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to use the newly completed pneumatic tube drive-in facility, offering quick service from either of the two
State Savings Bank Has Successful Year, Remodeling Project Nears Completion


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## Financing of The Proposed Water Treatment Plant


#### Abstract

These evies of articles are being submitted by Lowthe ciectonte in gnemili, ot the enpeciniced view inform tons of the memben of the Lowel City Council. City officials report that several questions have been received regarding the financing of the proposed water treatment plant. Estimated cost of the project is now $\$ 1,200,000$, which includes construction of a treat- ment plant that will provide the same treatment as ment plant that will provide the same treatment as at the present-chlorine for bacteria removal, fluoride for control of tooth decay In addition, the plan "In addition, the plant will remove the iron and "hard" minerals. At the present, the iron in not remov- od from the water supply, and water softening is avail ea from the water supply, and water softening is aviil- able only to residents who have homesoftening units. F.M.A. Loon

At the onset of investigations into the feasibility of providing a water treatment plant, the City file for providing a water treatment plant, the City filed for grant assistance through the Farmers Home Adminisgrant assistance throcigh the Farmers Home Adminis- tration. FmHA grant funds are allocated on the basis of local need. The formula devised by the agency is based on the ratio between the average income of City residents and the rates resulting from the proposed im. provement. In Lowellis case, the new rates would not be high snough to qualify the city for grant funds Howeren sonough to qualify the City for grant funds. However, Farmers Home has loan funds available at $5 \%$ for 40 years and has offered to loan the City the full amoun of the proposed bond issue. Bonds on the open marke are presently selling at the rate of $6 \% 8 \%$. The lower interest rate and less stringent bonding requirements availbble through F m mA represents a substantial say. ings-more than $\$ 69,000$ per year. As a result, the rates to property owneng/ire much lower. Coffations of the Loan Farmers Home Administration does not attach administrative "striggs" to their loams, however, they do Teserve the right to withdraw the loan offer if the do teserve the right to withdraw the loan offer if the community does hot "proceced am nuilaty as possitle," The reason for this stipulation is bfote on the demand for loan assistance. When the loen ofito was extended for loan assistance. When the loem ofior was extended, the funds were set aside for the City. Approval of the bond issue February 17 will demonstrate to Farmers Home that the project will proceed, and they will continue to hold the funds. Otherwise, the Agency has a responsibility to reconsider its loan the Agency has a responssiuity offer in relation to the requests of other cities that would put the funds to use. The construction of the water treatment plant would be financed by income from the system. No property tax would be levied. The new rate schedule is as foltax wo lows: $$
\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{c} \text { Reediness to Serve } \\ 5 / 8 \& 3 / 4 \text { Meters. © } \quad \$ 4.50 \text { per month } \end{array} \\ & \text { Plus a Commodity Charge of } 364.50 \text { per month } \end{aligned}
$$


Most residents are served with either a $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ or $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ meter. As a point of comparison, the readiness to serve charge for a $3 / 4$ meter is presently $\$ 2.00$ per month,
plus a commodity charge of $25 \$$ per 1,000 gallons. The plus a commocity charge of $25 ¢$ per 1,000 galilons. The
average family of four uses approximately 4,000 gallons of water per month. The new rate changes would result

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If a small volume customer had a home water soften
he new rates would result in a minimum saving
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Gravy, Cole Slaw, Roll, $\$ 1.29$, alto Sunday
2.39 per month if the unit were taken out of servic 52.39 per month if the unit were taken out of servic $\$ 1.40$ per month.
Members of the Council have stated that the new rates are designed to only provide for the bond retire ment; operation and maintenance requirements and a
small reserve for future extensions. It is the consensus among the Council that utilities should be self-sustaining, but should not be operated at a large profit, and the rates should be adjusted to conform to the costs
involved in maintaining the desired level of service. It should be noted that upon an affimative vote by It should be noted that upon an affirmative vote by
the electorate, the current water rates would be chang ed by council action in the form of a revised water rat ordinance based on the formula mentioned in this ar-
ticle. The rates currently proposed for water seivice
should not be confused with the sewer rates which The rates currently proposed for water secvice
should not be confused with the sewer rates which are to remain at the current level until future adjustments become necessary for the operation of that particular
utility or service.

NEWS FLASH
The City of Lowell received notification to day through the office of Congressman Richard Vander Voen that it will recoive a first-step gran vironmental Protection Agency for the construction of a Water Troatment Facility and for Thent grant, to
cont, will be roceived in throe theps. The $\$ 37$, 125 is for the plonning phase covering $75 \%$ o the $\$ 49,500$ cost. Second and third step grant will oover the dasign phase and construction. Under EPA provisions, the state pays five
percont, and the City the remainder ( $20 \%$ ) of Eiditork Mom:
The Ledger was unable to learn by press tim what change there might be in cost to the $c$
sumer as the result of the above EPA grant.


Many ares taxpayers will not be able to reccive early refunds thin year, unless they receive their W-2 form
from their employers soon. The deadlin: to distributa from their employens soon. The
W-2's is this Friday, Januery 31 .

