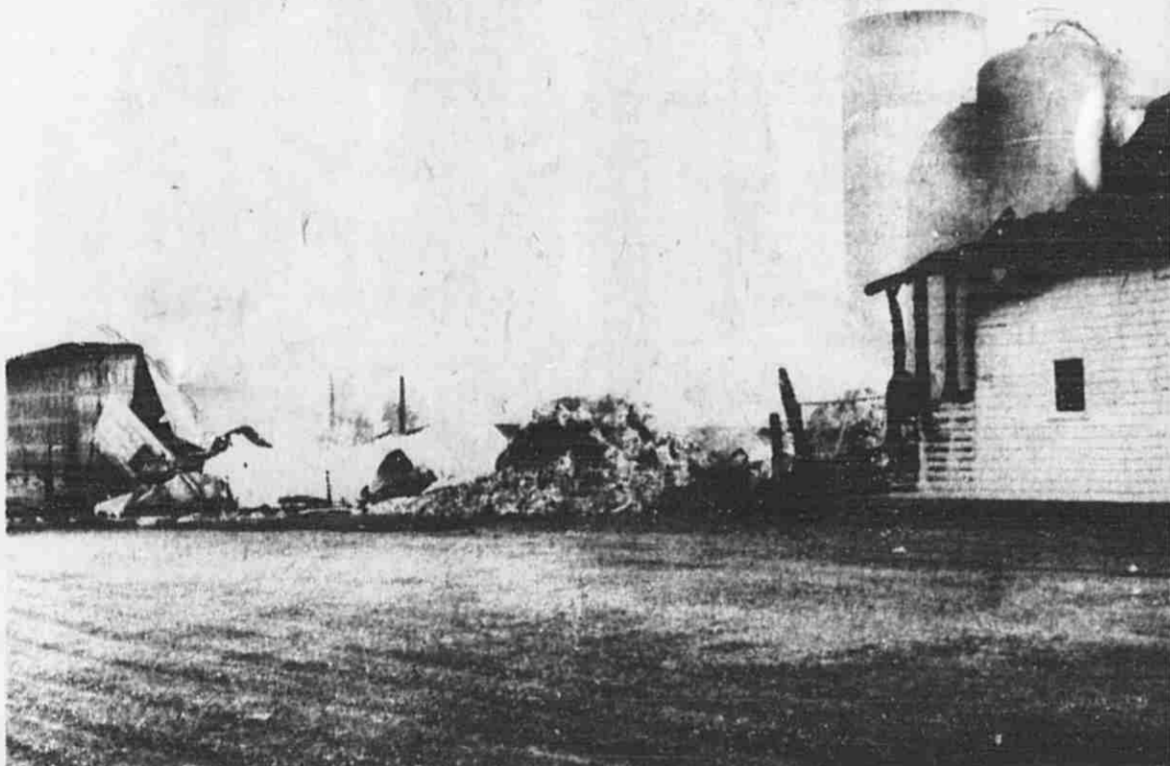


Blaze Levels Alto Farm



A \$100,000 blaze of undetermined origin swept through a rural Alto farm Monday afternoon at 1:11 p.m.

Fire fighting units from Alto, Cascade, Dutton and Caledonia fought the fire for several hours at the Virginia Schutte farm on Morse Lake Road.

The loss, covered by insurance, included one big barn, two pole barns, a silo, a tool shed, milking house, quantities of hay, some milking equipment, and some small machines.

A herd of some 84 milking cows were freed from the burning buildings unharmed.

Lowell Day '74 Is Saturday

Aside from being spectacular, Lowell Day '74, to be held this Saturday, will be 'fun for everyone,' with a day full of activities planned to officially start off a chain of pre-Showboat events.

Getting underway at 9 a.m., the day's events will end with the huge amateur talent show at the new amphitheatre at 8 p.m. Dr. Clark Vredenburg, Lions Club chairman of the talent show, has revealed that 50 acts have registered for the show, which is expected to last until 11 p.m.

According to Vredenburg, 12 acts will be selected to appear on this year's show—two nightly. A selected panel of judges will have the tough job of making the final choice.

Admission to the talent show has been lowered this year, Vredenburg added, it will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children under the age of 12.

Early morning activities will include a pancake breakfast, open to all, at the old junior high school grounds on North Monroe Street. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, syrup, coffee or milk. For \$1 it will be all you can eat for the adults. Children under 12 will be charged seventy-five cents.

At 12:30 action will switch to the amphitheatre, where Lowell's first "Rock Festival" will take place. Featured will be a group called the "Stillwater," composed of all Lowell Residents. This popular group has just completed a year's engagement at the Candlestone Inn in Belding, and currently are playing six nights a week at Stephanie's Lounge in Grand Rapids.

