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Mark Blough Becomes An 'Eagle'



The Bloughs, with their son, Mark, accept the Eagle Scout Award from Al Rowe.

Scouting Awards

Boy Scout Troop 102 of Lowell, held a Court of Honor Monday night, February 10, at the Lowell High School Auditorium.

One of the local Cub Scout Units participated in the awards ceremony as well as furnishing refreshments for the boys and their parents following the evening's presentations.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies, Ivan Blough started the evening following the opening ceremony by welcoming the parents and boys and immediately introduced Robert Kammers, Scout Master of Cub Pack 3102, who, with the help of his committee, presented many awards to the young Cub Scouts.

Den Mothers and their assistants were recognized for their faithful service to the young people through time volunteered because they care.

Following the Cub Scout awards program many scout awards were passed out during the evening. Many of the adult leaders assisted by young adult leaders, Dirk Ritzema, Rick Huver, Mike Blough, John Lasby, and Kraig Haybarker took part.

Scouting was followed through its many steps of achievement from Tenderfoot through Eagle, including many Merit Badges, Skill Awards, and special awards for Troop activities.

Members of the Troop Committee, including Robert Kammers, Dirk Ritzema, Dave Butts, Dean Bailey, Allen Lasby, Dale Johnson, Ed Stormzand, Dan Lessens, Robert Ellison, Leo Haybarker, and Scoutmaster William Nowak all helped contribute to the evening's festivities in one way or another, and without the help

of these men it would have been impossible to have had so many awards there to be accepted by the youth of our community.

This night held a special meaning to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blough as they watched their son, Mark, presented to the Court of Honor for the specific reason of being accepted as an Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Blough received the Eagle Badge from Al Rowe, who gave the oath to Mark, who then turned to pin it on her son. Mr. Rowe then gave Mark a Mother's Eagle pin to pin on his very proud mother as Mr. Blough just as proudly watched.

It was a very eventful evening indeed, one that will be remembered by many young people, yes, and many adults for years to come.

Rev. Dean Bailey accepted an award from the Troop, presented by Gordon Kelly, on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, who is the sponsoring organization for the Troop. A new troop flag was presented to the troop by Leo Haybarker and accepted by Mark Blough.

Rev. Dean Bailey then closed the Court of Honor as he read from a letter written by another Eagle Scout, George Lessens, that gave the audience a look at scouting and what it means to us as parents and especially to boys like Mark Blough, Kraig Haybarker, Mike Hines, Dennis Nowak, Mike Blough, Mark Ritzema, Dirk Ritzema, Craig Mulder, Gordon Kelly, and George Lessens, past Eagle Scouts, who have devoted many hours and thoughts to a cause that as George mentioned in his letter, "as long as there are boys, there Scouting will always be."

Water Treatment Wins By Ten

The proposal to construct a Water Treatment Plant for the City of Lowell won by the narrow margin of 10 votes Monday when only 394 citizens trudged to the polls to cast their ballots (202 yes—192 no). The proposed \$1,200,000 program will include the development of three additional wells, storage facilities and a treatment plant to provide softening and iron removal. Monday's vote will allow the City to sell bonds to finance the construction of the Water Treatment Plant and make improvements to Lowell's water supply. Some time ago the Farmers' Home Administration offered to loan the City the full amount of the proposed bond issue at 5% over 40 years.

Bids Opened

Bids were opened, but no action taken, for two police vehicles, submitted by Jackson Motor Sales, Thom-

et Chevrolet & Buick and Wittenbach Sales & Service. City Manager Blaine Bacon requested time to review the bidding before making a recommendation.

Council members accepted the City Manager's recommendation to award the bid for the purchase of a heavy duty truck to Wittenbach Sales and Service at the bid price of \$10,039—equipped with a 5 speed Allison transmission.

Fading Funds

Lowell's chances for sharing in the funds made available through the Federal Community Development Act of 1974 appeared rather slim Monday night when it was revealed only \$250,000 is up for grabs this round—by several communities besides Lowell. However, Council moved the City file the required pre-application form, or as Councilman Harold Jefferies quipped, "take our little tin cup to Washington."

City Manager Bacon said, in the event that Lowell should receive the entire \$250,000, it would be designated for the relocation of the businesses and residents in the block bounded by N. Washington, South side of Avery Street and N. Monroe—excluding Lowell Engineering.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was set for the regular meeting of the City Council on March 3 in accordance with a request from Attwood Corporation to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District.

Animal Report

Chief of Police Barry Emmons reported the City's Animal Control Officer has been on the job and has 'trapped' several animals, including two raccoons and one possum.

Erickson Named Lowell's Animal Control Officer

Police Chief Barry D. Emmons announces the appointment of John Erickson as Lowell's Animal Control Officer. The position will be run through the Chief's office as a part-time position.

I would like to take this opportunity to request cooperation from the citizens in keeping their dogs on their property. This cooperation will enable us to do a more efficient job for the community, and would be very much appreciated.

We have had numerous complaints of dogs running at large, getting into garbage, etc. If anyone has a complaint they would like to make, please feel free to call the Lowell Police Department (897-7123), or John Erickson (897-8541) at your convenience.

Some of the duties of the Animal Control Officer will be to patrol locally for dogs running at large, checking for licenses, etc. We have two live traps that will be used to capture the animals. The animals will then be housed at the local shelter temporarily until picked up by the Kent County Animal Warden. Also, there will be a fine as provided in the City of Lowell Ordinances for the animals' owners.

The Chief urges cooperation from the citizens.

Lowell Customers To Get Improved Phone Services

Michigan Bell has announced that some 2,500 telephone customers in Lowell will have improved long distance service beginning Monday, February 24.

Carl J. Marcus, Bell's local manager, said automatic number identification (ANI) of direct dialed long distance calls will begin that day for Lowell customers who have one or two-party telephone service.

"When ANI begins, these one and two-party customers no longer will hear the operator come on the line to ask for the calling number when they dial their long distance calls direct," Marcus explained. "The calling number will be recorded automatically."

"Presently, the called number, time of the call and duration of the call are recorded automatically," he said. "With ANI, this information and the calling number will be recorded for billing purposes."

The procedure for dialing long distance calls will remain the same, Marcus said. Customers will dial "1" plus the area code, if it is other than 616, and then the telephone number.

Customers with four or eight-party service will continue to give their numbers to the operator when they dial their long distance calls direct, he added.

Exercising Her Rights



Exercising her rights as a senior citizen, Mrs. Hazel D. Day of 328 Jefferson, Lowell, is shown filling out her application for an absentee ballot to vote in Monday's special election.

Having lived in Lowell for 58 of her 86 years, Mrs. Day is one of the many honored senior citizens of Lowell. The ballot application is being presented to Mrs. Day by her grandson, Attorney Fred Althaus.

Call Your Library And Get The Answers Through 'LINK'

Have you ever wondered... "Is there a place in town where my club can have a meeting for a large crowd? How much does it cost?" "Where can I find someone to teach me chair caning?" "I would like to join a photography club. Are there any near where I live? Who do I call to join?" "This lousy apartment building needs to be in the hands of an exterminator... where should I call to report these unsanitary conditions?"

Where in Kent County would you be able to find information to answer questions like these? Would you have to make four, six, eight or how many phone calls? Would you even find the answer to all four?

Have you ever thought of your neighborhood library?

No... but beginning this month, you should.

The Library Information Network began operation in February at the Alto, Cascade and Lowell libraries where you may now telephone and get answers to these and many other questions, with just one call.

LINK—this Library Information Network—is a new service offered to Kent County residents by the Grand Rapids Public Library and the Kent County Library System. All 25 libraries in both systems will be able to tell callers (or those who stop in at the library) about a wide variety of social service, health, educational, cultural and recreational sources available in the county. The project, which began acquiring facts August 1, 1974, is funded by a federal grant administered by the State Library of Michigan.

The goal of the LINK program is to make it easy for you to get information about agencies, clubs and organizations, and individual resource people from one source.

The data on each agency includes name, address, telephone, open hours, eligibility requirements (if any), fees and a brief description of the services offered.

Information on clubs and organizations tells the name of the club, name, address and telephone of a person to contact for further details, membership requirements, dues and meeting place and time.

Individual resource people who consent to having

their names in the file will list their area of expertise—such as quilting, mountain climbing, etc.—their phone, and the hours during which they may be called.

Using the LINK files, libraries will be able to answer such questions as those at the beginning of this article quickly for county residents who call. When a question is about community resources, LINK will answer it—or at least try to answer it.

Why is a service such as this headquartered at a library? The public library, more than any other agency is suited to providing this kind of information for several reasons. The primary function of libraries is to provide information on all subjects. Librarians are trained in the collection, storage and retrieval of facts. Libraries are neutral, public, non-profit agencies.

There is no service in Kent County which approaches either the scope or accessibility of LINK. Other organizations have published guides to social services agencies and there are several specialized information and referral networks, but LINK is the only service with combined information in all areas.

The LINK files are drawers of five by eight inch cards, somewhat like a card catalog, which are in these area libraries, all members of the Kent County Library System:

Alto—6049 Linfield, 868-4031; Cascade—2839 Thornapple River Dr., 949-3130; Lowell—West Main, 897-9596.

NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR

Lee R. Patterson, manager of Cascade Township, has been given the full-time position of recreation director for the township. He will be working with an approved tentative budget of \$37,200 for the year.

The township is in the process of applying for federal funds for the development and operation of the new 55-acre park on Thornapple River Drive, S.E., just north of Int. 96.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH—Individualized hair coloring at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, 897-7506. c46

WHERE IS YOUR GRANDMOTHER—Tonight? Don't miss "Homebodies" at the Strand, March 14-17. c46-49



The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce announces Mid-Winter In-Store Sidewalk Sale Days Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local merchants for their special sale merchandise. Help us build toward "Hometown Appreciation Days!"

The board and staff of the First United Methodist pre-school program invites all interested persons to "Parents' Night" Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 at the Methodist Education building. William Kooyer, consulting psychologist for the Lowell Area Schools, will be the speaker. It promises to be an interesting and informative evening discussing behavior and emotional development of children.

Patricia Morgan of Lowell reported to the Lowell Police Friday that her car was involved in a hit and run accident.

The mishap occurred in the 100 block of North Broadway Street.