Loweil School District residents are reminded thater Monday, February 10, is the last day to register for th

Tho Ato A marican Levion Pest No 528 will be ascis. ing Vietram Veterans in applying for their Vietnam Bonis, at thhir post in Alto, above the post office, from 10 Vetorans needing assistance must bring their DD-21 Sorvice Records. ...
Several new customer services, plus a new outside sign hrve boen in
Eart Main Street.
For his customen, Paul now has a cracker barrel,
with liver paste, free, and a special room set aside fo

## Wall Street set a record Monday with over $30,000,000$

 thares traded on the New Vork Stock Exchange a: clo ing time. Wh the tion mailet is anybody's gues.The only thing more is a unpredictable than the Stock

## Eat With The YFU Friday

 The Youth for Understanding exchange stdents have hoen buny risings money for thoir trips to foreign countries this summer. So ter
the group has sold pom poms and Christmas troes, served a chili suppar and put on a Cabar of Theatre.
The next scheduled event will be a supper
served before the Lowell- Lakewood basketball ame Friday, January 31. Serving between 5 and $\delta \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the high school caffeteria, there vill se suvellakle chili, barbecues, hot dogs an homemade pies.
So come, have supper with the exchange stu-
dons, Parri Eickhoff, Diena Keim, Steve Noffke, Carol Alexander, Gordy Hill and Diane Barrus. Then supp
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## Model United Nations

Awareness of the growing interdependence of na-
tions and the world problems has prompted an inctes. ions and the world problems has prompted an increasal relations, scondding to Frank Rosed with internation-
visor of visor of the Interre tional Relations Club of Forest
Hills Central Hulls Central Higi School The Club, at the request of the World Affairs Coun-
cil of Grand Rapids, presented a program, "Model United Nations Committee Meeting Considderinga
Resolution of Sanctions on the Repubbic of South Resolution of Sanctions on the Republic of South
Africa" Monday, January 27, in the Zonta room of the Rycrson Library in Grand Rapids Participating in the discussion were Jackie Coolidge. Randy Farmer. Karl Hansen, Robin Reynoids,
Jost Korte. Nancy O'Betts, Partie Mannisto, Sue Muse Jost Korte, Nancy O'Betts, Pustrie Mannisto, Sue Mus-
kovitz. Mike Thompson, Sandy Cookk, Dave Opholt. kovitz, Mike Thompson, Sandy Cook, Dave Ophoif,
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Stobbe, John Fellinger, Cheryl Cherem, Mary Foster,
Dive flis, Beth Deshane and Beth Strong, Dave Elisis, Beth Deshane and Beth Strong. Shane and Beth. Mary Frong.
The Central Intermational Relations Club had its beginnings three years ago as a reselt of the schools
participation in the Grand $V$ alley Model Usited particiciation in she Grans time the Club wins formed
tions program. Since that time tions program. Since that timee the Club was formed
and has participated in severail Model United Nations programs. The Club has rorought in speakers on forcign affairs, madea a public aspearance, and porovided individual speakers for classroom presentations in the
Forest Hfils fligh School district. Members of the Club have also attended evening World Affairs Council discussion groups. The primary activity of the Club is participation in
Model United Nations programs. This sroun has antern Model United Nations programs. This group has atem
ed Model United Nations at Grand Valley State Colleges. Harvard University. Reese High School, and the Great Lakes Invitationai Model United Nations in Windsor. Canada In addition, they also plan to attene
the National Hieh School Model United Notions in New York City this Spring. The Club has won many awards for individual deleUnited Nations.
Dave Porter, the current president of the Grand Val-
ey student body will be the ley student body, will be the acting chairman. He is also the Secreary General of the Grand Valley Modet United Nationss rogram and the Director of the Econ-
onmic Commission for Europe at the National Collegiamic Commission for Europe at the Nationay

The Kent County Park Commission will hold a pub lic meeting at 8:30 a.m. Fobruarys 4, at commission headquarters 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Gramid Rapids,
as its first step in the acquisition of about 410 acces as its first step in the acquisition of about 410 acres
along the Flat River south of Fallasburg Park. along the Flat River south of Fallasburg Park.
This land, with trees and woods and a Christmas tree farm, would become part of Fallasburg Park, and the plan is part of a long trange program for expand ding
and developing county parks, says Don Amott, park
and Abour $\$ 510,000$ is available from the Department of Natural Resources and the Buresu of Outcoos Rec at of the acquisition coold be expected from the Bior by next June if there are fro delays, Amott states. Approximately $\$ 330,000$ woold bry the land and sisting of roodw be expended for improvements con. The DNR and the BOR would each share in the cost of the land and the improvenients. The several owners have given verbal approval of selling their prop
erty, says Amott.
The Christmast tree farm is on the north side of Burroughis St. Woods are on the south side of this road. A
penisula of lind at the end of Beckwith Dr. is also part of the acreage.
Fallasburg Park has 458 acres.

