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ABOVE THE BOARD

## Parent - School Organizational Meeting Draws Poor Turnout

Only 20 parents turned out for the first K-12 parent organizational meeting held in the high school last week, Board of Education members were told Monday night.

First reaction among board members to the disappointing turnout was varied with some feeling that if parents had many complaints about the school, they certainly would have turned out for the meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed that a parent-school group was certainly desirable and that Nancy Kehoe, who chaired the first meeting, was doing a commendable job.

Although nothing definite was organized, it was suggested that building principals help get the proposed group underway with ways and means for contacting people.

**Meet By Grade?**

It was also suggested that perhaps either building or grade-level meetings would be more successful since parents tend to be more concerned and interested in areas that pertain more directly to their particular child.

Another meeting from which an advisory and planning group will be selected will be held in the high school auditorium early in October. The exact date will be announced in the paper and through notes sent home with students.

This is one more step in the local board's attempt to draw the community and the school into closer cooperation for the ultimate benefit of the prime concern of both parents and students.

This year's Student Conduct Code left both the Board of Education and the Citizens' Advisory Committee stymied on two counts.

Both groups reluctantly agreed they had to give in on the article governing the length of student's hair even though they felt that they should be able to enforce rules that the community as a whole indicates it wants.

Their only recourse seems to be the safety factor when hair is long enough to get caught in a shop machine or catch fire from a bunsen burner. Even then, apparently the only thing that can be done is insist that the hair be cut before the danger.

**No Solution**

The second irritating issue, resulting in even less of a solution, was the question of students smoking just off from the school grounds. The City and the school continue to toss this ball back and forth with the main hangup being that it is against the law for individuals under 18 to smoke so neither group feels it can, in all conscience, provide a smoking area that would be less dangerous and less of an eyesore than the areas now selected by the congregating students.

Aware that the problem is not going to go away by itself, members of the board do not want to wait until a student is killed or seriously hurt because of the traffic in these areas and will try once again to meet with the City in the hope of coming up with some legal solution.

Also disappointing to the board Monday night was the report that no bids had been received on the proposed sale of the Koewers house on Amity Street. The house will now be moved by the board to a nearby lot where they will continue to rent it until it can be sold.

**Begin This Fall**

With the date for beginning construction on the additions to both Alto and Bushnell aimed for late Fall, the board approved sending the plans of both buildings out for bids this week. Deadline for returning Bushnell

bids is October 4, and Alto's bids in by October 10. The bids will be opened in Middle School cafeteria at 4 p.m., on both dates.

The board gave permission the use of the football field this Saturday night to little leaguers, under the direction of Jack Butterth, who will play under the lights. Mr. Butterth also mentioned a letter appearing in last week's of the Lowell Ledger and requested that the board inform the views expressed in the letter do represent the views of his group. He stated that either of the letter certainly had the right to express own opinion, but that it was not the opinion of entire little league group.

A brief review of the 1973 financial audit was read before the board with the comment inserted that the auditors felt the books were the best shape they have been in since that auditorium took over the annual check.

## Gerald M. Henry, Attorney At Law, Succumbs at 70

Gerald M. Henry, an attorney for some 40 years, passed away September 18 at home, 112 North Jefferson Street, Lowell, at the age of 70.

Born in Lowell, the son of N. and Bessie Henry, he graduated from the University of Michigan and from the University of Detroit School. He served in the United States Navy in World War II.

Mr. Henry practiced law in and Grand Rapids until his retirement last May, when he moved his offices to his home in Lowell. He was a member of the Grand Rapids and State Bar Association.

While in Grand Rapids, Mr. Henry served as a Kent County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1941, and was at one time a reporter for the Lowell Ledger.

Funeral services were held Friday from the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell, with Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair officiating. Burial followed in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Henry is survived by wife, Geraldine; a brother, Myron of McCords, and sister, Miss Alice Henry of Grand Rapids.

## Alto Mothers Elect Officers

The Alto Mother's Club held their first meeting of the 1974-75 school year Tuesday, September 17, in the all-purpose room of the school.

The main business of the evening was the election of officers. Those who will see the new year are: Mrs. James (Mary Ellen) Wyard, President; Mrs. Lloyd (Sue) Miller, Vice-President; Mrs. Dale (Charlotte) Johnson, Secretary; and Mrs. Dwayne (Joan) Durkee, Treasurer.