When Clarence Troyer of Lowell went out to start his car, parked in the garage, Saturday, his first impulse was to call the nearest garage, when it failed to even turn over.

Lifting the hood to check things over, Troyer was more than surprised to find his battery had been stolen.

The heavy black clouds of smoke hovering over the East Main Street area last Wednesday morning, brought several adverse complaints from businessmen and citizens alike.

Callers relate to the Ledger: "It just doesn't seem fair, what's good for one should be good for all." "In a building, they call it 'controlled burning'; but who's to judge whether I can or cannot control rubbish or trash burning outside my premises?"

"It's plain to see, that burning papers or leaves, causes less smoke than sawdust." "Where's the proper city official when such pollution is blanketing our city?"

Another juvenile shoplifter was apprehended at the Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street, Friday.

Goldie Chorley of Saranac was the winner of the Russell Stover giant, heart-shaped box of chocolates from Lippert's Pharmacy, last week.

Enjoy Sunday morning breakfast at Keiser's Kitchen. Pancakes and Sausage—all you can eat—will be served from 8 a.m. till tummies are full. Proceeds will benefit the Youth For Understanding exchange student program for Lowell's foreign 'ambassadors.'

CASCADE RECEIVES FUNDS FOR HURST RESCUE TOOL

A check for \$2,105, half the cost of a Hurst Rescue Tool for the emergency unit in Cascade Township was presented to the Township Board by Kent County Civil Defense Director Ray Blett. The check represents federal funds.

The remaining cost of the tool was raised by Cascade firemen, and by a \$700 contribution from three township industries.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—Special This Week: From 5 to 7 only, Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Cole Slaw, Roll, \$1.29, also Sunday Morning Specials. c43-48

BE CAREFUL—"Impulse" will be at the Strand March 7-10. c46-48

COMING TO THE STRAND THEATRE—Lowell, February 21-24, "Island At The Top Of The World." c41-46

Local Briefs

Navy Ensign Martin J. Vonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vonk of 5607 Far Hill Drive, has completed the Poseidon Weapons Officer Course at the Naval Great Missiles School, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

He received ten weeks on instruction on the operation, capabilities and maintenance of computerized missile weapons systems aboard submarines. Vonk is scheduled to report for further training at the Naval Nuclear Power School, Mare Island, Vallejo, California.

Gov. William G. Milliken has appointed Richard M. DeVos, 7154 Windy Hill Road, to the Grand Valley College Board of Control, for a term expiring December 31, 1982, subject to Senate confirmation.

DeVos, President of Amway Corporation, succeeds L. William Seidman of Ada, who did not desire reappointment. A native of Grand Rapids, DeVos is a well-known speaker, and is listed in Marquis' Who's Who in America.

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Commerce and Industry and in Who's Who in the Midwest.

Merle Coger remains at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital recovering from a bad automobile accident.

Mrs. Emma Phillips underwent cataract surgery, recently, at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon.

Jack Carr, infant son of Clara and Joan Carr of Cascade is scheduled to have a kidney transplant very soon at the Children's Hospital in Detroit.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr. Born with only one kidney, the baby has been critically ill for sometime.

The new address for Mrs. Rosa Dickerson is 153 Duane Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410. She would appreciate hearing from her Lowell friends.

Taking a week's vacation in Omaha, Nebraska, visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Tech. Sergeant Dale and Agnes Pringle, was Mrs. Viona Hodges and youngest daughter, Judy Sobieralski and her son, Danny. After arriving on United Airlines shortly after the Great Blizzard of '75, they still found large snow drifts and very cold temperatures.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bigelow of Ada announce the engagement of their daughter, Meri Lynn, to Verne Dale Owendag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mark of Ada and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Owendag of Margate, Florida. The couple is planning a May 10 wedding.

It's anniversary time for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, February 21; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Silvis, February 23; and Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, February 24.

Mrs. Ed (Glyda) Young who collapsed last week while at work, is now hospitalized in Grand Rapids, at Butterworth, where her condition was listed as fair Tuesday morning.

David E. Cummings was released from Butterworth Hospital last Friday, and is now at Cherry Creek Nursing Home in Lowell. Davis would like very much to hear from his many friends and former Blair customers.

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"A child has rights and needs and is EVERYONE'S business!" This is the theme of SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect), a sub-group under the Department of Social Services.

Candy Teachout, who spoke to the Lowell Child Care Council last week, stated that the purpose of SCAN is to effectively coordinate and implement services on an emergency basis.

Children, especially pre-schoolers, are completely at the mercy of the adults around them. Most adults are very conscientious about the children in their care. But in 1974 there were 120 cases of child abuse or neglect reported in Kent County alone, according to Ms. Teachout. That represents far too much damage done to young lives.

Problems resulting from early abuse or neglect can include behavior problems, permanent physical or psychological damage, malnutrition, attempted suicide and potential abuse of his own child when this child becomes a parent.

What Can An Ordinary Citizen Who Cares About Children Do?

Reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is the responsibility of everyone, says Ms. Teachout. If anyone has any idea it is going on, he should call Protective Services, listed under the Kent County Social Services Department, any time of the day or night.

The caller may remain anonymous. Protective Services will investigate within 24 hours and, as a result, some child may be spared lifetime scars.

Additional suggestions will follow in later columns.

Accidents Investigated

The Lowell Police were dispatched to the scene of three separate personal injury and property damage auto accidents last week.

On February 11, John Elzings of Lowell and Evelyn Mutschler of Clarksville were involved in a property damage accident near the intersection of Broadway and West Main Streets.

David Dodger and Carolyn Gates, both of Lowell, were slightly injured in a two car mishap on West Main (M-21) about a half mile east of Alden Nash Avenue. The Dodge vehicle, attempting to make a left turn, was struck from behind.

Involved in a property damage accident Sunday evening at Jackson and High Streets were Edward Bibbler and a juvenile, both of Lowell. The mishap occurred when the Bibbler vehicle failed to yield the right-of-way at the marked intersection.

SELL YOUR "DON'T WANTS" WITH AN ECONOMY LEDGER WANT AD.

Lynette Swan Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Swan, 605 Monroe Avenue, Lowell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Richard F. Blodgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Blodgett, Gulfbridge Drive, S.E.

The couple plans to be wed May 24th.

Rotarians Planning Annual Wife's Night

Recruited from the kitchen, Evelyn Wittenbach played the piano for the Lowell Rotary Club's Sing-A-Long February 12. She did a great job and said that she enjoys dispensing music just as well as dispensing food.

State Legislator, Martin Bath, member of the Comstock Park Rotary Club, highlighted the Rotary guest list which also included Jerry Hanby, Gene Sapp, George Anderson, John Wall, John Berg, Bill Grummett, Mark Reese, and John Pollock.

President Arnold Wittenbach appointed a committee consisting of King Doyle, Leonard Jackson, and Ken Anderson to plan an additional Rotary Wife's Night at the new branch of the Lowell State Savings Bank.

Words of praise were passed on to Rotary Bulletin editors, Norm Borgerson and Don McPherson. George Killmaster, Ford Dealer, and former high school coach, introduced Coach Al Rowe who assists with the Lowell High School Hockey Team. Coach Rowe spoke of the fine progress made by Lowell's team.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
We drove into Lowell the morning after your tree disaster. I think this storm should point out the urgent necessity of a tree removal and planting program for Lowell.

There are many trees in Lowell that have had severe root damage caused by the recent curb and street program. Many of these trees have not been removed.

The town was very lucky not to have had more damage than they did, and also that the storm came at night and not during the day. Lives could have been lost.

Rosalyn Carothers

Dear Editor:
This letter is in reply to Mr. Lathwell's reply to my Mother's letter. I feel some things should be cleared up.

Mr. Lathwell stated that my Mother called Mrs. Besteman a poor teacher, this is not true. She said, "she was uncooperative." She may be an adequate teacher, but in my case she is somewhat inadequate with respect to the human needs and cares of the student.

He also left out some very important facts. The reason he didn't allow me to take my exam early was because he wasn't my typing teacher. This is a very good reason for his taking the stand he did with regards to the exam. He has allowed his students to take his exam early in previous years. Trying to take the exam from him was just one of the ways in which we attempted to keep up my grade point average.

Mrs. Besteman had no solid base for her decision except that she personally didn't want to have me take the exam early. If I had been causing trouble in her class, or if I hadn't been keeping my grade up, I would be able to see her side. But I wasn't causing trouble and I was keeping my grade up to an A- for both nine week periods.

To me school is more than classroom learning. It is the complete learning experience that the student goes through.

School should prepare you to function as a productive adult. Staying in a building for six hours a day, five days a week isn't the only source of knowledge for the student. The student needs to get out and experience the way things are and the way they actually happen, not the way a book says they are supposed to.

How can anyone have the gall to deny the student a chance to experience something such as the greeting of another human being from miles away who will be living with you as a family member, loving you as a family member and treating you as a family member.

I learned far more in Detroit in one day than I learned during my one semester in typing with Mrs. Besteman. What I learned that day can't be taught in any book or by anyone, you have to experience it in order to know it.

I'm sure that if Mrs. Besteman and her husband were to receive someone from another land that she would go to pick that person up regardless of whether she was to give an exam that day or not.

With regard to Mr. Lathwell's statement on my sister's reception at school by the teachers, a teacher told her that she couldn't speak English well enough for him and asked her to report to the office to review her schedule so she would not be taking his class. If any of you have met her you know that she does remarkably well for having been here for a short time.

Our family is thankful that she is a strong individual because if not, that small episode could have deeply upset her and thus given her an unpleasant outlook on her stay with us.

In spite of everything our family would like to express our most sincere thanks to Youth For Understanding for letting Helen come into our home.

Bob Pfaffler

Dear Editor:
In reply to your article in last week's Ledger on the Fallsburg Park Proposal, let it be known there are objections to this proposal. I would like to suggest that the majority of the public taxpayers should object, and I think they will. I personally object, not only because they have threatened to condemn my family home if I do not agree to sell, but also because the following is the way that I see the program is being pushed through.

