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Phone Books Being Delivered

Michigan Bell began delivering its 1975 Grand Rapids area telephone directories January 3. Carl J. Marcus, Bell's local manager, said the new directories will be delivered to customers in Ada, Alto, Byron Center, Caledonia, Dorr, Dutton, Grand Rapids, Grattan, Hudsonville, Jamestown, Lowell, Marne, Moline, Rockford and Sparta.

"Because of the scarcity and rising prices of the special paper used for telephone books, Michigan Bell has a continuing program to conserve paper," Marcus said.

Each residential customer will receive one new directory while business customers usually will receive one book for each two business phones, he said. Larger businesses are being consulted to determine their actual needs.

"However, if customers need additional books, they may request them from the company's business office," Marcus added. The new directories contain new numbers and changes in listings up to Nov. 1 for all communities included in the book. Marcus said it will take about a week to deliver the directories.



Effective this Friday, January 10, both offices of the State Savings Bank of Lowell will be closed on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

President Gerald R. Ford has signed legislation into law making the nationwide 55-mile-an-hour speed limit permanent and providing \$4.5 billion in new unemployment benefits and public jobs.

Ford said the 55 limit has proven to be of great value in saving time and decreasing the loss of life on the highways.

The unemployment measure extends jobless benefits to one year and provides funds for creation of 100,000 jobs for the unemployed.

A fire early Saturday morning leveled a 2-story barn at the William Wieland residence at 5640 Pratt Lake Road, Lowell.

Fire units from Lowell, Bowme and Cascade Townships and Clarksville fought the blaze. Damages were estimated at nearly \$75,000 to the building. The loss included 2,000 bales of hay, milking equipment, two plows and a seeder. Also partially damaged were two adjoining silos containing about \$18,000 worth of corn.

Wieland, despite all the turmoil, did manage to get his 25 dairy cattle out of the barn and milked.

An investigation of acts of vandalism at St. Patrick's School, Farnell is being conducted by the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

For the second time, someone has shot holes through a plate glass door and window in front of the building, causing approximately \$150 in damages.

Susan L. Kulesa, 29, of Lowell has demanded examination on a child cruelty charge after allegedly beating her eight-year-old stepson.

She failed to post the \$10,000 bond set by Judge Joseph B. White and has been remanded to the Kent County Jail to await preliminary examination.

Wherever there is concern regarding the call off, delay starting, or early dismissal of Lowell Area Schools, interested parents are urged to listen to any of these radio or TV stations: WYON, WOOD, WZZM, WLAV, WGRD, WJEF, WMAX, WYGR, and WCUZ.

The information will always be broadcast if there is any change in the school schedule, saving parents a phone call to the school.

Monday, January 20, is the last day to register for the City's February 17 Special Election Referendum on Sale of Bonds for Water Treatment Facilities.

The City offices are open week days 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the last day of registration, the office will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Over the holidays, the Lowell Volunteer firemen answered calls to one house fire (two runs to Eastgate-in-the-Woods); a barn fire; and several false alarms.

Growing complaints from medicare beneficiaries about people who telephone or visit their homes to discuss "recent medicare changes" has prompted Raymond Backus, Grand Rapids Social Security office district manager to urge all persons to be extremely cautious of these contacts.

Mr. Backus said that if someone calls or comes to your door and wants to discuss medicare or social security you should ask to see his or her identification. There have been numerous complaints recently that persons have used medicare or social security as a pretense to get money from social security and medicare beneficiaries.

Mrs. Vern Sturgis of Grand River Drive stopped in at the Ledger Office Monday, opened up an egg carton containing two eggs clearly numbered one and two in a shell formation. We decided it was an unusually smart hen who had learned to count from one to twelve and these were the first two of the new year. Now, if that hen could multiply...

