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'Tenure' A Touchy Subject

To most, the word 'tenure' has very little significance, but to a school teacher it means their guaranteed livelihood, in the form of job security.

Under the State of Michigan General School Laws (Act 4, 1937) a certified teacher hired by a school system, during his first two years of employment shall be deemed to be in a period of probation.

During this probation period the teacher is fully evaluated by his or her superiors, and at least 60 days before the close of each school year the controlling board of the system must provide the probationary teacher with a definite written statement as to whether or not their work has been satisfactory. Failure to submit a written statement shall be considered as conclusive evidence that the teacher's work is satisfactory.

At the end of a teacher's probationary period, three alternative routes can be taken: tenure can be granted; rehiring denied; or a third year of probation imposed.

This week the 'touchy' tenure subject will again hit the Lowell Area Schools when the final decision on a fourth grade teacher in the Bushnell Elementary School is made.

All indications are that the teacher in question, Jack Lalley, will not be granted tenure, and to a protesting group of parents and students, this decision is 'all wrong.'

The preliminary decision of Lalley's tenure status will be handed down by his administrative superiors, and in turn taken to the Board of Education, who have the final say.

The upset parents, going through the proper channels in Lalley's defense have made little headway in reversing the decision that seems evident, but stand firm in their convictions and will be behind him all the way.

A spokesman for the supporting group, Keith Caldwell, vice-president of the State Savings Bank of Lowell, said, "we consider Lalley more than a good teacher. He's not only devoted to his job, but to his students."

When they pass through his class, they have attained the standardized required grade-level and are better equipped to face the daily aspects of living in the world about us," Caldwell added, "he (Lalley) does initiate something into the students that is so important in today's society . . . a motivated desire to learn with enthusiasm . . . and that they do, during the year's time in his classroom. His devotion to his job and his students doesn't end in the classroom . . . he spends many after-school hours and weekends (playing baseball, basketball, etc., and doing various projects) with his students."

"With a 95 percent backing of parents and some teachers," Caldwell concluded, "we can only hope the school will see their way clear to keep Lalley on-the-staff."

She'll Be 91 On March 13



Thursday, March 13, will mark the 91st birthday of a Lowell area resident, Mrs. Pearl Jones.

She was born at Strawberry Point, Iowa, in 1884, and came to Michigan at the age of two with her parents, Frank and Mary Sargent. They settled in Cascade Township, later moving to the Lowell area.

She had two sisters, Vera (Dot) and Cassie, both now deceased. She married Lewis Jones on April 27, 1903. They had three children, Paul, now living in Lansing; Mildred (Stauffer) and Chester, living in Lowell.

While the children were growing up, Mrs. Jones worked many years at the Lowell Sprayer when it was located on West Main Street.

Pearl and Lewis made many friends over the years, and often recalled the Saturday nights they walked to town with their children, to visit friends, and Lew played a few games of euchre.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their home in 1963, with their many friends wishing them many more happy years. Lewis passed away April 7, 1971, just a few days away from their 58th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Jones continued living on Grand River Drive until she broke her hip on June 6, 1973. At present, she is living with her daughter, Mrs. Emerson Stauffer, on 5115 Bancroft Avenue, Lowell, and would enjoy hearing from or seeing any of her old friends.

Monday's Millage Election Asks Renewal Of 12.5 Mills

Voters of the Lowell Area School District, along with those of nine other Kent County districts, will be going to the polls Monday, March 10, to vote on school millages. Lowell voters will be deciding on a renewal issue of the 12½ mills of operation monies.

Superintendent of Schools Leonard Sinke explained that this is the same issue passed in 1972, but now expired. It is a replacement millage for the millage that expired with this past year's tax collection. He emphasized that the 1972 issue and present issue are identical in every respect.

Many citizens have asked what the effects of recent increases in assessed valuations are on school district revenues. Superintendent Sinke explained that since the State of Michigan implemented the "equal educational opportunity" program in 1973, an increase in

local valuation does not result in one additional penny for the Lowell District in operational monies. Under this plan, the State of Michigan determines the amount each district will receive for each mill levied. Any increase in local assessment or contribution just lessens the amount the State pays.

Programwise, the millage accounts for approximately half of the total operating budget.

Citizens living north of Cascade Road vote in the Lowell City Hall. Those living south of Cascade Road vote in the new Bowne Township Hall in Alto. All registered voters are eligible to vote.