The B.O.R. (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation), Department of Interior and the D.N.R. have dangled a \$510,000 carrot in front of the Kent County Parks Commission. To take advantage they must sell the public and these three departments on a proposal consisting of the need for future county park expansion. They have painted a pretty but false picture in order to sell the project. The price tag attached to the project should certainly look attractive to the people slated to approve the new acquisition, and for that matter anyone else interested in purchasing land along the Flat River. Unless the price of river property declines rapidly, it becomes quite obvious that the land acquisition alone will cost twice the \$330,000 for 410 acres including 2 residential homes. It would be a safe assumption that it will take all and probably more than the \$510,000 to acquire the land. This will leave the cost of developing to the taxpayer.

The commission has openly admitted that a 1 mill tax increase proposal for the improvements and operating county parks is very likely in the near future. In a time when the Federal government is struggling with an estimated 60 million deficit and our state and county taxes are increasing on a yearly basis, I would like to suggest that government tighten their belts and that our politicians begin considering our children's future inheritance—not in future park land, but a land called the United States. It is easy enough for this government of ours to print money and then tack the name "inflation" to our problems, when really it is just such proposals as these causing the government's overspending.

As this present time the County Park Commission has a total of 458 acres in their possession adjoining the present Fallsburg Park along the Flat River. Approximately one-fifth of it is developed into Fallsburg Park. If the need for park expansion becomes necessary, the present park could be expanded 5 times its size without further acquisition of property. I wonder if even this will be necessary in an area of zero population growth.

Trent Gelderma

Dear Editor:
As president of the 145-member local teacher's Association, I feel that a response is warranted to a letter which appeared in this column recently. If you recall, the letter was from a parent who was critical of a particular teacher for not permitting her son to take a typing final examination before the other students. The teacher involved, Mrs. Shirley Besteman, was described in the letter as "most uncooperative," among other denigrating statements.

In light of the above, I feel you should be aware of the following:

1. Each teacher had the prerogative to give their exam early.

2. The typing exam was an atypical situation as the nature of the examination required several timed exercises for each student.

3. The exam covered a span of three class days.

4. The student involved was not the only one denied permission to take the test early.

5. Both the student and the parents were well aware of the penalty that would be imposed if the exam was not taken at the scheduled time.

Finally, I would like to thank those people in the community who have expressed their support and encouragement to Mrs. Besteman. Those who know her best—her students and colleagues—know her to be a warm, friendly understanding, and compassionate human being; not worthy of the charges made in this column.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas A. Stahr, President
Lowell Education Ass'n.

Dear Editor:
On Thursday, February 13, the Lowell Board of Education held a public meeting at the Middle School for the express purpose of explaining the upcoming school renewal and to answer any questions area residents might have pertaining to our school system.

Out of the approximately 35 people who attended, there were 12 there who were not directly affiliated with the school system.

Where were all the men and women who condemn, criticize, and complain, some quite belligerently, about the millage, the school budget, the transportation, the teachers' salaries, and the board? This was a golden opportunity to explore any of these areas that so many people don't understand, without the rigid format of a regular school board meeting.

If I were a board member, a school employee, etc., I would be appalled at the apathy of the people of the Lowell area. Are there really that many parents and citizens who don't care or don't want to become involved with their school system as the attendance at the meeting indicated?

Sincerely,
Patricia Kropf

In Ionia County we have a State Building Code to govern our building size, material and location; A County Health Code for our physical benefits; A County junk regulation; State Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Act, to guard our ground and atmosphere; A State Plat Act, which tells us to build our homes on at least one acre of ground and how many lots to sell; and a nuisance act, covering commercial projects.

Here are five established acts and codes under state and county control, under which we residents and taxpayers are to operate. Sometimes adding more of the same is not the answer.

About one-fourth of our 83 counties have zoning ordinances. Ionia has one recently made permanent. Do we have to join Wayne, Oakland and Macomb? Three quarters of the state's other counties go their merry way without the dubious benefit of an expanding and increasingly costly bureaucracy.

Somewhere I read that copies of the zoning law are available to all county adults. Have you read yours? They are interesting reading.

I will quote only a few lines from the purpose of the Ordinance, Article I, Section 1, which states: "It is the purpose of this Intermediate Zoning Ordinance to promote the public safety, health, morals, convenience and general welfare." Unquote. Another part of the Introduction states: "To provide for collection of fees for the furtherance of the purpose of this ordinance." Unquote.

Does this appear to be an expensive duplication of acts and codes to be covered by your tax money? Do we need it?

We have heard a great deal about Human Rights over the years, isn't it about time we guarded our property rights? That might be a good project during the Bicentennial.

Have't we strayed far from what the writers had in mind in July, 1776?

Every Ionia County Township will hold an election February 25, 1975. Won't you please express your view at the polls on that day?

Thank you,
Lillian L. Phillips
Portland, Mich.

Swarthout Headed For Another Hit

Glendon Swarthout, a former Lowell man, presently living in Scottsdale, Arizona, appears to be headed for another movie hit with his latest book "The Shootist." News from Hollywood has it that star-director Mike Frankovich will direct and Paul Newman will star in a movie made from Swarthout's latest book.

"The Shootist" is the story of famous western gunfighter John Bernard Books' last days in El Paso, Texas, in 1901. The flinty, seemingly heartless gun slinger learns that he is consumed by incurable cancer and settles into a buxom widow's boarding house to die. The story involves his last days and the challenge of several in-horn reputation hunters' efforts to cash in on Books' fame.

S. K. Oberbeck, in his review of the book says: "Author Glendon Swarthout ('Where the Boys Are') writes a stilted kind of Mary Worth dialogue and a descriptive prose as measured and evocative as boot heels on the sa-

loon-porch steps. The only flaw in this confection is the end of the tale with its magnified clinical violence. It's a sad prospect for Books and something like a walk through a hospital emergency ward."

Middle School Musicians Attend Jenison Festival

Thirteen students from Lowell Middle School went to Jenison High School for District Solo-Ensemble Festival on February 15. Those who received a First Division Rating were Lori Nowak, Jana Carlson, Dolly Gerard and Patti Kline, Flute Quartet; Lori Nowak and Jana Carlson, Flute Duet; Dolly Gerard and Patti Kline, Flute Duet; Kevin Carbonelli and Sue Stormzand, Snare Drum Duet; Linda Stark and Sue Wilcox, Alto Sax Duet; and Lori Meredith, Chip Johnson and Brian Nelson, Cornet Trio.

Receiving Second Division Ratings were Kevin Carbonelli, Piano Solo; Linda Stark, Alto Sax Solo; and Debbie Thomet and Lori Beach, Flute Duet.

Congratulations to these Middle School Musicians for their excellent performances.

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Folk Singing Back By Popular Demand

Back by popular demand at the Cascade Christian Church is the Saturday Evening Folk Sing.

The programs, featuring singing, sharing, praying, eating, preaching and loving, will be held for a six-week period.

The first session held last Saturday, February 15, focused on "The Advantages of Christ's Absence."

Hosts: Mrs. Charles Dykhuizen and the hosts.

Held at 7:15 p.m. in the east parlor of the church, the remaining five programs and schedules are:

Saturday, February 22—Holly: "The Church-Strong & Loving." Music: M. Roy Ann Rivers. Hosts: Bob & Evette Burns.

Saturday, March 1—Holly: "The Girl at the Gate." Music: Sally Jo Edwards & friends. Hosts: Leona Trojanowski and Jean Cedarquist.

Saturday, March 8—Holly: "A Sacred Disciple." Music: Barbara DeLong. Hosts: The Richard Rinehart Family.

Saturday, March 15—Holly: "Some Things the Human Mind Can't Grasp." Music: Thelma Matthews.

Saturday, March 22—Holly: "Promotion to Leadership." Music: Paula Herring & Nan Munger. Hosts: The Folkertma Family.

Awana Shipmates To Participate Saturday In Michigan Olympics

Alton Bible Church Awana Shipmates (high school age) will participate in the Michigan Olympics this Saturday, February 22. The meet will be held at the Lowell High School Gym at 7 o'clock.

They will play against Leonard Heights Baptist, Pontiac Baptist, and Ionia Baptist.

Olympics are ten games set up by Awana Inc., and played all over the nation. This is the first Michigan competition. The winning team will go to Chicago for national competition.

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Alaska Church Takes Part In Observance Of Patriotic Day

February 22 will be a Patriotic Day observance for the whole district of The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the Kettle Lake School, 8451 Garbow Drive, off Whitneyville Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

February 23, the theme for the Sunday 11 a.m. service will be a covenant "People are Ministers of Reconciliation," with Ken Colburn as the speaker.

For the evening service at 7 p.m., the theme will be "Each Member A Minister" with Greg Clark as speaker.

Lloyd DeVormer will be the speaker for the Sunday morning 11 a.m. service at the Hastings area church. The theme being, "A Covenant People Are Ministers of Reconciliation."

The Zion's League of the Alaska Branch will be playing a volleyball game with the Zion's League of the North Valley Branch Monday night, February 24, at 7 p.m. at the Kettle Lake gym.

The theme for the Wednesday Fellowship service at 7:30 p.m. will be "Belief Brings New Life," with Robert Oman the speaker.

Mr. Liefbroer reported at the VanStrien-Alman Funeral Home, where funeral services were held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. C. Jack Richards and Dr. John C. Whitcomb officiating. Interment followed in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Kent County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Friday, February 21, at 1:30 p.m. the East Kent Community Center Advisory Board will hold its monthly meeting. Interested area residents are urged to attend.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The 39'ers of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will meet Saturday evening, February 22, at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring table service, a dish to pass, and a friend.

Vesta Chapter, O.E.S., Ada, will have a Pancake Supper Saturday, February 22. Menu—Pancakes, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Syrup, Coffee, Tea or Milk. Donations \$1.50 for Adults, 75 cents for children to age 15, \$5.00 per family, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All you can eat. Profits for the Worthy Grand Matron's Project for Charities.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The Lowell Senior Center is starting a class in Crocheting Tuesday, February 25, at 10 a.m. If you are interested, please call 897-5250.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Congregational Church's Women's Fellowship will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the church lounge.

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Area Deaths

MICHAEL LASAUSKY

A former Lowell resident, Michael J. Lasausky, aged 83, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, February 11, at Butterworth Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Lena; two sons, Stanley of Chicago, James of Lowell; a daughter, Mrs. Anna Edwards of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two step-daughters, Mrs. Alvin (Betty) Fosterack and Mrs. Edward (Mary) O'Rourke and seven step-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was offered Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at SS Peter and Paul Church. Interment SS Peter and Paul Cemetery.