Second on the billing for the festival will be a group presently playing the Mid-Villa Inn in Middleville.

Michigan, "The Proper Strangers." According to the committee-in-charge, several other groups are expected to be on hand for the three hour music-fest. Admission will be two dollars for adults, children under 12 free.

Beginning at 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the Lowell Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street, Lowell's first annual Showboat "Ox-Roast" will be held. Serving will be made until eight in the evening. In case of rain, this event will be held in the exhibition building at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds.

A race of all races will take place at 4:30 p.m., when the Flat River will be invaded by canoeists who will be taking part in the canoe race. The starting point will be the dam north of Lowell, with the finish line being drawn at the Showboat Amphitheatre. There will be no entry fee for the contestants. The first to cross the finish line will receive two free tickets to a Showboat performance. The contest is being chaired by Forest Buck.

Around 7:30 p.m. a boat parade will begin at the Showboat dock on North Riverside Drive, ending at the amphitheatre. Persons with watercraft are urged to take part, there will be no entry fee, all you have to do is decorate your boat, raft, etc.

Three prizes—first, second and third—will be awarded to the best decorated boats. After the finish, at the amphitheatre, the bike and trike-a-thon prize winners will be awarded, prior to the start of the amateur night contest.

It'll be a big day for all the workers, winners, and everyone who has come out for a 'big day of fun.'

Area Crash Kills Grand Rapids Couple



An elderly Grand Rapids couple apparently on a pleasure ride were killed July 4 in a Vergennes Township auto crash.

Kent County sheriff's deputies identified the victims as Herman G. Schichtel, 74, and his wife, Frances, 72, of 612 Lincoln Ave. NW. Their auto was struck by a car driven by Richard Snay, 18, of Lowell, deputies said.

The Schichtels were westbound on Two Mile Rd. NE and apparently had stopped at Parnell Ave. NE and then pulled in front of Snay's northbound vehicle, deputies said. Dr. Raymond Lang, Kent County Medical Examiner, ruled death was caused by massive head and chest injuries.

Snay and a passenger, Scott Jager, 18, of 7340—20th St. Jenison, were treated at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital for minor cuts to the face and arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Schichtel are survived by two sons, Rev. Kenneth Schichtel, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell, Donald of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Geraldine) Grala of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Schichtel is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary VanDreumel of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Schichtel retired from McInerney Spring & Wire Co. in 1965 and was a member of UAW Local 687. He and his wife were members of St. Mary's Church.

Board's Decision Fires Woolworth

In unprecedented action, the Lowell Board of Education has fired a tenured teacher, agreeing with charges that he refused to follow orders, is incompetent, can't control students, would not discuss "deficiencies" and lost the confidence of his students.

The teacher, Gilbert Woolworth, 53, of Greenville, said he "absolutely" will appeal to the state Teacher Tenure Commission. Rejection there, he said, would be "tantamount to ending my career."

"I was expecting it," said Woolworth, a high school social studies instructor eight years with the district and Montcalm County's Republican Party chairman.

He accused the board of making up its mind before the lengthy series of hearings began. They were public at his request.

In announcing the decision, Dr. Robert Reagan, board president, said that he was confident that each member of the board came to the decision based on the testimony and evidence presented during the lengthy hearing and that all were extremely guarded against any influence outside of the actual testimony.

The charges against Woolworth which the board felt were proven and justified dismissal were: Inability to maintain proper discipline and control of students in his charge; Inadequate teaching techniques, procedures and methods; Inability to gain the confidence of the students in his classroom; Refusal to discuss with his supervisors methods and means of correcting deficiencies set forth in formal written evaluations, even though requested to do so, and inability and refusal to follow administrative direction and control.

Only five of the seven board members voted on the teacher's dismissal, all for it. A sixth member was disqualified for allegedly making a biased statement about the case and another member was elected after the hearings were underway.

The board dropped two charges against Woolworth: that he was rude to parents and students and that he criticized other staff members in front of students and school employees. Reagan said the administration did not submit enough evidence to convince the board.

He said board members met informally when the 731-page transcript of the hearings was available, "to compare notes." However, he said, he did not poll the board until a public meeting at Lowell High School, a few feet from the ousted teacher's classroom.

Woolworth, a 20-year career U.S. Navy sailor before he turned to teaching, said the adverse publicity and circumstances of his dismissal and the flooded teacher job market make it impossible for him to get another school job.

Area Students Are Ferris Graduates

Degrees and certificates were granted to 2,477 graduates of Ferris State College during the 1973-74 academic year.