Absent voter ballots are available at the Superintendent's Office, 700 Elizabeth Street, Lowell (Bushnell Elementary School building) until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 1975.

Tax Advantage Granted Attwood Corporation For Future Expansion

City fathers, Monday night, granted a request by Attwood Corporation for permission to avail themselves of some tax advantages through the establishment of a Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District. The move will allow the company some tax incentive in future plant expansion as well as replacement of old and inefficient equipment.

The legislation permitting governmental units to grant such tax incentives to business and industry within their jurisdiction has no effect on the present plant and equipment, but pertains only to future development. "Nothing is lost on taxes—they just don't increase at the same rate," City Manager Blaine Bacon, explained.

Attwood Corporation manufactures zinc die-cast marine hardware, automotive hardware, and plastic injection molding products, and is a subsidiary of Steelcase, Inc.

Adopts Sidewalk Improvement Plan

A sidewalk improvement Master Plan, proposed by the City Manager and in limbo for a couple of years was adopted Monday night on the Manager's recommendation. The Master Plan provides for sidewalk improvement, city-wide, to be paid for by the City from budgeted funds. Improvement would be made as the budget allows with some work being done each year.

Priority this year will be given to sidewalk on Lafayette Street in the vicinity of the Riverside School and Showboat site, and to Amity Street in the area of St. Mary's School.

Issues Appeal

An appeal for consideration in the application for Community Development block grants to be used for the East Kent Community Center was made by Karen Charon, director of the Center. Mrs. Charon said she realized the City had already made application for this year's share, but hoped the Center might be included in future applications.

The Center on Grand River Drive has increased its services considerably in its three year existence and has outgrown its present facility. A new building is necessary, Mrs. Charon said, to allow an expanded program for the rural needy.

Presently, the Center provides such services as food stamp certification, counselors from Kent Oaks Hospital and Grand Valley State Colleges, Department of Social Services counselors, provides immunizations through the Kent County Health Department and other Social Service programs. Last year, a Summer Park program provided supervised activities for youngsters

at no cost during vacation months.

Plans for future programs include a Day Care Center for low and moderate income and working parents; a well-child clinic, dental clinic, Medicaid screening clinic, Youth Center, Planned Parenthood-Family Planning Clinic, an Advisory Center for teens and an alcoholism counselor to work with families, groups and individuals.

So that programs are effective and utilized to the fullest, it is realistic to bring the programs closer to the majority of the population receiving services, which implies the Center be located in the City of Lowell, Mrs. Charon concluded.

Mrs. Charon stated she was not asking for a specific amount from the City but only attempting to create an awareness of the need for such a facility.

In other action, council authorized acceptance of the second to low bid submitted by Jackson Motor Sales for the purchase of two Dodge Coronet Police Cruisers at a cost of \$3,198 each, including trade-in. The City Manager said he did not recommend the optional air-conditioning because of resultant decreased gas mileage.

Rod Smith, director of Community Education for the Lowell Area Schools, present at the meeting, requested the Council to consider a proposal to use City-owned land, east of the Middle School bus parking lot, for a community garden. Council members appeared favorable toward the concept and directed Smith to proceed with more detailed plans to present at a later date.

Council action Monday night changed August Primary elections to September and adopted a resolution requesting the State Highway Department to resurface North Hudson Street from Main Street to Spring Street.

To Ask For CETA Workers

City Manager Blaine Bacon requested, and was granted, permission to apply for three or more CETA workers. The Manager stated the City could use the extra help in several areas. Councilman Harold Jefferies suggested some skilled persons be requested.

The Concentrated Employment Training Act (CETA) is a federally funded program to provide jobs to the economically disadvantaged and applicants must have been unemployed for at least thirty days.

Dog Report

A report from the City Animal Control Officer revealed that 48 dogs were picked up in the last month along with one cat, 2 possums and 2 raccoons—38 complaints were answered and 41 warnings issued.

Senior Volunteer Aged 80, Kicks Off RSVP

Johanna Kyser, a Lowell resident for 80 years, has returned to school, this time as a Senior Volunteer.

Each Wednesday morning Mrs. Kyser is picked up by another Senior Volunteer, Carl Monroe, and driven to the Runciman School. Inside she reports to the Media Center where she works with 3rd and 4th grade students. On her first visit to the media center she found books she remembers from the one room country school she once attended.