CATHERINE HEALY

Catherine L. Healy, aged 86, of 9560—36th Street, SE, Lowell, passed away February 9.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nora O'Driscoll of Lowell; one brother, Daniel Lordan of Ireland; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was said Wednesday morning at 9:00 at St. Mary's Church, with Father Thomas Nedzwicki Celebrant. Interment and Committal at Holy Sepulchre, Detroit.

JAY LIEFBROER

J. J. Liefbroer, aged 58, of 8211 Fulton St. Ada, passed away Monday afternoon, February 10.

Surviving are his wife, Zena; a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Patricia) Michney of Aurora, Ohio; a son, Kenneth of Grand Rapids; a grandson, Todd Michael Michney; a granddaughter, Michele Marie Michney, of both Aurora, Ohio; a sister, Miss Bertha Liefbroer, of Greenville; an aunt and an uncle.

Mr. Liefbroer resided at the VanStrien-Alman Funeral Home, where funeral services were held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. C. Jack Richards and Dr. John C. Whitcomb officiating. Interment followed in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

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MAX G. RICE

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Van't Hof Chapel in Grand Rapids for Max G. Rice of Lowell. Burial was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Rice, 62, a resident at The Cherry Creek Nursing Home, passed away early Monday, February 17, at Butterworth Hospital, where he had been hospitalized for two weeks.

After moving to Lowell, Mr. Rice resided in the rural Alto area. For many years, he was employed by the Lowell Sprayer and Root-Lowell firms.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Crowley of Grand Rapids, Miss Frances Rice of Seattle, Washington and Mrs. Victoria Beekman of Grand Rapids; a brother, James of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph W. Svoboda, aged 78, formerly of Ada, passed away Monday morning at Biddgett Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Surviving are his wife, Lottie; the children, Dr. and Mrs. Roger F. (Yvonne) Spring of Grand Rapids and Rev. and Mrs. Corbould (Sharon) Svoboda of Bangor, Maine; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, one sister, Mrs. George (Marie) one brother, Frank W. Svoboda of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

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Congregational Church Memorial Fund.

HARRY FRIEND

Harry C. Friend, aged 89, formerly of Alto, passed away Sunday evening in Ridgewood Manor.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. William (Effie) Vandenberg of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Ono (Florence) Lester of Alto; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Friend was taken to the Mercant Mortuary where services were held Wednesday with the Rev. Earl Cross of South Boston Bible Church officiating. Interment Oakhill Cemetery.

Calvin Professor To Speak In Cascade

"Emily Dickinson Speaks," a talk by Ann Noteboom, professor of speech, Calvin College, will be featured at the Cascade Library Booked-for-Lunch program Monday, February 24.

The program will be held in Centennial Hall of the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., SE, at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will cost \$1 with a sandwich exchange and reservations are necessary by calling the library at 949-3130 by Friday, February 21.

Ms. Noteboom's talk is free and will begin at 1 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Cascade Library, a member of the Kent County Library System, will begin new open hours the week of February 24. It will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 2839 Thornapple River Dr., SE.

MIRROR OF OPINION: HIDING FROM THE WORLD

Most people, hearing about the suburban Racine family who shut themselves away from the world for nearly a year, can understand the impulse. Sometimes the world is simply too much, and this last year has been a humdinger.

Along about the time that this family threw a blanket over its head came the gas and fuel shortages, followed by soaring food prices, teacher strikes, Watergate, rising unemployment, trouble on the radio. It would have been a good year to get away from. Still, most people survived the assault of 1974. Retreat, if attempted at all, was momentary, consisting mostly of not turning on the television, not taking the newspaper, not buying meat, not taking a trip.

The family who tried to turn off the world didn't make it. In the long run, they, like everyone else, were stuck with having to live with themselves. For most of us, that reality is perhaps as hard to cope with as the reality of the world outside.

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RETIRED SARANAC MERCHANT SUCCEEDS AT AGE 102

Arthur D. Clark, 102, a lifetime resident of Saranac died Saturday morning, February 15.

He was born December 25, 1872, and was a merchant in Saranac 63 years. He was known as a candy maker, gardening expert and rose fancier.

His only survivor is a grandson, Robert A. M. Clark of Saranac.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rootman Funeral Home in Saranac Monday at 10:30 a.m. Interment was made in the Saranac Cemetery.

MELONIE KAY SMITH WEDS JAMES L. KIMBLE

Melonie Kay Swift became the bride of James L. Kimble February 8, at the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac. Performing the 7 p.m. nuptials was Rev. James Frank.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Versil Swift of 68 Greenfield Drive and Mrs. Kathleen Kimble of Saranac.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, was attired in a floor-length gown of white satin-faded organza. The sheer yoke, with layered ruffles of acetate and nylon lace mixed with rows of miniature beads accented the bodice and sleeves. Accounting the gown was a matching veil of silk illusion fashioned by the bride.

Attending her sister as matron of honor was Marlene White and bridesmaids were Danna White, Laurie Guernsey and Cathy Hale. Flower girl was Rene Pinard.

Best man was John Carman and groomsmen were Bob Davis, Steve Wyman, Ed Devine and ringbearer was Jeff Pinard. Usherings guests were Jerry Kimble, Mike Swift, and Mike Swiger.

A reception was given by the bride's parents at Rath School.

The couple honeymooned three days at Boyne Highland Ski resort in northern Michigan and are now residing at 140 North Pleasant Street, Lowell.

Saranac Rebekah Lodge members were hosted by Portland, Tuesday evening. Mary Houserman was one of two officers from District 22, present.

Saranac will receive \$5,795 from the Michigan Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for 1974-44 quarter collections.

Anyone wanting to help plan Arts & Crafts for our Girl Scouts' Day Camp please contact Anita Sage, 642-9535, or Diane Cantu, 642-9907.

Deaths—Rose G. Bartlett, 80. Funeral was Friday, Arthur Clark, 102. Funeral, Monday.

Ionia Hospital: Surgical, Gerald Blaw, Medical: Judith Raison, Discharge: Mrs. Gordon Poeschl.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor were injured in an auto accident, Saturday evening, near Waterville School. They were taken to Ionia Hospital, and Bessie had a broken shoulder and Cecil a broken rib plus cuts and bruises.

Clayton Lowery, retired from working at the Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, after working there 21 years. The wheel was man's greatest invention—till he got behind it.

Marlene Hayden, Highland, Michigan, was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Katherine Renal and her sister, Mrs. Connie Vreeland and family.

Richard Dykstra of Lowell was visitor of Katherine Feasel, Saturday.

Clara and Mrs. Warren Chadwick were shopping at Grand Rapids Friday afternoon and evening.

Monday evening guests of Katherine Feasel were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roll, her granddaughter, from Mulliken.

Both Chadwick and Linda Chase attended the premiere showing of the "Billie Graham Movie" Sunday afternoon, which is being shown at the Ionia Theatre. The title is "Time To Run." It is being shown Sunday Monday and Tuesday. Many are attending.

Many attended the children's Hymn Sing, sponsored by the Children's Choir, Hymn Sing, Sunday eve. Bill Ashbrite spent the weekend in Jackson with friends.

Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Muri Childs received a birthday phone call from Mrs. Donna Twining. Sterling Heights, Child's grandson, Mike Sutton of Hastings, entered Pennekamp Hospital, Hastings, Tuesday afternoon.

An Caboon spent Wednesday with her sister, Bernice Dennis of Lansing. Iva was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelly.

The Valentine supper (banquet) at the Galilee Church was well attended. Friday evening.

Mrs. Elsie Moore enjoyed her birthday dinner with her mother, Mrs. Sable Kent, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cowies and two daughters of Lansing were Sunday afternoon visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cahoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat MacCie, Ludington, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor.

Evelyn Pinckney of Lowell and Ethel Goodell were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weeks.

Our Times: When a school class was told that the next day they'd learn to draw—16 youngsters showed up with pencils.

Overnight Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hillis Tischer was Mrs. George Ryan, Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Durke, Fremont with Brian, Kathy, Lisa, were Sunday guests for Shilene's birthday. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krause of Grandville and Ellwyn Brown and friend and daughter, Brenda.

Hazel Tower was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Erving Smith.

Yesterday folks 40 years ago must have had ESP when they said, "It's the Fords and Rocketfellers who are running this country."

Share Facts On Areas History

The community from the Lowell-Fallsburg area which is helping Father John McGee write a history of the area to include Parnell, Ada, Cascade, Lowell, Vergennes, Mostly and Alton urgently request that anyone interested in sharing facts, written or oral, may contact Leonora Tower, president of the West Central Michigan Historical Society, David Richmond or Norton L. Avery.

Mr. McGee is editor of the book "Bend in the River" about the Grandville, Jenison area. The book will go into the third printing for a bi-centennial project of their historical commission.

Our book will be a facet of the bi-centennial plan for our area. We are also planning a restoration of the Lowell Library building. The Library building is registered with the National Register for historic buildings as is the Fallsburg Covered Bridge.

In the processing stage is a request for Fallsburg Village to become a National Historic Site.

Please volunteer your talents, knowledge and/or money for making these plans a reality soon.

MOOSE WOMEN MEET; DISCUSS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, held their monthly business meeting Monday, February 17.

Plans are being made for the mid-winter conference called "Chapter Rally Day" which will be held March 2, at Hastings.

Happy Birthday

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The 368-page illustrated hardback, just published, has six sections—Food, Materials, Equipment, Gardening, Services, and Recreation. Information ranges from the number of servings you can expect from a package of food to how to deal with moths.

"Shopper's Guide" may be obtained for \$5.70 by sending a check or money order to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The USDA does not sell copies.

Honors Band Performs At Cedar Springs

The 13th Annual Tri-River Honors Band performed at Cedar Springs High School February 10. The guest conductor was Harold Georles of Calvin College.

Those representing Lowell were flute, Sue Christenson and Barb Strick; Oboe, Ron Krebs; Clarinets, Nancy Stark, Joy Singh and Pam Galbreath; Alto Clarinet, Terry Kaymer; Bass Clarinet, Doug Anderson; Trumpet, George Lessens; Baritone, Jon Nash; and Bass, Gordon Anderson.

Congratulations to all who attended.