Students completing their programs of study during the summer, fall, winter, and spring quarters were eligible to participate in the traditional Commencement Exercises.

Among those receiving degrees and certificates were the following area students:

Saranac: Ronald J. Cochran, A.A. Journalism; James E. Larson, A.A. S. Heavy Equipment Service; Terry L. Sitzer, A.A. S. Health Optics.

Ada: Kenneth H. Paap, 1629 Buttrick, A.A. S. Refrigeration, Heating, Air Conditioning, High Distinction.

Alto: Richard J. Devries, 8283 McCords, Certificate Auto Machine; Janet L. Smart, 5283 Whitneyville, A.A. S. Dental Assisting.

Lowell: Patricia A. Curtis, 1040 Lincoln Lake, A.A.S. Executive Secretarial; Stephen R. Kerr, 10176 Bailey Dr., B.S. Business Administration; Robert J. Laux, Route 3, Box 1170, A.A.S. Building Construction; Brian L. Roth, 10719 Vergennes, A.A.S. Auto Service; Shamshad H. Sabri, 11439 E. Fulton, B.S. Environmental Health, A.A.S. Environmental Sanitation.

Siegle Is New Board President

Dr. R. D. Siegle was unanimously elected new president of the Lowell Board of Education at the board's organizational meeting for the new school year Monday night. He was nominated by former president Dr. Robert Reagan who has served in that capacity for the past seven years.

Dave Miller will be the new vice-president, Harold Metternick will continue as secretary and Phil Kropp will fill the treasurer's slot.

In another move, the board voted to hold its regularly scheduled meetings on the second Monday and fourth Monday of each month rather than switching to Tuesday nights for the second monthly meeting as they have in the past. It was felt that it would be less confusing for the public to remember that the meetings always fall on a Monday and more local residents might remember to attend.

The meetings will continue to be held in the Middle School Cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m., and ending at 10 p.m. Two exceptions will be the meetings scheduled for Alto Elementary on October 28 and March 24.

In other board action it was decided to have a student advisory member on the board for the coming year. A non-voting member, the student would sit with the board during all regular meetings in order to present the students' view on any pertinent issues.

It was suggested by High School Principal Dennis McMahon that the student be named by the Student Congress from within its membership soon after the start of the school year.

New Board member Orion Thaler suggested that definite rules governing the student participation be established before the appointment is made.

Board members Blanche Mullen and Phil Kropp were

appointed to serve as a negotiations committee for a new secretary salary schedule and Kropp will also serve in that capacity with the custodians.

A budget workshop was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 15 in the superintendent's office.

A request was received from the Class of '46 to display the honor roll of War Dead. A short discussion was held regarding the possibility of a display area being set up near the old school bell when it is placed in the high school courtyard.

A request was also submitted for a contribution to the Lowell Police Rescue Unit but the board felt that it could not legally contribute.

Board members went on record for the second time expressing their appreciation and commending former board member Dave Wingeier for the many hours of service he has given to the Lowell Schools.

To Celebrate Fortieth With Open House

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Miner B. Cook will honor their parents' fortieth wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, July 14.

The open house from 2 to 5 p.m., will be held at their family home at 7155—48th Street, S.E.

All of the Cook's friends, relatives and neighbors are cordially invited to attend. They request 'no gifts' please.



NEARS COMPLETION—Kent County Commissioner Arnold Wittenbach states that the permit from the D.N.R. to repair the old Consumer Power Company Dam north of Lowell was received by the Kent County Parks Dept. the latter part of June. Balance of work is expected to be completed by the end of this week after which the water will be slowly raised and the Dam inspected by the D.N.R. and an established water level determined.

INJURED—A Saranac man was seriously injured last week at a West Main Street Service Station when a tire being inflated popped the dual rim. Hurt was Pete VanTuinen, who sustained the loss of two knuckles on his hand and multiple bruises when he was thrown across the cement pavement. VanTuinen was putting in a spare tire for his boat trailer in preparation for a holiday vacation.

ALARM—The fire alarm last Friday, saw the Lowell Volunteer Firemen make another "false" alarm run to the Attwood Corporation on North Monroe.

WINNERS—Mark Butterworth and Sue Heckman were the big winners in the Showboat's first annual Bike-A-Thon held last month. Mark won a 10-speed bike for raising \$304.60 and a first place trophy for securing the most sponsors. Sue's collection of \$117.20 won her an air plane ride, and the second place sponsor's trophy. The top rider in the Trike-A-Thon was Jeffery Batay.

PAUSE—The weekly Friday night Bingo games at the Lowell V.F.W. Post 8303 on East Main Street, have been terminated until sometime in September.