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special: Hippie Burgers, 65¢. Sunday Morning Breakfast Special. Broasted Chicken To Go. Family Nite, Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. C40

New Taxi Service For Lowell



Lowell residents in need of transportation may now avail themselves of John McKinley's taxi service. A former school bus driver, John now has his taxi ready to go and will be accepting calls between 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 3 p.m.-2:30 a.m. on Sundays. Rates are 70¢ flat plus 70¢ per mile. Flat rate charges to out-of-town destinations—Grand Rapids, \$12-\$14; Ionia, \$11; Ada, \$6, Eastgate, \$3.

New Adult Courses Begin

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell will begin two thirteen week courses for adults this Sunday, January 12.

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall will be "When The Church Was Young," a study of the book of Acts featuring Dr. Edward Bauman of Washington, D.C. on film with Mrs. Dean Bailey as discussion leader and Stanley Gardner as projectionist.

Meeting in the Dining Room will be "The Edge of Adventure: An Experiment in Faith," a study from guides and cassette tapes prepared by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson in "Living an authentic Christian Life" with Reverend Dean Bailey as discussion leader.

Retires From Universal



Helen Chickering on December 30 retired from Universal Division, Leigh Products Inc. in Saranac after 21 years of service.

Helen began working in 1953 in the Sprayer Department and continued working in that Department in different areas over the past 21 years.

The Plant Manager, Guy Mutchler presented her with an engraved gold wrist watch, and her first retirement check. After the presentation she was joined by co-workers for coffee and cake.

Helen plans to spend the next 4 months in Mexico with her family.

PTO Schedules 'Open Meeting'

The Lowell P.T.O. will hold an open meeting at the high school J quad at 7:30 on Wednesday, January 15.

The program will consist of an introduction of the P.T.O. structure by Herb Vanderbilt, president; breaking up into school level groups to begin the formation of separate interest groups—Runciman, Bushnell, Middle School, High School, etc.. Alto parents are urged to come. Their children will soon be in Middle School and High School and they can help other groups organize as they are; Interest groups will then report back as to their progress in getting their group started.

Babysitting will be provided. High School students are welcome at the meeting as we hope the High School level group will be a Parent, Teacher, Student group. Coffee and chat time will follow.

RV Owners Irate Over Ord. 73

The Public Hearing held on Monday, December 23, before the Lowell Planning Commission drew some sharp criticism from recreational vehicle owners. Purpose of the hearing was to listen to all interested persons on the proposal to amend Ordinance No. 73 of the City Zoning Code pertaining to the storage of campers, travel trailers, boats, trailers, and mobile homes within the residential district.

The need for the proposed amendment, as explained by City Manager Blaine Bacon, arose when it was discovered the ordinance, which has been a part of the code for several years, did not include boats, snowmobiles and boat and snowmobile trailers.

After a reading of the ordinance several persons voiced objections that it was too restrictive and, if enforced to the letter, would prohibit many residents from even trying to own an RV. The amendment, for which the hearing was held, became only a part of the total objections raised against the present ordinance as written.

The ordinance, designed to give the City some control over unsightly or objectionable situations involving recreational vehicles and equipment, prescribes where the aforementioned may be stored on residential property. Those attending felt few would be able to comply and suggested more latitude could be extended through a re-writing of the ordinance and still retain desirable control.

Most persons expressing their views believed some control is necessary. However, one resident wanted to know whether the City was trying to drive all RV owners out of town and was critical of the City in general toward out-of-town RV owners who find occasion to visit the City.

Result of the discussion was the appointment by chairman Wm. S. Doyle, of a seven-member citizens' committee to study and make recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Doyle said there would be another public hearing held before the Lowell City Council prior to action by the Council on whatever recommendation would be forthcoming from the City Planning Commission-Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Cabaret Theatre, YFU Program, Is This Friday

One of the highlights of the post holiday season will take place this Friday night when the second annual YFU Cabaret Theatre will be presented.

Staged in the Middle School Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the production will feature a variety of dramatic forms; comedy, reader's theatre, improvisations and a Kung Fu Sabre dance.

Included in the cast are Jim Ball, Dan and Lori Courser, Kevin and Kim Hoag, Tom Scheidel, David and Sue Stephenson, Tony Ulichnie, Cliff Walker, and Jack Lalley's Fourth Grade acting group. Dan Wade, a Northern Michigan University engineering student from Mt. Clemons, is setting up extensive sound effects and high fidelity music programming for the production.