Kenneth Bloomquist, Director of Bands at Michigan State University, visited the Lowell Senior High Bands Thursday, February 13. He spent one hour with the Concert Band and one and one-half hours with the Symphony Band helping to prepare the numbers for the Band Festival to be held March 8.

Members of the committee on arrangements are Stella Bradshaw, Evelyn Briggs, Doris Gardner, Ellen Moore, Evelyn Barnes, and Betty Coon.

Delia Rogers

DRAWN PRISON TERM

Elmer J. Guimont, 74, of Lowell, appearing before Kent Circuit Judge George V. Boucher last week, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to commit gross indecency.

Guimont, who drew a prison term in 1969 for a similar offense, was sentenced by Boucher to serve another 2 to 5-year prison term.

Lenten Book Reviews To Start March 5

For the thirteenth year, the Lowell YMCA will be sponsoring a series of three Wednesday morning book reviews during the Lenten period.

At each event, coffee will be served at 9:45 a.m. in the YMCA lounge. The programs will begin at 10 a.m. This year's dates and reviewers are as follows:

March 5, Terry Zandstra; March 12, Ila Swanson; and March 19, Thelma Hahn. All interested persons are invited to attend without charge.

Members of the committee on arrangements are Stella Bradshaw, Evelyn Briggs, Doris Gardner, Ellen Moore, Evelyn Barnes, and Betty Coon.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

While my job behind the desk, by some may be determined a "small world," the trials and tribulations it encounters might compare to a six-day agenda for the United Nations.

One specific approach, last week, stirred my inner interest, when I was confronted by a Lowell High School student who asked: "Have you read the February issue of Reader's Digest? There's a good story in it about a 149 that I wish you'd take the time to read."

That night, after things were settled on the home front, I went in search of the book, that lay where I'd left it, in hopes that someday time would permit me to catch up.

As I leafed to page 149, I was surprised (even a little shocked) at what I found, especially due to the fact that a student had requested I read it.

The article condensed from Newsweek Magazine was entitled "Back To The Basics: The Schoolhouse." The sub-title read: "After a decade of educational 'innovation,' disgruntled parents, school boards—even pupils themselves—are demanding a return to the ABC's."

Because the article hits on the song I play mostly on my "harp" I promptly decided to share it with my readers. Read it, and let me know what you think!

BACK TO THE BASICS IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE There are two special public schools in Pasadena, Calif., that are of intense interest to parents and educators all across the country.

There are no dress rules, and very few restrictions on behavior. Among the course operations are leather work, gourmet cooking, weaving and something the school calls "hip lit"—all for credit. No tests measure the students' progress, no grades indicate their relative standing or achievement; instead, the teachers gauge their students in terms of "creativity."

About two miles away stands Pasadena's other special public school, the John Marshall Fundamental School—a bastion of traditional education. Letter grades, regular examinations, strict dress codes, and detention for delinquents are integral parts of the school's conservative program.

At the open-education school, the kindergarten-through-12th-grade enrollment is 550, and the waiting list stands at 515. At the fundamental school, a total of 1700 pupils are enrolled, and the waiting list has passed the 1500 mark.

What is the significance of the astonishing contrasts in methods? To many, it suggests that U.S. education's so-called wave of the future has crested. Parents, school boards and often pupils themselves are demanding that schools stop experimenting and get back to basics—in reading, writing, arithmetic, and standards of behavior to boot.

Already a number of school boards have reinstated the policy of refusing students their promotions unless they've earned them by measurable achievement. Many of the high schools and colleges that had given up grading systems in favor of the less competitive pass-fail options have returned—largely at the request of students—to the old-fashioned marks. More than a third of the state legislatures have passed laws mandating testing that emphasizes achievement in basic skills.

In and several states, bands of activist parents are organizing to force schools to set higher standards. For more than a decade, innovations have proliferated in U.S. schools at an extraordinary rate. Bolstered by a surge of public interest in education, by massive infusions of funds for experimentation and, in particular, by the zeal of reformers, new educational policies—some excellent, others downright nonsensical—were adopted. Open classrooms, where pupils could choose activities in non-graded groups, were at the top of their tasks with little teacher interference, became fashionable. So-called "relevant" course material was emphasized at the expense of traditional disciplines such as English composition and spelling.

For the past ten years, average national scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests have fallen. And most large cities and a growing number of suburban and rural areas report a similar decline on national tests of reading and math achievement. Although some educators claim that standardized tests no longer measure the education provided by modernized schools, many parents view this explanation with bleak suspicion.

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Harvard's Dr. Robert Coles, eminent child psychiatrist who has spent more than a decade studying children of widely varying backgrounds across the nation. "They don't need to be beaten up, but they need that balance where they learn mastery of themselves and how to express that mastery with confidence and sureness. There's never an exact formula for that—in the end, it's all a matter of common sense."

Mr. Thurbur pulled her two girls out of Todd and enrolled them in nearby St. Theresa's parochial school. Seven other families followed her example. After questioning them thoroughly on why they had made the move, Todd's principal spent half a day at the parochial school to see how it worked. Today, parents report, the classrooms at Todd are more orderly and their children are getting more help in basic skills.

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Kathryn Bolton To Address B&PW Club

The Lowell Business & Professional Women's Club will hold their next meeting Monday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lylla Johnson at 200 N. Division Street.

The guest speaker for this meeting will deal with a normal and natural event, one that is finally being observed as something we can partially prepare ourselves for.

Ms. Kathryn Bolton will speak about "Death, Dying, and Bereavement. What's It All About?" Ms. Bolton is a counselor with a strong psychology background in a very interesting and instructive speaker.

Ms. Bolton is a very busy and active person. She is currently teaching "Women in Transition" at J. C. College, and also offers some courses at Aquinas College. She is a counselor at Biodegnet School of Nursing, and also counsels for the Bereavement Outreach Network.

The Lowell Club has been invited to attend the Spring District Meeting to be held in Hastings, March 22. The program for this meeting will include election of the 4th District officers, selection of an outstanding "young careers" candidate, and the showing of slides taken at the 1974 State Convention, which was held on Mackinac Island.

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Kent County Deputy Larry Steima said the impact apparently sent the Jeep into the John Loden residence at 2783 Knapp Street NE, causing damage to the exterior of the home. The Jaster brothers were thrown clear of the vehicle when it struck the house.

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Wishing to contribute to lasting and useful information the Genealogical Society will seek to contact every Kent County Church, formed prior to 1876, and arrange to copy their vital records from the date of the church's founding to 1876. The official Kent County vital records for births and deaths began in 1867 and marriages in 1845. Thus the church records should fill the important gap in County records. Many of the early churches were founded in the 1830's and their records can help historians and genealogists greatly.

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Over 40 people turned out for the Pizzas-Poker Safari held January 25th at the clubhouse despite the lack of snow. Even though we could not snowmobile for our poker hands, games were played to get the cards. First prize went to Dale Alger, second to Ray Menzel and third to Butch Landman. Pizzas was enjoyed by all before ending the evening.

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Student Essays About Values Of Justice

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Prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded in each of the seventh, eighth and ninth grade categories. All seventh, eighth and ninth grade students in public, private and parochial schools in Michigan are eligible.

Entries in the contest consisting of 300 words or less, must be submitted no later than midnight, March 15, 1975. Essays entered in the contest are being collected at many schools by representatives of the Lawyers Wives of Michigan. Essays submitted by students at all other schools should be mailed to Mrs. Theodore P. Ryan, Law Day Chairman, Lawyers Wives of Michigan, 2344 Tecumseh River Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906. All entries must have been submitted prior to close of school March 15 to be eligible.

Snowmobile Patrol To Sponsor Spaghetti Dinner Snow or no snow, the Forest Hills Snowmobile Patrol will hold their twice postponed "Spaghetti Dinner" at the Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Road, S.E., Lowell, on March 1, from 1-8:30 p.m. All you can eat for \$3, children under 12, \$1.50. Public is invited. Proceeds to go for the purchase of rescue equipment for the Patrol. The Golf Course is located along the Western Michigan Snowmobile Trail, so bring your machines.

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BIRTHS Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy, nee Robin Weaver, of Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Jodi Beth, February 13. The new arrival tipped the scales at six pounds, thirteen ounces, and measured 19 inches long. The proud grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weaver of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. King Kennedy of Gowen.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Week of February 24, 1975 MONDAY: Chicken & Noodles Buttered Mixed Vegetables Dinner Rolls & Butter Cranberry Sauce Orange Jello with Fruit Milk TUESDAY: Barbeques Cabbage Salad Sweet Potatoes Applesauce & Cookies Milk WEDNESDAY: Roast Pork & Gravy on Mashed Potatoes Buttered Peas Bread or Rolls & P-Nut Butter Strawberry Jello & Whip Milk THURSDAY: Pizza on a Bun Tossed Salad Whole Kernel Corn Chilled Fruit Cocktail Milk FRIDAY: Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Raisin Bread Chocolate Pudding with Whip Milk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the Lowell Area Schools in the Counties of Kent and Ionia and State of Michigan on

Monday, March 10, 1975

from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of voting on the following proposition: "Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against property in the Lowell Area School District, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, for all purposes, be increased as provided by Sec. 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 by not to exceed 12.5 mills for the years 1975-1977, both years inclusive, on the equalized assessed valuation of all property for the purpose of using the proceeds of any taxes levied hereunder to provide funds for the operation of the Lowell Area Schools. This millage, if approved, shall be in addition to existing allocated and voted millages."

PRECINCT 1 — LOWELL CITY HALL 301 E. Main Street
PRECINCT 2 — BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL Next to Alto Library Hall, Ionia, Michigan

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education, Lowell Area Schools.

HAROLD METTERNICK, Secretary.

STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES:

UNIT	INCREASES	YEARS EFFECTIVE
By Kent Co.	NONE	
By Ada Twp.	NONE	
By Bowne Twp.	1.5 Mills	1968 to 1977 incl.
By Cannon Twp.	1.0 Mills	1974 to 1977 incl.
By Cascade Twp.	NONE	
By Grattan Twp.	NONE	
By Lowell Twp.	NONE	
By Vergennes Twp.	NONE	
By The School Dist.	2.5 Mills	1974 to 1975 incl.
Dated January 28, 1975	JOHN L. DAMSTRA	
At Grand Rapids, Michigan	Kent County Treasurer	

STATEMENT OF IONIA COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES:

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By Ada Twp.	NONE	
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By Cannon Twp.	1.0 Mills	1974 to 1977 incl.
By Cascade Twp.	NONE	
By Grattan Twp.	NONE	
By Lowell Twp.	NONE	
By Vergennes Twp.	NONE	
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Dated January 24, 1975	LUCILLE HEPPE	
At Ionia, Michigan	Ionia County Treasurer	

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School Board

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan, Board of Education Special Meeting, December 16, 1974. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Siegle.