NOW OPEN—The Lowell Bakery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snider has opened a new outlet, the Pioneer Bakery, in the Bostwick Lake area at 8566 Belding Rd.

V-P HERE—Vice-President Gerald R. Ford will be in Lowell next Thursday, July 18, the opening day of the Lowell Showboat. The Vice-President will help dedicate the new Amphitheatre.

MISSING—Sometime between July 1 and 3, a "weed eater" was taken from the City's cemetery on Fremont Street. The tool used to trim around trees and stones, was brand new, and has been placed on the "wanted" posters.

BREAK-IN—A shed on the property owned by John Erickson at 413 Kent Street was broken into last week. Some \$400 worth of merchandise was reportedly taken, while the apartment building tenants were on vacation.

MASSIVE HUNT—July 1, officers from the Lowell Police Department along with deputies from the Kent County Sheriff's Dept., tracking dogs, State Police, and helicopters combed a large area near Seymour Avenue and 36th Street for a reported escapee from the Ionia Reformatory. Results were fruitless until later in the afternoon when all three escapees were caught in the northwest section of the county.

PICK-UP—Anyone wishing to be placed on the monthly "paper" pick-up list of the Lowell Area Jaycees can call 897-9355. Besides maintaining their drop-box for newspapers on West Main, the Jaycees will also make individual household pick-ups if requested.

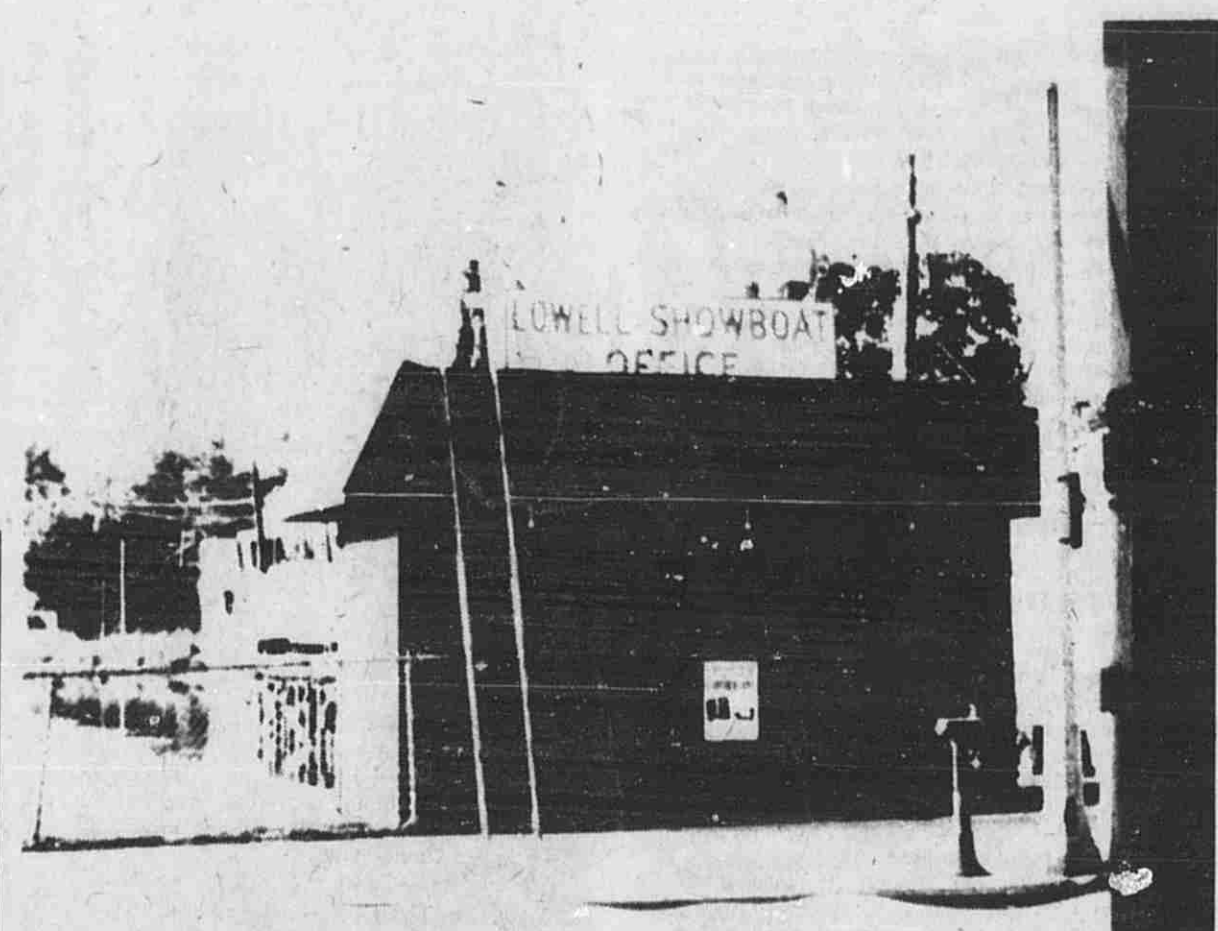
JOINS WOTV—Curt Fonger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fonger of Lowell, has joined the news staff at WOTV (Channel 8) in Grand Rapids. A recent graduate of Western Michigan University, with honors, he previously worked for a Kalamazoo radio station. Fonger and his wife, Corrine, will reside in Grand Rapids.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — This Week's Special: Roasted Sausages, 69¢. Large Chocolate Malts, 29¢. Broasted Chicken By The Bucket To Go. Family Nite, Tuesday only, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. FOR SALE—18,000 P.T.U. Air conditioner, 2 year guarantee, \$175. Call Rosie Drive Inn. c-14