All those involved are donating their time to benefit the Youth for Understanding fund for next summer's exchange students.

The set-up will remain the same as last year's highly successful cabaret with pretzels and soft drinks served at the tables by YFU students while the dramatic skits are going on.

Tickets are now being sold by this year's YFU candidates, Carol Alexander, Dianne Barrus, Perri Eickhoff, Gordon Hill, Dianna Keim and Steve Noffke and last year's exchange students, Craig Anderson, Carl Doyle, Jane Rivette and Wendy Stimacomb.

Tickets, costing one dollar each, will also be available at the door.

From The Police Report

Taken from the Lowell Light and Power Plant on North Broadway Street, between December 16 and 20, was a Homelite Chain Saw...

On December 13, Larry Vernon of Greenville stated his car had been entered and his tape player and tapes were taken. His vehicle was parked in front of the Village Inn on West Main Street...

Pauline Rose of Lowell disregarded a stop sign at the intersection of West Main and Chatham Street on December 28, and was hit by Mark Nauta of Lowell. Neither party was injured...

Homer Ingersoll of Fife Lake reported to the Lowell Police that he had four hub caps and a spare tire stolen from his pickup truck while it was parked at Zzano's Pizza on West Main Street, January 4...

Four juvenile shoplifters, within a three day span, were apprehended at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street—1 on January 2, and three on January 5...

Lowell officers assisted in the investigation and confession of three juveniles involved in a breaking and entering of a store and the post office in Smyrna on December 20 and 21...

Officers investigated two hit and run accidents December 28. One was solved when the other party turned himself in and the other was turned over to the Kentwood Police Department where the accident occurred...

Also reporting a hit and run accident was Constance Fitch of Sun City, Arizona, which occurred at Schneider Manor on Bowes Road, December 26, when she was visiting relatives...

Officers also took four minor property damage accident reports, with under \$200 damage done to the vehicles, all of which occurred on private property in the past three weeks...

On New Year's Day, James Dickerson, 18, of Kentwood lost control of his car on Bowes Road and sideswiped a tree before coming to rest in the ditch. Dickerson was slightly injured...

Marjorie Potter of Lowell and Frank Taylor of Lowell collided at the intersection of West Main and Broadway. The mishap happened as the Taylor Car struck the Potter car as he was making a left turn. No injuries were reported...

Dale Church of Grand Rapids was involved in a minor property damage accident when he slid off Grand River Drive, south of the Division Street Bridge, early Tuesday morning, December 17...

Dale Miller of Kentwood lost control of his car entering the Valley Vista Trailer Park Tuesday afternoon and hit the sign at the entrance to the park and a post office drop box...

Two police officers and a citizen were involved in a personal injury accident at West Main and Hudson. The Kent County Emergency E-Unit E-64 received an injury accident run on Lowell View and 28th Street.

Officer Pace of the Lowell Police Department went to the intersection to direct traffic for the southbound vehicle. At the light the Lowell officer had traffic stopped as the E-Unit crossed the intersection Deputy Charles Brown was hit broadside by Edward Dykstra of Lowell as he passed the stopped cars going westbound on Main. Officer Pace was struck by the sliding E-Unit and knocked off his feet. All were taken to the hospital and released with minor cuts, scratches and bruises...

Johannes Boot of Lowell and Richard Rutherford of Lowell were involved in an injury accident on Lafayette Street, when Boot backed his car from his driveway, hitting the Rutherford car, and pinning the driver in his car for a short period of time...

Tuesday morning, January 7, the Lowell Police Officers were called to the Kellogg Vinegar Plant on South Broadway Street, where a breaking and entering had occurred. Apparently nothing was taken.



Jolly Old Saint Nick, portrayed by Frank VanDusen, delighted all of the kids at the Lowell Moose Club's annual holiday party.