Members Present: Siegle, Miller, Metternick, Roberts. Members Absent: Thaler.

1. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the law suit brought against the board and administrators by Mr. Gilbert Woolworth.

Dr. Siegle introduced Attorney Thomas Nordberg who presented a summary of the law suit.

Motion by Metternick, seconded by Miller, to authorize Mr. Nordberg to proceed to file suit in Ingham County Circuit Court to have the Tenure Commission proceed in a timely and prudent manner and to relieve Mr. Nordberg of filing a brief prior to closing the filing of testimony and evidence.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegle, Miller, Metternick, Roberts. Nays: None.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Roberts, to go into executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. President Siegle called the meeting back to order at 7:47 p.m.

The board agreed to consult George Cook relative to representing the board in the above case.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Metternick, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Metternick, Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING February 3, 1975

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Vice-President Miller.

Members Present: Miller, Metternick, Kropf, Mullen, Thaler, Roberts. Members Absent: Siegle.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

1. The building and site committee reported that due to discrepancies in the bid documents, failure by several companies to meet specifications, and the difference in yardage bid, it was recommended we re-submit the carpet for new bids.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to accept the building and site committee recommendation to reject all bids and re-submit the carpet for bidding with seaming diagrams and total yardage as part of the bid.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

2. Reminder of future meetings: Steering Committee—Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., Middle School.

Curriculum Committee, Thursday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., Middle School.

Millage Committee (Public), Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Middle School.

Workshop for Board, Saturday, February 8, at 8 a.m. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Metternick, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING January 27, 1975

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Siegle.

Roll Call—Members Present: Siegle, Miller, Metternick, Kropf, Mullen, Thaler, Roberts. Members Absent: None.

Motion by Metternick, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 1975, amended to include the word "involved" in item 6, new business.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Mullen, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held relative to setting the operational millage for the special election to be held March 10. The board decided to present the same proposal that was passed three years ago. This is a renewal millage election and constitutes approximately half of our total budget. Dr. Siegle appointed board members Roberts and Olson Thaler to be in charge of a committee to publicize the election.

Motion by Mullen, seconded by Thaler, to set the operational millage for the special election to be held on March 10, 1975, at 12.5 mills for a period of three years.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

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2. Announcement was made of the State Boundary Commission decision to transfer the middle school property from the Township of Lowell to the City of Lowell. The original petition was made in 1972.

3. Motion by Miller, seconded by Mullen, to accept board policy 3111 on New or Additional Programs.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Roberts, to accept the proposed amendment to board policy 5131 on Due Process and Suspension of Students for Disciplinary Reasons.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

5. The board reviewed the 1971 building and site fund as it applied to the Bushnell, Alto, and Runciman buildings.

6. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to turn over the carpeting bids to the building and site committee for a recommendation.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

7. The Citizens' Committee on Curriculum is scheduled to meet on January 30 at 7:30 in the Middle School. The committee heard reports by the building principals at the last meeting. The next meeting will consist of reviewing the surveys on school needs handed out during the past week.

8. A report was given by Jane Blough, reading program director. Mrs. Blough expressed satisfaction with the reading program as it is progressing. However, she did recommend that the board set aside funds for in-service reading programs for the 1975-76 school year.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

9. A report was given on the joint council meeting held between the representatives of the Lowell Educational Association and the Board of Education. Subjects discussed were personal days, sabbatical leave, and the gymnastics program.

10. A report was given on the Kent Intermediate School District School Board meeting held on January 23. Topics discussed were state aid for 1975-76, legislation relative to teacher strikes, and property taxes.

11. A meeting is scheduled with the architect on color schemes for the Alto and Bushnell buildings. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29.

12. Mr. Slinko reported that enrollments for the adult education courses increased from 30 full-time equivalents in the first semester to 50 during the second semester. The board commended community school director, Rod Smith, for a fine job in this area.

13. A special work session for board members is scheduled for Monday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in Mr. Slinko's office.

6. Motion by Mullen, seconded by Kropf, to cancel the February 24 board meeting.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

7. The board moved to go into executive session to discuss teacher evaluations.

Motion by Mullen, seconded by Kropf, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

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Accepts Jaycee Check



Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmione receives a check from the Lowell Area Jaycees. This check will cover the cost of body needed equipment to help our local police in their work. Representing the Jaycees is Dean Collins.

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Both Bill Will Aid Low Valuated Schools

State Representative Martin D. Butth (R-Rockford) has revealed plans to introduce legislation to enable all school districts in Michigan to receive funds for construction projects.

Speaking to Kent County school superintendents at the monthly meeting of the educators and legislators, Butth said the present method of disbursing funds set aside in the state budget for local school construction projects is discriminatory.

He pointed out that out of the \$8 million in this year's state budget, Kent County schools are eligible to receive only \$146,000 which he calls a small portion considering the fact that Kent County schools have about 1/20th of the total student enrollment in Michigan.

Under Butth's proposal, all school districts under \$40,000 valuation per pupil would be eligible to receive state aid for construction projects based on an inverse formula dictated by the local district's wealth.

"Kent County schools will benefit from this new formula. The districts with the lowest valuations would be eligible for the greatest amounts," Butth said.

"Through the years the State School Aid fund has been a large contributor to the operational funds of local districts. Little support, however, has been given to financing school construction.

"For the most part, all local districts must finance their own construction with taxpayers in the lower valuation districts paying the most amount to build schools. Taxpayers in higher valuation districts pay less proportionately because a mill levied for debt service produces more money," Butth explained.

Butth said under his proposal every district in Michigan will have an equal ability to obtain financial support for school facilities by combining state and local support.

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WANTED

WANTED—Enumerators to take Dog Census in Kent County. Own transportation required. Apply To: Kent County Personnel, Room 201, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids. Equal opportunity employer. c46

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PERSONAL

CONCERNED TAXPAYERS & OTHERS -Vote "NO" Zoning, Ionia County, February 25th. We don't need higher taxes. We don't want the \$37 acre building requirement. For further information write: Concerned People & Taxpayers, Box 296, Ionia, Mich. 48846. c46

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BATON STRUTTING CLASSES—Stressing coordination, personality development and physical fitness for all ages. Every Tuesday, Runciman Elementary, School, 6 p.m. Call Miss Sandy, 534-1791. c44-46

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FRINTING - Letterheads, envelopes, forms, tickets, business cards, etc. Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, 105 North Broadway Street, Lowell, 897-9261. p39if

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—For benefit of YPU students overseas' trips at Keiser's Kitchen, Sunday, February 23, Pancakes & Sausage \$1.75. All you can eat from 8 a.m. til. p46

JACK POT BINGO—Every Saturday night, 7 p.m., upstairs Moose Hall. Early Bird Bingo 6 p.m. c31if

SPECIAL BINGO

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Lowell To Face Wayland In First Tournament Round

The 1975 Michigan High School State-District basketball tournament, featuring teams from Hastings, Caledonia, Ionia, Lowell, Wayland and Lakewood, will be played at the Caledonia High School gymnasium, beginning Monday, February 24. The first night's action, which will start at 7:30 p.m., will see the Scotties of Caledonia face the Bulldogs from Ionia. Drawing a 'bye' in this first tournament round was the Saxons of Hastings. Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., the Lowell Red Arrows will come up against the Wayland Wild Cats, with the Lakewood Vikings drawing a 'bye'. On Wednesday, Hastings will meet the winner of the Caledonia-Ionia game, and Thursday, Lakewood will encounter the winner of the Lowell-Wayland contest. The eventual winners of these two games will go

LEGAL NOTICES

Freihof, Cook, Hecht, Oosterhouse & DeBoer, P.C. 1125 W. Main Street Lowell, Mich. 49331 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent ESTATE OF HENRY ARWON, DECEASED File No. 127,450 TAKE NOTICE: On March 13, 1975, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the Hon. A. Dale Stoopse, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Edith Brown for probate of a purported Will dated May 6, 1968, and for appointment of administration to Clifford Daiter, Executor named in Will of said deceased or some other suitable person, and for a determination of heirs. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Clifford Daiter at 9904 Grand River Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, and proof thereof, with copies filed with the Court on or before May 15, 1975, at which time estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto. Dated: February 12, 1975 Freihof, Cook, Hecht, Oosterhouse & DeBoer, P.C. Attorneys for petitioner: By: George R. Cook 1125 W. Main Street Lowell, Mich. 49331 Phone 897-9218 Edith Brown, Petitioner 350 N. Center Street Lowell, MI. 49331 446

into the tournament finals on Saturday night. Lowell's athletic director, Bob Perry, announced this week that advance ticket sales for the tournament are being offered. Students can get their tickets for one dollar; adults \$1.50. All tickets sold at the door will be \$1.50. Support your Red Arrows, buy your tickets early and be at Caledonia Tuesday night. **JV's Enter Loss Column Twice** Lowell's J.V. Basketball team lost two league games last week, making their overall win-loss record 8-11. On Tuesday their defense fell apart, causing an 83-52 defeat by the Fremont Packers. Lowell was behind 47-22 at the half, and couldn't get it together to get ahead in the second half. The Arrows were led by three players in double figures: John Ellison, Steve Wittenbach and Joe Callier, netting 14, 12 and 11. Fremont placed four players in double figures with Price leading with a game high 24. He was followed by Greenbacker with 16 and Rinquist and VanderZee netting 13 each. On Friday when Lowell traveled to Cedar Springs, the Arrows were probably thinking of their previous 68-48 stomping of the Red Hawks. Cedar had four players in double figures; Jay Mosher, Greg Carlson, Jim Boehm, and Steve Norman, netting 20, 16, 14 and 12. Tim Coyell scored nine for the victorious Red Hawks. Ellison led the Arrows in scoring and rebounding, pulling down 21 and netting 28. Joe Callier scored 13 and grabbed 11 under the boards. On Friday, the Arrows will travel to Greenville for their final league game of the 1974-75 season. Game time is 6:30.