Annual Berlin Fair
Although the Berlin Fair will be celebrating its 119th year of continuous, consecutive years to make it Western Michigan Oldest Fair...

Letter Policy

The Ledger welcomes all letters from the community and other interested citizens. Some restrictions must be made, however, for reasons of space and time.



Ticket Sales

The Lowell Showboat Ticket office is open for business. Barbara Curtis and Ed Kiel reported since the opening July 1, ticket sales are \$1,800 ahead of last year...



WHISTLE TOOTS Loggins And Messina Live

With the new amphitheatre's expanded seating capacity, some 12 to 14 shows will be needed at each night's performance.

Tom Sheidel will do the electrical work on the side-wheel craft for '74. With a theme chosen, Bev Holst has her decorating crew ready.

Fifty acts of amateur talent will be vying for places on the Showboat's billboard this Saturday night at the amphitheatre at 8 p.m.

Admission this year, reduced, will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Over 10,000 Showboat brochures have been mailed and distributed by chairman Barb Brown and her committee.

Ray Jones of the Lowell Area Jaycees is the escort for the Showboat Queen Leisa VonEhr and her court Teresa Ryan and Theresa McMahon.

Patty Elzinga, chairman of the Bike & Trike-A-Thon reports that \$2,300 has been collected to date, with some pledges still due.

Happy Birthday

- JULY 11 Emma Klumpp, Robert Rogers, Bobby McWhinney, Ruby Avery, Jennifer Holcomb, Earl Esterline, Ethel Kelly, Scott Esterline, July 13 John Jones, Daniel Kline, Cheryl Parsons, Ann Summers, July 14 Jim Cook, Jr., July 15 Laura Yost, Carolyn Briggs, July 16 Nancy Coons, David Barnes



Some people once believed that butter was yellow because the cows that produced it ate yellow plants, called buttercups!

Consolidated Report of Condition of State Savings Bank

OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN 49331 AND FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1974, A STATE BANKING INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AND OPERATING UNDER THE BANKING LAWS OF THIS STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Asset Category and Amount. Includes Cash and due from banks, U.S. Treasury securities, Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Category and Amount. Includes Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations, Time and savings deposits of individual partners, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Account Category and Amount. Includes Equity capital, Common stock, No. shares authorized, Surplus, Undivided profits, etc.

MEMORANDA
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$16,256,405.00

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

H. J. Englehardt, Herbert Elzinga, King Doyle, Directors. State of Michigan, County of Kent ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1974.

Letters to the Editor

June, 1974
20th Century
Not the Dark Ages

Letter to Mid-evil Knevel, in care of the Editor... As a driver of a big station wagon type gas hog, I usually carry around six small children in my car.

You apparently, have never stopped to think that we might be made late for a doctor or dentist appointment, after being forced to crawl at your slow pace of 5 to 30 miles per hour.

Did any of you ever show a car and its occupants a small courtesy of pulling over to let it by when you're traveling next to a double yellow line or on a curved or hilly road?

I think you and your kind are selfish clods! WE travel by bike for pleasure around our own roads each day for exercise, but never have any of us failed to yield the right-of-way to the faster vehicle behind or before us.

BE ECOLOGY MINDED... SAVE A LIFE! It might be yours, (or perhaps a small passenger in a car that smashed up trying to avoid hitting you.)

Not afraid to sign my name, Mrs. James M. Francis, Route 3, Lowell

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Medal Winners At Swim Meet

Lowell YMCA Swim Team members who won ribbons at the Grand Rapids Racquet Club Invitational were back row, Dave Christenson, Sue Stormzand, and Nancy Bieri.