GARDEN FILM AND WORKSHOP With naturally grown foods and fresh produce assuming so much importance in our daily lives, the Chadwick Garden Center, located in the Public Museum East Building, will present a two-fold program on gardening at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 28. It is open to the public without charge.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: It was once said "no greater love has any man than that of his children." I realize this more and more as the years go by.

government then supplying about 75% of the total funds. The only hitch is that then they tell you how and where and what it is to be used for.

Vicki Fenn Weds James E. Barber



The First United Methodist Church of Lowell was the scene of a wedding Saturday, December 28 at 5 o'clock when Miss Vicki Eileen Fenn became the bride of James E. Barber.

Area Deaths

Harry L. Vaughan A retired paper hanger and interior decorator, Harry L. Vaughan, 87, of Valley Vista Village, Lowell, passed away December 31, following a lingering illness.

ERROL V. OSBORNE A former Lowell resident, Errol V. Osborne, passed away in Ohio on December 15, 1974, at the age of 67.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The true essence of political promises was captured in the following gem from the "Standard" of Fairfax, Minnesota. "A congressman went to an Indian reservation in Arizona."

Model Railroad Layout

How would you like to learn how to plan and build a layout for that nice model train set left under the Christmas tree?



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Cari's 219-221 West Main Street Lowell - 897-7577. On sale for the first time ever!

Examine Closely Food Purchases

Consumers trying to cut back on food costs should examine their purchases more closely when they get home from their weekly shopping trip to the supermarket.

TAX FORM DUE FROM FARMERS AND FISHERMEN. Farmers and fishermen who have not filed their 1974 declaration of estimated federal income tax must file and pay that tax by Wednesday, January 15.

Open THE CLUBHOUSE OF ARROWHEAD GOLF CLUB. Is Now Open For Your Winter Enjoyment! Tuesday-Thursday: Noon-Midnight Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Noon-2 p.m. Closed Mondays.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Week of January 13, 1975. MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti, Cabbage Salad, Rolls or Bread & Butter, Chilled Pears.

Classes Available

MONDAY: Accounting I (2nd half), Arts & Crafts (Ceramics), GED Preparation, General Science, Sociology, U.S. History, Wood Shop.

you can You can take leisure time classes. You can get a high school diploma. FREE. You can learn how to repair a car. You can prepare to take the G.E.D. Exam. You can learn to paint or sew or cook. You can improve reading or math skills. FREE. You can make friends while learning. CALL LOWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL... 897-5164

Flood Insurance Now Available For Residents

Lowell City officials have been notified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that flood insurance is now available for residential and non-residential properties within the City.

Under the National Flood Insurance Act (as amended by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973)

flood insurance at subsidized premium rates will be available on structures in amounts up to \$35,000 for single-family dwellings and up to \$100,000 on multi-family and non-residential properties and up to \$10,000 per unit on residential contents and \$100,000 on non-residential contents.

After the Federal Insurance Administration completes a rate study, coverage up to double the above amounts will be available at actuarial rates.

Policies of flood insurance may be obtained from any of the licensed property insurance agents or brokers within this community.

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DNR Priority List

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued their FY76 (July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976) Project Priority List for grants for waste treatment work projects.

This list will be presented to the State Legislature on January 15. The following is a portion of the list, reflecting priority status of Region 8 communities among the list's 567 total projects.

Priority No.	Community
194	Clarksville
224	Grattan Township
305	Ada Township
346	Ionia
435	Lowell
450	Cascade Township
484	Lowell Township



Winter YMCA Euchre Party

YMCA Euchre Party Committee members Erwin Merriman, Rose Roberts, Roger Roberts, and Olive Clark met recently to plan the Winter YMCA Euchre Party, always a grand affair with refreshments and prizes. This year's Party will be Saturday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria.

The general public and guests are invited. Call the Lowell YMCA, 897-7375, for information and to register for the party.

NEW!