After a very interesting acquainted game, refreshments were served, interlarded with a social hour. We welcome all mothers who have children in the Alto School to attend our meetings held the third Tuesday of each month.



### Top Salesman

Dale Johnson was recently awarded the top salesman trophy for the Farm Bureau Insurance group of Michigan. He finished first in a seven week contest edging out over 400 agents Michigan. The contest was based on serving present policyholders, updating homeowners, farmowners, and new life insurance written.

During the seven week contest Dale wrote 51 new life insurance applications. In addition to the trophy, Dale, wife Charlotte, children Larry, Mark and Wendie were awarded a trip to Cedar Point for a fun day.

## Flood Hazard Areas Eligible For Insurance

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has recently released a listing of communities identified with flood hazard areas. Each of the communities on the list have been notified they have a flood plain hazard area, and that they are eligible to obtain flood hazard insurance.

In order to qualify for the insurance the local community needs to adopt local regulations to manage the use of the land in the flood plain. In the event a community does not subscribe to adopt flood plain management programs, the local community is subject to losing federal aid that may otherwise have been available for projects in that area.

The following communities were included in HUD report:

The cities of Hastings, DeWitt, Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids, Williamston, East Lansing, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Ionia, Jackson, Walker, Kentwood, Wyoming, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Lowell, East Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Ferrysburg, the townships of Dehli, Plainfield, and Spring Lake, and the village of Ovid.

Other flood plain studies initiated by the Grand River Watershed Council are now being conducted in Georgetown and Talmadge Townships, Ottawa County; Ada Township, Kent County; Ionia and Greenville, Ionia County; Blackman and Leoni Township, and the City of Jackson, Jackson County.

These studies are being conducted at no expense to the local community by the Soil Conservation Service and the Corps of Engineers. Completion of these studies will provide a technical document that will enable local communities to effectively adopt and enforce flood plain management programs through their zoning ordinances and subdivision control ordinances.

## Township Officials To Meet October 11

George Schweitzer, Alpine Township Supervisor, and Jay VanWieren, Park Township Supervisor, have announced that there will be a meeting of all Township Officials of the Eleventh MTA District (Allegan, Barry, Kent and Ottawa Counties) October 11. The meeting will be held at the Pantlind Hotel and will begin at 9 a.m.

Supervisors Schweitzer and VanWieren who represent the area on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Townships Association, said 385 officials from the four counties had been invited. The all-day educational meeting will include presentations from the State of Michigan personnel representing the Department of Treasury, Department of Natural Resources, State Tax Commission, Construction Code Commission, the Governor's office and staff members of the Michigan Townships Association. It will bring together Township officials, County and State Officials and members of the Michigan Legislature.

The day's agenda includes education in the fields of Planning and Zoning; Elections; Finance and Accounting; Tax Relief Act; State Construction Code; Land Use; Legislation. For certified Township Supervisors and Assessors, a 3 hour session will be held by the State Tax Commission which will permit all Supervisors and Assessors, in attendance, to renew their Assessor's Certificate.

Supervisors Schweitzer and VanWieren urged all Township Officials in the Eleventh MTA District to attend the meeting.



The autumn season started Monday with a cold blast, as the thermometer sank to a record low and probably caused some crop damage.

The mercury nipped 28 degrees, beating the old mark of 31 set back in 1896. It was the second day of record cold in the area, as Sunday saw a low of 34, to tie a record set in 1927.

The season's first snow started to fall Saturday in the Marquette area where it totaled two inches by Sunday.

Tuesday, the City of Lowell's Water Department commenced flushing the City's mains.

The flushing, city-wide, will continue through Friday, September 27, weather permitting.

A quantity of 53 marijuana plants were seized last Thursday morning, east of the Riverview Inn by a Lowell Police officer.

The plants were turned over to Kent County vice-officers for destruction.

This past week, the home of Dr. Harold Myers on North Division Street was entered and various articles were taken.

The missing items have been recovered by the Lowell Police Department, and two youths have been apprehended.

Confessions were obtained Monday from four juveniles on the theft of a speaker from the Lowell Middle School on Foreman Road.

The juveniles also admitted to the vandalism of the school bus garage and the breaking and entering of Root-Lowell Corporation over the Labor Day weekend.