Many Lowell YMCA Swim Team Members were among the 1,000 contestants participating in the Grand Rapids Racquet Club Swimming Meet held in Grand Rapids June 29.

Two members of the Team, Dave Christenson and Steve Doyle, were double medal winners. Christenson received first place medals in the 50 yard butterfly and 100 yard Individual Medley.

Many more members of the team made great improvements on their racing times. Of those that were not medal winners, but did well in the meet, were Nancy Bieri, Lynn Homolka, Mary Moore, Mark Homolka, Tami Clemens, Jeannie Courser, and Chris Vera.

TELESCOPIC OBSERVATIONS
The James C. Veen Observatory will be open to the public without charge from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 13, and Friday, July 26.

Ladies Make Bid For First Place Slot
The Lowell Ladies' softball team, sponsored by Arnie's Standard Station, defeated Swat Golf last Wednesday, June 26.

Delores Peckham's home run spurred the team to another victory in a playoff game against Wilson Harley Dawson July 3rd. Arnie's is trying to capture the league's first place slot and be their representative to the Michigan State Olympics.

Dear Editor:
I was sorry to read in your June 27th edition, that Ada is once again planning to have a greased pig contest, for I am a lover of ecology, animals and babies, all of which are unprotected against the whims of human beings.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SCOTT WOLFE
Dear Scott,
Yours was the opportunity to become involved, and you did not let that precious moment slip by!

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Engagement Told



Mrs. Newell Meehan of Louisville, Kentucky, and Lawrence Conrad of Batesville, Indiana, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tressa Jean Conrad to Lawrence Edward Novak.

Larry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Novak of N.W. Comstock Park. Larry attends Ferris State College.

Tressa is a "73" graduate of Lowell Senior High School. The couple is planning an October wedding.

BOWLING

CLOSED DURING JULY

American Legion Lanes
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LOWELL DAY '74 Saturday (JULY 13)
BIG ROCK FESTIVAL
At The New Amphitheatre starting at 12:30 p.m. featuring Lowell's Own

STILL WATER
THEY HAVE PLAYED AT THE CANDLESTONE INN AT BELDING AND ARE CURRENTLY FEATURED SIX NIGHTS A WEEK AT STEPHANIE'S LOUNGE IN GRAND RAPIDS.
'The Proper Strangers' PRESENTLY PLAYING AT THE MID-VILLA INN AT MID-DEVILLE, MICHIGAN. --PLUS OTHERS--
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Rotarians Hear Hospital Speaker

The July 3 meeting of the Lowell Rotary Club, on the eve of Independence Day, saw the Rotarians sing "America" and give the Pledge of Allegiance with even greater enthusiasm than usual.

Arnold Wittenbach, Club President, was assisted by newly installed Sergeant-at-arms, Dick Cox; Club Secretary, Rommie Moore and by Rev. Dean Bailey, Bruce Walters and David Coons.

A card from Craig Anderson, Youth for Understanding Exchange Student in Sweden was read. Craig said that he is having a wonderful experience and thanked the Rotary Club for helping with the Youth for Understanding program.

Program chairman for the day, Dick Cox, introduced the speaker, Jack Carter. Mr. Carter is administrator of the Ferguson-Droste-Ferguson Hospital and a member of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club.

Mr. Carter related the history of Ferguson-Droste-Ferguson Hospital from its beginning in 1899. Specializing in diseases of the colon and rectum, it is one of the world's leaders in this field. Admitting 5,000 patients annually, Ferguson Hospital also trains doctors and nurses in this special field of surgery.

The Rotary meeting of July 10 will be held at the home of Norm Borgerson at 6 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting for Rotarians and their wives.



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Political Figure George W. Welsh, Succumbs At 91

George W. Welsh, 91, one of the most controversial but respected political figures in local and state history, died June 29 at his home, 5396 Michigan St. NE., Ada.

His death marks the passing of a man who in a sense was Grand Rapids. Although his health began to succumb to old age a few years ago, he never lost his interest in politics and his vision for the way he thought things should be.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1883, his family came to the United States when he was eight years old and settled in Montague. Orphaned soon after, Mr. Welsh was virtually raised on newsprint. At 12 he was earning \$2 a week running dispatches from the Associated Press off to The Evening Press city editor, selling papers and performing other errands.