Johanna helps two fourth graders and one second grader. She spends 30-45 minutes with each child listening to them read or working on math flash cards.

Mrs. Maleda Wolfingtin, soon to become a Senior Volunteer, is also serving at Runciman. RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program,

helps retired people 60 years of age and older find a meaningful and significant role in their community helping others. Senior Volunteers may give as much time as they wish, most people give approximately one half day a week. RSVP is able to provide transportation.

More Senior Volunteers are needed in Lowell. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program says the elementary schools, middle school, YMCA, community center, nursing home, police department and nursery school have all made requests for senior volunteers.

Do you have time on your hands? Get into ACTION and help someone who needs you!

Interested persons are encouraged to call the RSVP Office 459-4869. Ask for Carol or Mary.



When she's not cooking at home or pursuing her hobbies, 80-year-old Mrs. Johanna Kyser can be found doing Senior Volunteer work at the Runciman Elementary School.

Sub-Grant To Alleviate Energy Problems Faced By Disadvantaged

Lowell's East Kent Community Center of the Kent Community Action Program and the Lowell Area Jaycees have been awarded a \$500 United States Jaycees Project Mainstream sub-grant to help them carry out a home winterization project designed to alleviate the energy problems faced by disadvantaged persons in the south east area of Kent County.

The winterization project is a part of a larger program called Project Mainstream. Project Mainstream is a nationwide joint effort between Jaycee chapters and Community Action Agencies and other community organizations to eliminate the causes and conditions of our nation's poverty. Project Mainstream programs are administered through United States Jaycee Foundation supported by grants to the Foundation by the Community Service Administration, formerly known as the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Project Mainstream was designed by the United States Jaycees to link local Jaycee chapters and Community Action Programs together in united projects founded on the basis of "helping people help themselves." Mainstream programs are being conducted in areas of housing development, economic development, self-development, elderly assistance, community interaction and resource mobilization.

This winterization program has been entitled "Project Warmth." The East Kent Community Center and the Lowell Area Jaycees are one of only 88 partnerships throughout the United States which have been selected to receive the winterization grant which extends to December 31, 1975. The grant is considered "seed money" to bring about wider community awareness and support of the project.

Working together under the direction of Karen Charon, Director of the East Kent Community Center and Larry Keiser, Mainstream Project Chairman of the Lowell Area Jaycees, the mainstream joint partners will be devoting \$1,212.00 in matching monies and in-kind services to the project.

The East Kent Community Center has done the outreach to identify homes in the area and the necessary groundwork in advising people as to the preliminary work which they can do to prepare their homes. The Jaycees have committed manpower to do the actual insulation and have worked out a special arrangement with NuWool Co. of Hudsonville for the insulation material.

The immediate goal of the project is to insulate 20 homes with 6 inches of "pouring insulation" and other winterizing material such as weather stripping where they are needed.

Future plans include canvassing and convincing local organizations, businesses and individuals of the purposes of the project with the hope that their cooperation will provide resources for a wider implementation.

BE CAREFUL—"Impulse" will be at the Strand March 7-10. ☎46-48

WHERE IS YOUR GRANDMOTHER—Tonight? Don't miss "Homebodies" at the Strand, March 14-17. ☎46-49

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Teachers To Address Lowell Woman's Club

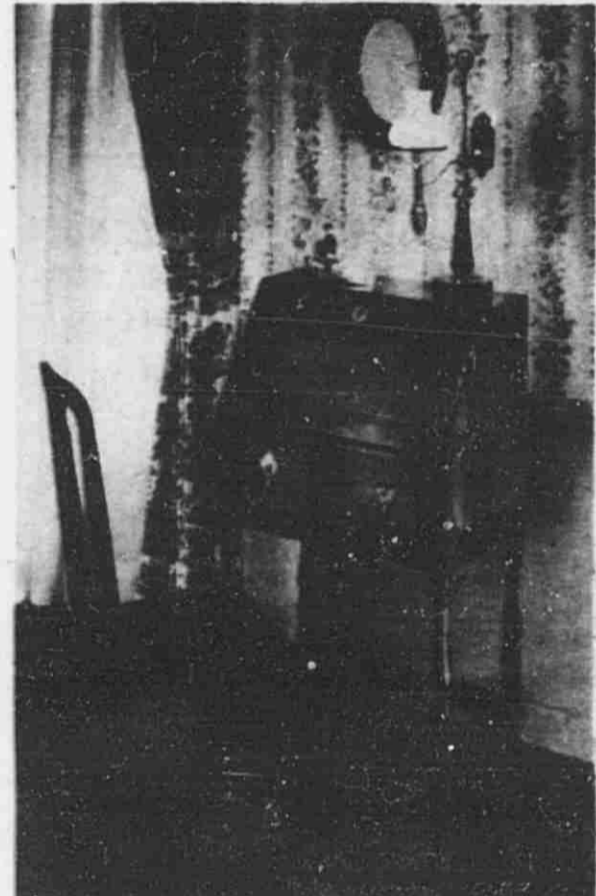
The Lowell Woman's Club will meet in the lounge of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 North Hudson Street, Wednesday, March 12, at 1 p.m.