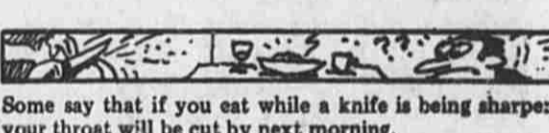
Scoutmaster Bill Nowak, left, congratulates Mark Blough and his parents, Ivan and Jane, on the youth's attainment of the "Eagle Scout" Award.

Lowell Hockey Team Continues To Improve

Lowell's Hockey team continues to show improvement, and was downed by Kentwood High School 2 to 1, last week. Ken Webb, assisted by Rademaker of Kentwood, found the net at 8:04 of the first period. The Red Arrows' lone goal came at 18:36 of the first period on a goal by Mark Ries' shot, assisted by Troy O'Neil and Doug Blocher. Lowell and Kentwood played good checking, passing, and skating hockey in the second period as the puck moved back and forth and up and down the ice, but Kentwood's John Fitzgerald slipped the puck past Lowell goalie John Pollock late in the second period to give Kentwood High School the 2 to 1 victory. ***

Coaches Jack Harkness and Al Rowe are hoping that the Lowell Red Arrows will continue to improve and peak in their playing ability at the start of the Michigan High School State Regional Tournaments to be played in March. Lowell Hockey team still has two regular season games to be played. Forest Hills vs. Lowell at 7:30, Wednesday, February 19, and Christian vs. Lowell at 8:30, Wednesday, February 26, 1975.

TIMELY TAX TIP When the Internal Revenue Service tags your returns for audit, it will pay to know the questions they will ask. "How to Survive a Tax Audit" digests an official IRS auditor manual and is available for \$2 from Reymont Associates, 29-N Reymont Ave., Rye, N.Y. 10560



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When Your Child is Sick
When those inevitable childhood illnesses strike, why not make the time that you spend in bed as pleasant as you can? Here are some tips to help you and your child when he's sick to make the sickness a little easier-on both of you. Give your child a bell to ring so that he can call you when he needs you without straining his throat. And when he calls, bring him plenty of liquids. Let him choose between water, soda and a variety of juices and serve the drinks in Dixie Knock Knock cups with the added fun of a joke on each one. Have plenty of games at his bedside-simple card games



solitaire game sets, coloring books and puzzle books. Also, pinned to the bedside, have a paper bag with the rim turned down all the way around so it will stay open. It makes a handy wastebasket.

Cheerfully-colored paper plates by Dixie are just the thing to serve small portions of food to a sick child. They pep up his interest while whetting his appetite and making meal time more like a game. Smaller paper plates take up less room on a tray so you have a better chance to arrange them attractively, and they can be quickly disposed of to avoid the spread of germs.

Follow these suggestions, add lots of love, and the next time your child is sick, things will turn out well.

TEEN TOPICS

To win teenagers back to dental care, a psychoanalyst suggests that the "buddy system" be encouraged for office visits and that they be treated as adults.

Using technical words makes teens and adults feel inferior, the analyst points out. Also, because "teenagers feel invincible about the future, any warnings about the consequences of neglecting their teeth will only go unheeded." ****

One of the good effects of using a medicated acne cream is its peeling action which helps to clear up pimples, pimples are one that has been formulated to help open clogged pores and reduce excess oils that can aggravate skin problems. It can be used at night, and during the daytime to conceal blemishes.

City Of Lowell Council Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, February 3, 1975. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Invocation was given by Mayor Anderson.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmembers Hall, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

Absent: Councilman Jefferies, and City Clerk Bacon. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the absence of Councilman Jefferies and Clerk Bacon be excused, supported by Councilman Hall.

Carried. IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the Minutes of the January 20 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilwoman Rogers.

Carried. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued. Yes: Councilmembers Hall, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

No: None. Absent: None. **BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**

General Fund	\$ 7,740.71
Water Fund	1,143.50
Sewer Fund	39.13
Major Street Fund	275.59
Local Street Fund	275.60
Equipment Fund	719.50
Current Tax Collections	50,348.56
Trust and Agency Fund	424.99

A discussion followed on changing either the time or the date of the next Regular Council Meeting which will fall on the date of the Special Election, February 17.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilwoman Rogers that the Regular Meeting be held on the same date, but that the time be changed from 8 p.m. to allow for the closing of the Election Polls and the tally of votes, supported by Councilman Hall.

Carried. Council then discussed attending the 1975 annual Legislative Conference for the Michigan Municipal League to be held in Lansing, February 19 and 20. Those interested in attending some of the sessions were Mayor Anderson and Councilwoman Rogers.

Council also discussed the news release from Congressman Vander Veer's office regarding a Federal Grant to enlarge the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Councilman Hall explained that the word "waste" had mistakenly been dropped from the release printed in the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life, but that a correction would be printed in the next issue, February 6.

Under Communications, Mayor Anderson read a letter from the Board of Light and Power explaining the rate increase that will go into effect for Lowell customers the first of March. He distributed copies of the proposed 15% rate hike to Council.

A discussion followed on the possibility of applying for the new C.E.T.A. funds to hire at least 4 men to install sidewalk and clean up the Flat River banks in the summer months when the City does not have enough man-power to do these types of extras.

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The Deputy Clerk then read excerpts from a notice from the Public Service Commission on public hearings to be held on gas conservation.

Under Remarks from the Audience, Police Chief Barry Emmons reported that the Lowell Police Department and Police Reserves took possession recently of the long awaited "Hurst" tool, used to free trapped victims from demolished automobiles. He also reported that necessary radio equipment was on order but had not yet arrived, and that there was still the need for donations to finance the purchase. He stated that the Rescue Unit had already been put to use on several occasions and had proved its worth. He also stated that now 2 volunteer firemen and 2 reserve police officers were on call each day, on a voluntary basis, with no cost to the City.

Under Council Remarks and Reports, Councilman Hall reported as Council Representative to the Lowell Showboat Corporation. He stated that in the past the City has been asked to support the Corporation in the area of seating, and some fencing. He stated to them that the City could not purchase fencing which would be beneficial only to the Corporation, but suggested that the City could install sidewalk along the river as has been proposed, which would benefit the entire community, by making a walk through that section, which has been cut off because of the construction of the new Showboat facility. He pointed out that the existing walk that runs partway along the river is dangerous and in need of repair.

A discussion followed on including the sidewalk program in the 1975 sidewalk program.

Councilwoman Rogers then headed a discussion on the house behind Wittenbach's Sales and Service storage on South Pleasant Street which has been condemned because of fire, boarded up, now being used for storage in a residential area. Police Chief Emmons was instructed to do a follow-up on the building and report back at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilman Mueller then stated that the sidewalk program should definitely be pushed ahead, including the Showboat area, and asked that it be made an agenda item for either the February 17, or March 1 Regular Meeting, to have plenty of time for review before construction season.

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Lowell Matmen Finish Fourth In Tournament

The Lowell Grapplers finished fourth in the conference tournament at Lakewood.

Fremont won the tournament with 97 1/2 points, Cedar Springs was second with 8 1/2 points, Greenville was third with 69 1/2 points, Lowell was fourth with 68 points, Sparta was fifth with 58 points, Cooperville was sixth with 34 points. Lakewood was seventh with 28 points and Belding was last with 6 points.

Lowell had three second place finishers; Dan Kropf, Jeff Rickett, and Dave Hendrix. They also had four third place finishers; Roger Graham, Jim Dykstra, Bill Heintzman and John Wilder. Lowell had two fourth place finishers; Bob Jackson and Bob Grummet.

The first place finishers were: 101 pounds, Bob Rasmussen, Fremont; 108 pounds, Andre Metzger, Cedar Springs; 115 pounds, Jim Emmony, Cedar Springs; 122 pounds, Bob Zosack, Fremont; 129 pounds, Bill Palmer, Greenville; 135 pounds, George Goodfellow, Sparta; 141 pounds, Joe Schoonmaker, Cedar Springs; 148 pounds, Pat McDaniels, Fremont; 158 pounds, Harry King, Greenville; 170 pounds, Brian McMeekin, Cooperville; 185 pounds, Brad Church, Fremont; at heavyweight, Jerry Wilson, Sparta.

The District tournament will be held at Wayland, February 22. There will be 18 schools participating. Preliminaries start at 1 p.m. and finals at 8 p.m.

Ken Minnie

Middle School Faculty Wins Over High School

The Lowell Middle School Faculty reversed the trend of the past few years by snapping the High School faculty's winning streak by defeating them 65-46.

The Middle School continued well balanced scoring and excellent shooting to take an early lead and outscored the high school faculty in every quarter. Leading scorers for the evening were Mr. Griffin with 13 points, Mr. Lathwell with 12, Mr. Kimball with 11, Mr. Fisher and Mr. White with 10.

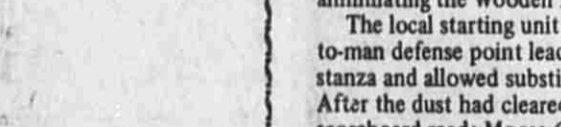
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Fremont, Cedar Have To Fight For Victories

Last week, the Red Arrow basketball team lost a pair of league contests, but their opponents had to fight for their victories.

In the final seconds of Tuesday's game at Fremont, Craig Anderson scored on a driving layup. This bucket tied the game at 64 and sent it into overtime.

Gil Fonger was the only Arrow player to score in the extra three minutes, netting a field goal and two free throws. Steve Smith, Jim Panyard and Steve Dykman scored a field goal each, to give Fremont the 70-68 victory over the Arrows.

Anderson and Fonger led the Arrow offense, netting 19 each, and John Piper pumped in 17. Tom Kemper and Willie Harden each scored eight. Steve Dykman scored 19 for the Packers.

On Friday when Lowell traveled to Cedar Springs, there wasn't enough time left on the clock for the Arrows to finish what they started.

Lowell was behind 31-28 at the half, and by the end of the third quarter, Cedar Springs was ahead by eight, 49-41.

The Arrows had a 20 point fourth quarter, but when time ran out, the Red Hawks had squeaked by Lowell 66-61.

Lowell led from the start of the game, when they were allowed a technical foul shot before the game began. At the end of the first quarter they led 16-11.

Cedar also had a 20 point quarter, the second, and this gave them their lead which they never relinquished for the remainder of the game.