A juvenile sustained minor injuries when he failed to stop at the intersection of North Hudson and Chatham Streets. The youth's vehicle hit the rear quarter panel of the Lowell Police Cruiser.

The cruiser was southbound on Hudson and the youth east-bound on Chatham.

A second youth, involved in the recent theft of a car from Thomets and the entry into Jackson Motors has admitted his involvement.

He is still in the Kent County Juvenile Home pending curfew violation on September 6.

Questioned by Lowell Police and released to the custody of his parents was a juvenile shoplifter caught Saturday at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street.

On M-21, east of Lowell, Friday night at 7 p.m., two men sustained minor injuries when their vehicle left the road and rolled over.

Injured was Ronald Chesebro, 22, of Rockford and Christopher Moore, 22, of Lowell.

Despite the extensive damage done to his car, a Lowell man escaped with only minor injuries when he hit a utility pole, Saturday night.

The mishap, involving Thomas Wissman of Lowell, happened at 10:45 p.m. at the corner of South Hudson Street and Bowes Road.

The Alto Businessmen's Annual Community Picnic will be held this Saturday, September 29, at the Alto School starting at 1:30.

It will be a potluck affair—coffee and pop furnished; bring own table service.

There'll be games for the kids, music, and fun for everyone.

Many residents in the Murray Lake area, north of Lowell, have been plagued by a recent barrage of stray cats, presumably dropped off by their heartless owners.

As one new-found owner put it "I can't understand why these people raise the cats if they don't want them, then perform an act of cruelty by taking them for a ride and dropping them off in a friendly looking neighborhood."

One household reported five cats were found on their doorstep within a three-day period.

Does Lowell have a dog warden? This question is being asked by many city residents who have registered complaints of dogs running loose in their neighborhoods. Dog owners are again reminded that it is against the law to let your canine run loose in the City.

Jean's Place, formerly the Village Inn, at 211 West Main Street, was opened for business Monday.

The new owners invite you to stop in and get acquainted.

There's Still Time to enroll in the adult evening program at Lowell Senior High School. Enjoy making new friends while working towards a high school diploma... or... brush up on such areas as typing, woodworking, auto engine repair, and many others.

To find out how you can be a part of the adult evening program... call the Lowell Community School Office at 897-5164.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—Special This Week: Clam & Fries, 99¢. Bucket of Chicken To Go. Family Nite, Tuesday nites, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday Morning Breakfast Specials. c25

VETERANS—Released after Jan. 1955. Learn Auto Mechanics—Electronics—Refrigeration and Heating—Building Construction—and others at home. Tools and equipment included. Call 954-5516, 9 to 9 p.m. c25

## Paper Funds Donated To Rescue Unit



Dick Stepek, left, chairman of the Lowell Area Jaycees' paper recycling project, and Jaycees President Dean Collins, right, present Art Farley, Rescue Unit chairman with a check for \$175.

This makes a total of \$562.30 donated by the Jaycees to help make Lowell's new rescue unit, shown in the background, a reality.

JEAN'S PLACE—Now Open and serving light lunches. Homemade pizzas, 211 W. Main, Lowell. c25

THE WESTERN AUTO STORE—Lowell, will be closed Friday, October 4, only, for Spring Merchandising Show. c25







Lowell's JV's Win Defensive Contest Opener

Lowell's Junior Varsity football team won its first game of the season against the Belding Redskins, 6-0 Thursday night...

Dey Paces Arrows To 20-40 Win

In cross-country action this week, Lowell won its first conference meet of the season last Monday behind a fine 15:56 performance by sophomore Mike Dey...

Forest Hills Central Beats South

Riding on the strength of a solid defense and an explosive offense, Forest Hills Central established itself as a definite challenger in the Ottawa-Kent White Division football race...

Lowell Freshmen Down Belding

The Lowell Freshmen football team opened Tri-River league play with an impressive 22-6 win over the Belding Redskins. The Lowell freshmen are now 2-0 in play this year...

Thornapple Valley Youth Football League Standings

Table showing league standings for Midgets and C Division.

Belding Surprises Defending Champs In League Opener

The opening night of Tri-River League football action last Friday saw the Lowell Red Arrows fall victim to a strong team from Belding, 25-6, on the winner's field...