At the time of his death, Mr. Welsh was the publisher of the Interpreter newspaper in Grand Rapids.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jean W. Weldon, who lived with her father; two granddaughters, Mrs. Shirlee Boughner and Mrs. John (Joan) Rose, both of Grand Rapids, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. last Tuesday at Metcalf Funeral Chapel, with Dr. David Otis Fuller, retired pastor of Wealthy Street Baptist Church, tentatively scheduled to officiate. Burial services were privately held at Oakhill Cemetery.

Former Lowell Woman Jessie Rogers Passes

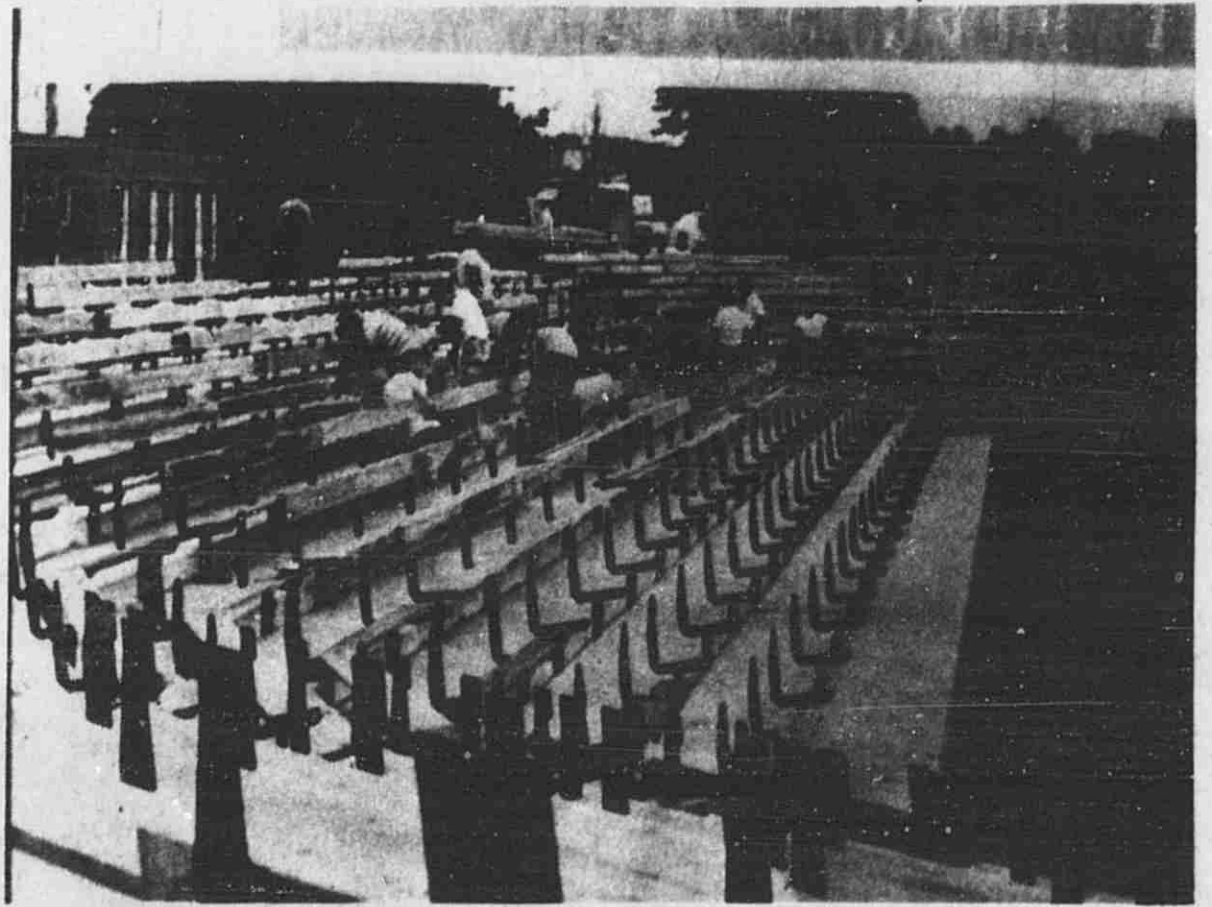
Jessie M. Rogers, aged 94, of 914 Foster Court NE, Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away July 1 after a short illness.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Duane (Adell) Keith with whom she had resided; five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was a member and past Matron of Cyclaman Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, Lowell Congregational Church, Cheerful Doers, Vergennes Cooperative Club, and the West Michigan Historical Society.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Rothgerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

A 'Labor Of Love' Nears Completion



Men, women, and children of Lowell have donated their time, talents, and dollars toward making a dream come true. The 1974 Lowell Showboat will open July 18 in one of Western Michigan's finest outdoor facilities. A special dedication ceremony planned for opening night will see the first Vice-President of the United States ever to visit Lowell, when Gerald Ford will join us on opening night. Tickets for the dedication are still available at the Showboat Ticket office. Let's all share in this dedication opening night.