The Red Hawks employed a man-to-man defense, which bothered Lowell. They outshot the Arrows from the floor 27 to 23.

Pacing the Arrows offensively were Willie Harden with 20 and Gil Fonger with 17.

Cedar Springs was led by Kevin Holton and John Wolfe, netting 19 and 16.

Lowell will travel to Greenville Friday for their final league game of the season. Game time is 8 o'clock.

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But there's more to the Car Clearance Carnival than "Dodge of the Week" deals. Through February 28, the Dodge Boys are offering other great deals on all '75 Dodges. They've got a lot of cars to make. And they're gonna move 'em.

And—even if you don't end up buying a new Dodge, you might end up driving one. Just by entering the Dodge Boys' Clearance Sweepstakes. Each sweepstakes winner (and they'll be plenty—so one could be you) gets free use of a brand-new Dodge for one whole year. You've got nothing to lose. You've got nothing to buy. All you gotta do is come in for full details.

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THE DODGE BOYS

One-Side Parking Slated For Main

by Dave Barnes

The Michigan State Highway Department has requested Lowell to remove parking from one side of Main Street within two years so a left-turn lane only can be established, making the street safer.

"Lowell has one of the highest traffic accident rates in Michigan for a city of its size," says Michael L. Jones, district traffic engineer for the Grand Rapids office of the MSHD.

The highway department is planning a \$400,000 resurfacing project for M-21 from Ada through Lowell, slated to start in the summer.

"We are letting Lowell know early to give the city time to plan for offstreet parking, making up for the loss of parking spaces on the street," says Jones. "We don't care which side of Main Street has parking removed. That's up to the city council."

Lowell High Honor Roll

Three hundred and twenty-six students at Lowell Senior High School have been named to the honor roll for the final marking period of the first semester. Of this total, twenty-one were credited with earning All-A's.

To earn placement on the school's honor listing, a student must maintain a B or better average. Honored for their academic achievements were:

SENIORS

Craig Anderson, Kathleen Anderson, Marsha Anderson, Tom Andrews, Linda Bailey, Russell Benedict, *John Bergy, Susan Bieri, Bruce Billock, Joseph Bobko, Cheri Bovee, Cheryl Bravata, Carolyn Briggs, Glenda Burton, Linda Burton, Denise Cadwallader, Linda Callen, *Lloyd Callihan, Robin Childs, *Sue Christenson, Robin Cook, Maryann Courter, Tim Craig, *Debra Curtis, Kim David.

Lynn Dednvan, Barb Dey, Carol Doyle, Tom Doyle, Bill Ellison, Pam Fairman, Michele Farley, Dan Flier, Gil Fonger, Robert Ford, Bonnie Fortin, James Geldersma, Ronald Gordon.

Liz Graham, Sandra Graham, Teresa Hale, Sandra Hansen, Gay Momolka, Joy Homolka, Jaclyn Johnson, Tom Kaye, Pat Keiper, Colleen Kelly, *Sandra Kimball, Gordon Klahn, Yvonne Klifman, Gail Klocsterman, Deb Knoohuisen, Sue Kranenberg, *Ron Krebs, Bev Kropf, Mike Lake, *Rick Lenartz, George Lessons, *Rick Loughlin.

Scott McNeal, Kenneth Minnie, Sue Monroe, Craig Mulder, Mark Neubecker, Lucinda Patterson, *Bob Pfaller, Peggy Phillips, Scott Phillips, Joy Posthumus, Bob Potter, Gary Prys.

Jackie Ranberger, Sam Raymor, Jeff Richardson, Brian Richmond, Diane Rickert, Cheryl Rittersdorf, Roseanne Ritzema, Jane Rivette, Joe Ross, Gary Roth, Lori Ruble, Tom Scheidel, Phil Schruer.

Randy Smith, Nancy Stark, Wendy Stinchcomb, Tom Stuart, Jill Sweadas, Keith Tapp, Vicki Triminski, Teresa Timpson, Mike Topping, Tony Ulchnie.

Cindy Vader, Phil VanLaan, Ron VanWyck, Lynne Warning, Daphne Watson, Kay Willemson, Tom Wingier, Sharon Wittenbach, Kurt Yost.

JUNIORS

Donna Abson, Jennifer Alexander, Dale Anderson, Doug Anderson, Gary Ayres, Kevin Baker, Karen Ban-

croft, Martha Beach, Tim Bergy, Dennis Bieber, Wayne Bertram, Roseanne Bobko.

Joy Buche, Cindy Butts, Dan Callen, Brenda Clark, Paulette Clark, *Greg Eldridge, Dick Ellison, *Colleen Erdman, Pam Galbreath, June Geldersma, Karen Gehring, Becky Gerard.

Janice Gerard, Sharon Grover, Kim Hale, David Hendrix, Patty Jackson, Susan Janeschek, Larry Johnson, Toby Jones, Cristi Jousma, Karla Kehoe, Diana Keim, *Paula Kirby.

Elizabeth Kyser, John Lasby, Christi Ling, Gary Lotterman, Al Mathews, Bill Mauric, Charles McGlamery, *Steve Noffke, Jean Nugent, Colleen Nugent, Brian Odell.

*Cheryl Parsons, Melissa Purdum, Diane Ralys, Jim Reagan, Don Reedy, Shirley Richardson, Jeff Rickert, Dion Ritzema, Julie Rosenberger, Kim Robinson, Mary Roth, Pam Schruer, Joy Singh.

Jean Smith, Karen Stauffer, Barbara Sterzick, Sue Stevens, Carol Stone, Lori Sypher, Mike Tate, Cindy Tichlaar, Pat VanSlyke, Dave VanWyck, Barry Vezino, Don Vickers, Randy Wilcox, Susan Yost.

SOPHOMORES

Karen Anderson, Charles Bailey, Bryan Benjamin, Nancy Bieri, Joe Blazo, Martin Blough, Melinda Blough, Chris Butts, Joe Callier, Debbie Canfield, Lori Canfield, Cathy Carbonelli, Tammy Clemens.

Elaine Condon, Gary DeVries, Karen DeVries, Jim Doyle, Linda Fry, Linda Granger, Gretchen Hahn, Tony Harold, Mark Hartley, Norma Hayward, Mark Hines, Kent Holst, Scott Homolka.

Ernest Hoover, Sheryl Hull, Kathy Irwin, Cathy Jankowski, Becky Kaminski, Gretchen Kaufman, Cheryl Kirby, *Anne Kline, Carol Klink, Lois Kloosterman, Perry Kranenberg, Debra Kropf, Crystal Kuiper.

Martha Kwant, Chris Lyons, Mary Malone, Tom Marks, Susan Mathews, Lori McCanbridge, Mitch McNeal, Paul Miller, Kevin Mulder, Mary Page, Mathew Rehl, Mark Ries, Denise Rittenger.

*Della Rogers, Linda Rypma, Karen Sarniak, Linda Scheidel, Mary Schoen, *Stephen Slinger, *Susanne Sinke, Cindy Smith, Sara Smith, Mary Stanford, David Stephenson.

Brenda Stuart, Janine Tichelaar, Donna Truax, Terri VanBelkam, Bill VanHuelen, Linda VanLaan, Debra White, Debbie Wilkerson, Roger Wilson, Kris Wynalds, Al Yakes.

FRESHMEN

Tammy Albus, Ray Alexander, Susan Anderson, Glenn Bailey, Pat Bailey, Tracy Banfill, Richard Beach, Kevin Blanding, Judy Bobko, Mark Brown, Dorothy Burton, Teresa Burton, Warren Church.

Randy Conner, Steve Cook, Pam Craft, Laura Dey, Brian Dickerson, Mark Eickhoff, John Ellison, Sharon Flanagan, Mary Gahan, Gene Haywood, Mike Herringa, Tim Hendrick, Denise Higgins.

John Hosley, Bill Jaminski, Joanne Keim, *Tom Kempker, Karen Kerr, Chuck King, Denise Kleinjan, Sharon Klifman, Marlene Kooman, Randy Kropf, Ed Loughlin, Maureen Malone.

Cindy Marks, Wanda McQueen, Judy Monks, Steve Myers, Jeremy Newman, Teresa Noffke, Sharon Nugent, Troy O'Neil, Ed Phillips, Allen Pratt, *Brian Raymor, Peggy Reagan, Charlene Reynolds.

Cindy Richardson, Ellen Ritzema, *Beth Rivers, Kristin Roth, Mike Rowe, John Sarniak, Sharon Schaaf, Carol Scharaswak, Don Shores, Kathy Smith, Jim Sterling, Don Stevens.

Gary Stuart, Anita Swan, Chuck Thebo, Chris Thompson, Patty Timinski, Paul VanderZeil, Susan Vickers, Pat VonEhr, Alfred Walker, Nancy Weeks, John Wilder.

*All A's.

Buth Introduces Bill To Lower Property Tax Assessment

A bill that would lower the property tax assessment level from 50 percent of true cash value has been introduced to the Michigan House of Representatives by State Representative Martin D. Buth (R-Rockford).

This measure, H.S. 4256, would, according to Buth, lower property taxes about 10 percent. He noted that property taxes have doubled during the past 10 years. Buth had introduced this bill in prior legislative session.

"The problem is," he explains, "is that property taxes are too great a load for property owners to carry in supporting schools and local government."

Enactment of this bill would shift some of the burden of financing schools from the property tax to the state school aid fund and would result in no loss of revenue for local school districts, said Buth, who is Vice-Chairman of the House Taxation Committee.

"The state school aid formula is based on the amount of money a mill produces at the local level. The less revenue produced by a mill the greater the state aid," he added.

"Shifting the school financing burden to another tax source was the objective of Proposal C on the 1972 ballot, which failed because many felt such a proposal would erode local control of school districts. Under this bill the local control would not change," Buth emphasized.

As far as local government—cities, townships and counties—is concerned, the annual increase in valuations would offset the loss of revenue resulting from the lowering of assessment levels from 50 to 45 percent.

"State equalized values on property are estimated to increase 7.5 percent this year, unless this bill is adopted," Buth said.

"This bill would provide some badly needed relief for the overburdened property taxpayer without a loss in revenue for schools and a very small reduction in revenue for local government," Buth concluded.

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SCHOOL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM RULE CHANGE PROPOSED

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