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Hispanic Pastor To Visit Lowell Area

Reverend Eubaldo Ponce, Rio Grande City, Texas, will be speaking at events planned by the Eastern Cluster United Methodist Churches of the Lowell area on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Activities begin at 9:15 a.m. Thursday with the Lydia Circle of the Lowell Church in the Education Building. He then travels to the Phillip Carpenter residence in Grand Rapids for a luncheon with the Vergennes United Methodist Women.

'Behold, I Make All Things New'

The theme for the Sunday morning 11 a.m. worship service March 9th of The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be "Behold I Make All Things New."

The Youth meeting on Monday night, March 10, at the 7 p.m. evening service is "A Covenant People Are Agents of Redemption." The speaker for the hour will be Robert Johnson.



Lowell area residents will have an opportunity to hear and experience the pulp musical/drama, "Celebrate Life" by Ragan Courtney and Beryl Reed at the First United Methodist Church Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Towne Winning Cover Designer

Dale Towne last week received the honor of winning first place in the Lowell Middle School Yearbook cover design contest. His entry was chosen from 140 drawings.

Towne's design will appear on the cover of the school's 1975 yearbook. This is the second consecutive year Towne has won the contest.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Eleven officers and members of Lowell Chapter No. 1388, Women of the Moose, attended Chapter Rally Day at Hastings, Michigan Sunday, March 2.

The regular meeting of Lowell Chapter was held Monday, March 3. Moosehaven Chairman, Marilyn Hendrick, was in charge of the meeting.

Showboat Garden Club To Hear About 'Herbs'

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club will have a program on "Herbs" Monday, March 10, at the home of Cora Troy, 321 High Street, at 7:30 p.m.

Many articles in magazines and newspapers feature herb gardening and growing herbs showing an interest in this subject. A short presentation on the proposed community garden will be given by Rod Smith.

Names of roses, house plants, and special plants such as dahlias and gladioli need to be recorded for entry in the show.

Guests are welcome for this month's program on herbs at Mrs. Troy's home. Join with us, or call 897-7992 for more information.

Registrations Open For Community School's Spring Enrichment Classes

Registrations will be received during the week of March 3, for the Spring Enrichment classes being sponsored by the Lowell Community School. All classes will begin the week of March 10.

Persons interested in signing up for the classes may do so at the Community School Office, located in the Senior High School. The office is open daily 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and evenings, 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.



Additional information concerning the following classes can also be secured by calling 897-5164: BEGINNING GUITAR - For students 9-13 years of age. Limit of eight students.

DRAPERIES & BED-SPREADS - Brighten your home this spring with new drapes or bedspreads. Tuesday, March 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

MACRAME - Learn to create interesting wall hangings, belts, and other items through this fascinating art of knot tying.

WORK WITH THE METRIC SYSTEM - Course designed to introduce the basics of the Metric System. A MUST for everyone.

Couple Wed During Saturday Ceremony



Unit-1 in marriage Saturday, March 1, at the Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church were Miss Laurie Jean Hartley and Richard James DeVries.

The couple exchanged their vows during a three o'clock ceremony performed by Pastor Henry Buekena, formerly of Lowell.

The bride entered the sanctuary attired in a floor-length white tulle gown fashioned with an empire bodice, lace trimmed sleeves and hemline, and a high scrolled lace collar.

Attending his brother as best man was Ed DeVries. The groomsmen were Ed Schuling and Mark Hartley. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Ada Christian School in Ada.