Railroad Consultant Lloyd Winslow Dies

Lloyd R. Winslow, 77, transportation consultant for Penn Central Transportation Co. in the Senate at Lansing, died July 3 in Butterworth Hospital following a brief illness.

Winslow, of 2986 Thornapple River Dr. SE, held his post in the Senate for the last 17 years. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two sons, Raymond

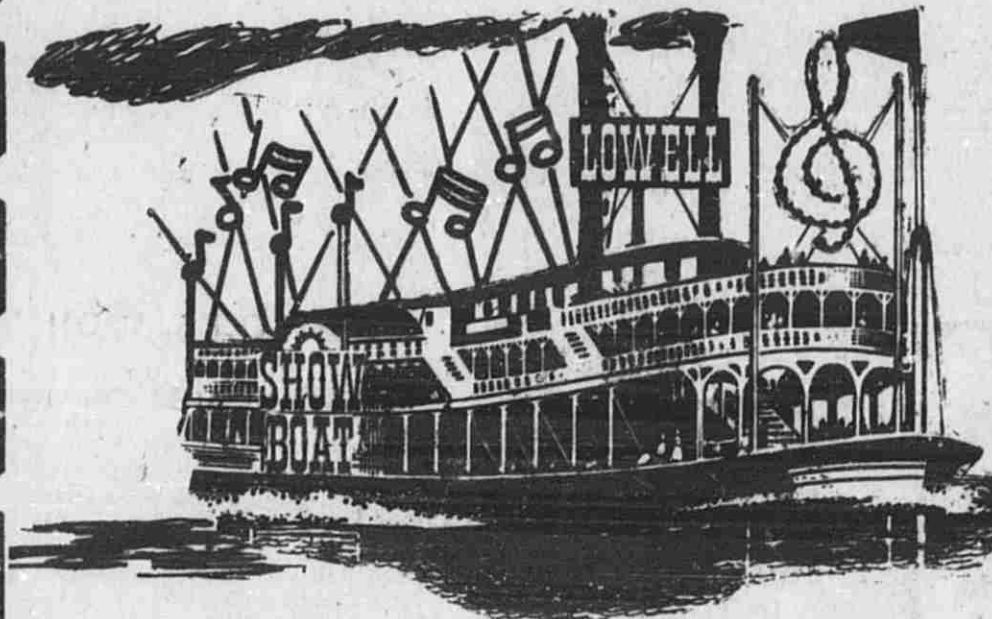
of Grand Rapids and Lloyd Jr., of Hutchinson, Kansas, a brother, Leon Winslow of Hastings; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Race of Hastings and Mrs. Edna Sheidler of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday at the O'Brien Gerst Funeral Home with burial in Cascade Cemetery.

LOWELL DAY '74

Saturday, July 13

EVENTS ALL DAY LEADING
UP TO THE BIG
**SHOWBOAT TALENT
NIGHT SHOW**



All Proceeds Going
To The
Amphitheatre Fund

9:00-10:00
**Pancake
Breakfast**



At Old Jr. High School Grounds. Pancakes—Sausage—Coffee—Milk—"All You Can Eat"

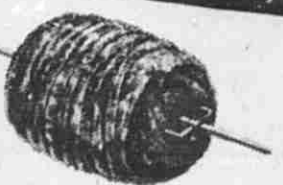
\$1.00 Adults
75¢ Children under 12

12:30-3:30
**Rock
Festival**



Rock Festival at New Amphitheatre. Tickets sold at Gate.

\$2
—Children under 12 Free with Adult



2:00-8:00
Ox-Roast

At Showboat Restaurant Parking Lot (In case of rain will be in building at Fairgrounds)

\$2 Adults
\$1 Children under 12

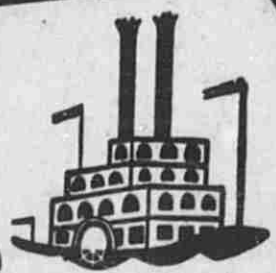
4:30-6:00
**Canoe
Race**



Canoe Race From Dam North of Town to New Amphitheatre—1st Prize—2 Showboat Tickets.

No Entry Fee

7:00-7:30
**Boat
Parade**



From Showboat Dock to New Amphitheatre. 1st—2nd—3rd Prizes For Best Decorated Boat

No Entry Fee

7:30-10:30

At Amphitheatre Awarding of Bike-A-Thon Prizes.



**Talent Night
Show**

\$1 Adults—50¢ Children Under 12