## Golden Ball To

Be February 8
The Annual Golden Benefif Ball, sponsored by Low-
ell Moose Lod geo No. 1388 of Lowell will be held Satald Moose Lodge No.
Assisting Chairman Chancy Boyce are Governor AI sectey; Jr. Governor, Frank McMahon; Prelate, Ed Am
strong; Treasurer, Carl Smith; Trustees, Jim LeDoc, George Scheck and Charlie Doyle. Assisting the men of the Moose are Cor Stornzand, Ir. Regent; Elizabeth Hawk, Jr. Regent; Ruth Wester,
Chaplain; Janet Bovee, Jr. Graduate Regun; Mester Chaplain; Janet Bovee, Ir. Graduate Regent; Mu
Abrahams; Recordet and Eva Harris, Treasurer. Master of Coremonies will be Red Baker, Narrator, Tichard Sisson and decorations are in charge of Bobhis ind Hogh Linkfield.
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ABOVE THE BOARD One Hour Later Board Adjourns
In one of the shortest regular meetings on record, members of the Lowell Board of Education took care of of 14 items of business and adjourned in one hour.
First on the agenda was the decision to aggin set the operational millage at 12.5 mills for a period of three years. Some discussion was held as to whether the mill ge limit should he maintained for the three year per od or only voted upon for one. since the same proposal was approved three years elt that the voting public prefers the longet period
lon
and ather than facing the issue every year The coming election on March 10 will not mean an
increase, it is merely a continuation of the 12.5 mills now in effect for school operation. School Superintendent Leonard Sinke announced t the meeting that the State Boundary Commission
lad finally reached the decision to transfer the Middle had inally reached the decision to transfer the Midd
School property to the City of Lowell from Lowell Township.
The orig
The original request by the school for a ruting by ance, water and sewer rates would be lower if the school were part of the City rather than in the township. Board members agreed to accept the proposed build ing budget for Alto, Bushnell and Runciman Schools,
but declined to set a monetary figure for the new administration building untili plans are submitted. In presenting a report to the board on the current
status of the school system's new reading program, status of the school systom's new reading program,
Jane Blought informed the board that a definite effort is being made to inform parents of what they can do in The home to instill a love of reading in their children. The mechanics of feading can be taught in school but a
real desire to read has to be reinforced in the home enironment Mes. Btough said.
The local system's reading advisory committee, com-
posed of Mrs. Blough, Betty Yeiter. B. J. Thompson posed of Mrs. Blough, Betty Yeiter. B. J. Thompson, Mark Weber, Carol Backstrom and Bob Titcomb, hax service sessions for teachers in the reading area. It was brought to the board's sttention that the
equivalent of 50 adults enrolled this week in the school quivaient of 50 adults enrolled this week in the school This is 20 more than were enrolled last Pall, and inodves approximately 200 students taking one class. Jeff Richardson, senior ligh school student represen.
ative, gave an excellent report on the recent Rent Intative, gave an exceellent report on the recent Rent in-
termediate School Raards joint meetine Being the only
non-voting member of the local hotd nonvoting member of the local boatd, Richardson was
noted in to give the repor by the oother members voted in to give the report by the other members.
Richardson's main points gleaned from the meet were ftat t public relations is seecoming increasingly more
important to every school system in that parents and important to every school system in that parents and
non-parents afike want to know just what is going on non-parents alike wamt to know wust what is going on
in their schools. To gain this end, Richardson reported. all employees of a school system are of equal impor-
tance and all should meet together in "fanily - type" moetings to attack all problems togecher so that each
and every employee woold know what is ging on and M-21 Being Increased

Safety on M-21 between Ads and Lowell is being
increased by the replacement of 3.000 liveral feet of increased by the replacement of 3,000 lineal feet of
40 -year-old cable guardrails with modern steel heam guardrails.
Robert J. Hogeboom, district maintenance engincer
of the Grand Rapids office of the Michigan State Highway Department, ssys the $\$ 17,000$ project is being
done by a Kent County Road Commision crew, but is being paid for by the highway departitent The replacement constitutes preliminary work for
the $\$ 400,000$ resurfacing of this part of M -21, sched thed to begin next summer. Bids for the project sre to be tuken in May.
"The steel beam guararails will not only increase
safety on the road, but they also conform with present safeyt on the road, but wey also conform with present
day standards for highway improvement," says Hogeboom. The replacement will be completed about April 1 .
HITS FIRE HYDRANT
Last Wednesday, Kenneth Holmes of Lowell was
uninijured when his car slid on ice at Kent and South uninjured when his car slid on ice at Kent and South
Wistington Street, hitting a fire hydrant on the north
west comer of the intersection

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    the Kent County Health Dopartment. The unit will gratly incrasse the Health Deprrtment's ability
    This unit will be able to doliver most of the hoalth sevvices and screening tests now provided at the de partment's fixed base clinic.
    On hand for the recerit 'turning over of the kevs' were, from left, Richard Solon, co-chairman, Bus Com-
     Kent Chausty, M.D., all members of the Health Department Board.

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