Schedules For LHS Fall Sports

Schedule of events for 1974 Varsity Football, Freshman Football, Junior Varsity Freshman Football, and Girls Basketball.

Ticket Policy

Lowell students, kindergarten through 8th grade will be 75¢ at the school or gate. Grades 7-12 will be 75¢ if purchased during pre-sale at school on the day of the game...

Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits

Applications for 25,000 antlerless deer hunting permits must be postmarked by October 1, the State Department of Natural Resources says...

Advertisement for Arrowhead Golf Club featuring a cartoon golfer and text: '18 Holes Of Golfing Pleasure! OPEN Seven Days A Week Public Welcome'.

Harvest Safety Important. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council are cooperating to stress the need for safety on the farm as the fall harvest season gets under way...

Large advertisement for Lowell Light & Power featuring a cartoon electrician and text: 'ELECTRICITY ON YOUR TEAM ALL YEAR AROUND'.

Walgreen Agency 'BUY 2 SAVE BIG SALE' advertisement with images of shopping bags and product categories.

Silent Observer advertisement featuring a cartoon face and text: 'If you have facts which could help solve a crime, you might earn a reward...'.

American Legion Roller Rink advertisement with text: 'OPEN - Friday and Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 p.m.' and 'THURSDAY MORNINGS - LADIE'S SKATING'.

Advertisement for a pistol match at the Lowell Boy Scout Shooting Range with text: 'Instructing the shooters in the pistol match held this past weekend...'.

Hahn Hardware advertisement with a decorative border and text: 'Winters On the Way!', 'GRASS SEEDS & LEAF RAKES', 'MERCURY VAPOR OUTDOOR LIGHTS'.

Alto Sportsmen's Club advertisement for a 'SILVER DOLLAR SHOOT' on Sunday, Oct 6th, with text: '9am till? ALL TRAP SHOOTERS WELCOME'.

Advertisement for 'Advertisement For Bids' from Lowell Area Schools, Kent County, Michigan, regarding project bidding and plans and specifications.



## Rodino To Campaign For R. VanderVeen

Congressman Richard F. VanderVeen today announced that Representative Peter Rodino, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, will be in Grand Rapids, Saturday, September 28, for a series of Campaign Events.

Congressman Rodino, (D-Newark, New Jersey), won national acclaim for his role in the Judiciary Committee Hearings on the Impeachment of Richard Nixon.

Rodino will be making four appearances in the Grand Rapids area. The public is cordially invited to meet Congressman Rodino at a public reception to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 101 Hall Street, at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. Rodino will be making brief remarks. The other three events are fund raising events for Congressman VanderVeen's re-election campaign. A Kielbasa party and reception honoring Rodino will be held at the Lexicon Club between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., a \$2 charge will be made. Rodino will be making brief remarks. The club is located at 209 Lexington, N.W. A reception at the Pantlind Hotel between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. is also planned. Admission to the reception is \$25 for a single or \$35 a couple.

A private dinner party at Pattullo's Restaurant Squires Street Square in Rockford will close the day's activities. The dinner is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Rodino will arrive at the Kent County Airport at 2 p.m., where he will be met by Congressman VanderVeen. Congressman Rodino will hold a press conference at the Lexicon Club at 3 p.m.

For information about attending any of the fund raising events, contact the VanderVeen '74 Committee at 458-1103.



Tim Cahoon of Clarksville, right, John Gugel of Florida, and Glenda Geisser of California: recipients of the 1974 Operation Enterprise scholarships presented annually to outstanding students by Amway Corp.

Tim Cahoon of Michigan has something special in common with Glenda Geisser of California and John Gugel of Florida. All three were presented with expense-paid scholarships to the Operations Enterprise leadership camp by Amway Corporation of Ada.

The son of Larry and Marilyn Cahoon of rural Clarksville, Tim was eligible to compete for the scholarship because his mother is an Amway employee, the Supervisor of the Steno Department. In addition to the scholarship awarded to a child or grandchild of an employee, Amway also provides scholarships for two children of Amway distributors, in this case, Glenda and John.

Primarily a training program for young people interested in careers in business, Operation Enterprise is conducted by the American Management Association, of which Amway is a member. The curriculum is basic and diversified, featuring daily seminars where outstanding members of the business and government community communicate their expertise to the students. "The things I learned at the camp will help me throughout my life—whether I choose a business career or not," Tim says.