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Edith Stump
- JANUARY 10**
Cecil Gochenaur
Mary Breckon
Dan Mendez
Alvin Brenk
- JANUARY 11**
Wilda Graham
Maggie MacNaughton
Sharon Nead
- JANUARY 12**
Sharon Jones
Pat Dawson
Marie Rickert
Tracy Thuston
Jill Yurkinas
- JANUARY 13**
Susan M. Weeks
Anna VanLier
- JANUARY 18**
Marge Potter

Eight-Phase Traffic Light

by: Dave Barnes

An eight-phase traffic signal, the second in Michigan, will be installed in about six months at the intersection of 28th Street and the East Beltline, SE, to facilitate traffic movement more safely in all directions, reports Michael L. Jones, district traffic engineer for the Michigan State Highway Department in Grand Rapids.

The first such signal, costing about \$42,000, was installed at a Lansing intersection on a trial basis and worked out so well that the MSHD decided to install a similar one here, he states.

Traffic movement, with the new device, will be facilitated, including eastbound traffic heading for the Lowell interchange of Int. 96, or for Cascade, or for Ada and Lowell via the East Beltline and M-21.

Jones says a traffic survey showed in a 24-hour period: . . . 34,800 east and westbound vehicles on 28th Street west of the East Beltline; . . . 17,700 east and westbound vehicles east of the East Beltline; . . . 16,600 north and southbound vehicles on the East Beltline north of 28th Street. . . . And 8,200 north and southbound vehicles on the East Beltline south of 28th St.

The new traffic signal will provide for the smoother flow of traffic, including those vehicles which are making left turns and will increase the safety at the intersection, Jones states.

The federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of the new device, with the MSHD paying the remainder. An ordinary traffic signal costs about \$6,000.

Snow Patrol To Hold Ride - In

The first annual Snowmobile Ride-in will be held Saturday, January 11, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Road, SE, Lowell, it has been announced by Chairman Ron Tiesma.

Sponsored by the Forest Hills National Snowmobile Patrol, the Ride-In will feature an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings at \$3 per person. All proceeds will be used by the Patrol to purchase search and rescue equipment.

"All snowmobilers in Western Michigan are cordially invited to stop by and have lunch or dinner or both with us," Tiesma said. "Since Deer Run is right on the new Western Michigan Snowmobile Trail and just about halfway from either end, it will be a natural for snowmobilers to become acquainted with the trail and, at the same time, enjoy a nice meal out."

The Forest Hills National Snowmobile Patrol consists of 16 experienced snowmobilers who have had special training in search and rescue techniques and advanced first aid training. The Patrol is in the process of equipping itself for any type of emergency service and has already purchased a snow ambulance that is available where needed in the Western Michigan area.

Exchange Student To Address Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet January 8, in the lounge of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, at 404 North Hudson Street.

Program chairman Mrs. Stanley Gardner, has arranged for Jane Rivette of Lowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gould Rivette, to tell of her experiences while an exchange student in France last summer.

Mrs. Everett Wittenbach will give a mini-report on public affairs and social welfare.

The afternoon tea committee will be Mrs. H. Krum, Mrs. F. Fox, Mrs. H. Thurtell and Mrs. G. Noteware.

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E THURSDAY, JANUARY 9—Paul's Special Sandwich, French Fries, Cole Slaw, \$1.85; Small New York Strip, Baked Potatoes, Garlic Toast, Salad Bar, \$3.75.

F FRIDAY, JANUARY 10—Breaded Pork Steak, \$2.50; Choice Sirloin Steak for Two, \$9.95.

S SATURDAY, JANUARY 11—Choice New York Strip dinner, \$4.19.

S SUNDAY, JANUARY 12—Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Roast Pork, Baked Swiss Steak, or Chicken Dinner, \$2.85.

T TUESDAY, JANUARY 14—Businessmen's Luncheon Steak, \$2.49; Fresh Liver and Onions, \$2.39.

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ATTENTION

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As of January 1, our 455-1550 telephone number will no longer be in service . . .

If you wish to reach us, you are to call 'collect'

878-9431

PERSONAL

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Dennis Brown, who was on the U. S. S. John R. Perry in 1961 (important) please call collect **701-838-7435**