It is likely that the seventeen-year-old Saranac High School senior will remember this exciting two weeks for a long time. Included were his first airplane ride from Grand Rapids to Syracuse, New York, the excitement

of being one of thirty-two very special students in a meaningful atmosphere, and the thrill of knowing he earned this honor for himself.

## PP & K Competition Set For Saturday, October 5

The annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition, co-sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycees and Killmaster Ford, will be held Saturday, October 5, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Lowell football field at Recreation Park.

Competition is open to all boys and girls who are eight years of age by December 29, 1974, to those who are 14 years of age by December 29, 1974.

Entrants will compete against their own age group in Punting, Passing and Kicking a football for distance and accuracy.

There are six levels of competition: local, zone, district, area, division and national. The National Competition will be held at the National Football League championship game on December 29.

Entry blanks, rules and tips on how to win can be picked up at Killmaster Ford, 11979 East Fulton.

## COLLECT USED HEARING AIDS AND BATTERIES

The Grand Rapids-Grand Valley Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America have organized a campaign at the request of the Hearing & Speech Center of Grand Rapids, which is United Fund sponsored, to collect used hearing aids and batteries. This campaign will be called "HUH"—Help the Underprivileged Hear.

The hearing aids will be tested and repaired when possible and the used batteries sold and recycled. The money received from the batteries will be used toward the cost of repairs of the hearing aids.

Send the hearing aids to "The Hearing & Speech Center of Grand Rapids," 215 Sheldon Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502 or Michigan Bell Telephone Company, L. Davis, 3566 Michael Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508.

English royalty once bounced around the idea to outlaw football as a corrupting influence on the nation's youth.

## Young Hunters

# Gun Safety Is Important Factor

With the advent of the fall hunting season, Michigan's young hunters, as well as the experienced ones, should remember gun safety is an important element in ensuring the success of their trips afield.

Good gun training for youngsters has been available for years. And now the State of Michigan requires mandatory gun training for youngsters aged 12 through 16 who want to buy a hunting license.

This Saturday, September 28, the requirement training course will be offered to prospective young hunters in the Lowell area, at the Hi-Lo Gun Club located north of Lowell at 11840 Potters Road.

The course is being co-sponsored by the Hi-Lo Gun Club and the Civic Affairs Committee of Lowell Moose Lodge No. 809. Qualified instructors will conduct the course from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The importance of gun safety will be stressed: never carry a loaded gun into a home or camp; never climb or crawl through a fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; keep the barrel and action of your gun free of obstructions; carry your gun with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times; always know what you're aiming at before you shoot.

Keep the safety on until you're ready to pull the trigger; always unload your gun before leaving it unattended; never fire at the surface of water or at flat, hard objects that could cause bullets to ricochet; know where your hunting companions are at all times when in the field; use only the right size shells in your gun as a small shell could clog the barrel and cause an explosion.

The Hunter's Safety Certificate course is designed to make the course takers better hunters, better sportsmen and better citizens. The materials used in the program are prepared by the members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, with the assistance of Consumers Power Company, the Dow Chemical Company and the Strosacker Foundation.

Upon completion of the day's activities, the students will be treated to hot dogs and pop served from the Moose Civic Affairs Chuck Wagon.

Additional information on Saturday's young hunter's program can be secured by calling 897-7867.

## 4-H Service Club

### Meeting September 26

The Kent County 4-H Service Club will begin a new year with a meeting at the Grand Rapids Township Hall, Thursday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m.


4-H Service Club is an organization of older youth whose primary purpose is to be of service to their community through the 4-H Program.

Plans will be made at this meeting for programs for the youngsters at Mary Free Bed hospital and for the Annual 4-H Teen Recognition Banquet.

Teenagers interested in joining the Service Club should call the Club President, Alice Hinton, 866-1667, the group's advisor, Mrs. Marvin Bunn, 866-0534, or the Kent County 4-H Office, 456-4475.

## VEEN OBSERVATORY OFFERS FINAL SEASON PERFORMANCES

The James C. Veen Observatory will be open for the public without charge from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, October 12 and Friday, October 25, for the season's final program. Telescopic observations, inspection of equipment and periodic showings of the audio-visual presentation "A Night on Kissing Rock Hill," will be featured. The observatory is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Avenue, S.E., Lowell.



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