The newlyweds will reside at their home in Valley Vista Village following their return from a honeymoon trip to Kentucky.

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Thin Ice Is Dangerous, Warns Chief Emmons

"Beware of unsafe ice," is the reminder being issued this week to all outdoor citizens by Lowell Chief of Police Barry D. Emmons.

In his cold-weather warning, Emmons says "during this season, when ice usually forms, we've had several warm rainy periods and thaws which have caused very poor or weak ice on many of our lakes and rivers.

There is always a certain degree of risk in going on some lakes, even in the coldest of winters. "Safe ice is produced only after a prolonged period of freezing temperatures, Emmons explained.

"Keep Off! Spring Fed Lakes, as well as lakes with inlets and outlets, are always dangerous, especially around shore. River ice is always dangerous and never safe, our own Flat River is even more dangerous because of the dam (lowering and raising the water).

"Until several inches of ice exists, snow covered ice can be extremely dangerous. Snow acts as an insulator and new ice won't form, even if the temperatures drop down to 0 degrees. If this condition exists, new ice won't form until strong winds blow the snow off or the weight of the snow causes the water to come onto the ice. When this happens, the snow soaks up the water and the slush that is formed on top of the ice can freeze.

In the process of the slush freezing, sometimes there are two layers of ice—one frozen layer of slush on top, then slush that isn't frozen, then hard ice (maybe). Always be extremely careful when finding ice conditions like this. Stay off if there is a chance of falling through," Emmons warned.

A Rule of thumb used by the Department of Natural Resources in checking ice conditions is: 2 inches of good hard blue ice—1 person; 3 inches of good ice for several people, spread out; 4 inches of good ice general use for fishing. "If you are not sure about the thickness of the ice, always check it and keep checking if there is any doubt as you head further out onto the lake," Emmons explained.

If an accident happens and a person falls through, here are some important tips to follow. First and most important of all is to keep calm. If you panic, your chances of survival are greatly decreased. Bulky winter clothes may support you for a few moments. Quickly, extend your arms along the ice edge distributing your weight. Kick your feet hard and push up with your arms easing your hips onto firm ice. Stay in the prone position and ease or roll away from the trouble spots.

Don't attempt standing until you reach safe ice. Remember, after breaking through, your body weighs

much more than before because of the water your clothes have soaked up. By staying in a prone position, your weight is distributed over more ice, and you are not apt to break through again.

"Accidents and possible tragedies can be avoided by following approved ice safety procedures and using your own good common sense," Emmons concluded.

Know Your State Law

By Atty. General Frank J. Kelley

This is a public service article explaining in general terms a provision of Michigan law. Individuals who wish to determine the effect of any law upon their private legal affairs should consult a private attorney.

Though Michigan is fortunate to have large tracts of undeveloped land, access to this land may be a legal problem.

Citizens who must reach their land by going through state-owned land, must first obtain right-of-way permission from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Prospective buyers should carefully consider the available access to land they are thinking of buying as their "get-away" vacation spot. The fact that such land is surrounded by state-owned land does not mean one has access to it.

The DNR does not generally issue permits to facilitate the subdivision or the sale of land. Private land owners may also obtain access over state lands by implied or prescriptive rights. These require factual evidence and may ultimately require a court order.

Access by implication may be permitted when the private and state-owned land were once simultaneously owned by the same person. The owner must prove that land could not be occupied otherwise. The grant must be a necessity, not a convenience.

Access by prescription is regulated by state law. The land owner must prove they have used state lands for access for a "continued and uninterrupted" length of time. The law requires they have used it peacefully and openly with the DNR's unofficial approval.

LOWELL Child Care Council

The Child Care Council is pleased to introduce you to a new pre-school program in our community. The Franciscan Sisters of the Buchrist are operating a pre-school program for four-year-olds on a farm north of Lowell.

The farm is an important feature of the developing program. As it continues to grow, those aspects of a farm environment that are relevant for young children and that can be incorporated into such a program are being considered.

Some of the broad goals for the program include: To develop an appreciation for all forms of life; to nurture and bring to further life the inherent individuality of each child; and To develop a reverence for all created matter.

Specific objectives are to provide play experiences that will incorporate development in the following areas: language and communication, social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and the aesthetic spheres.

What happens after a person calls Protective Services about Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (SCAN)? As reported in an earlier column, the caller may remain anonymous. Protective Services will send a staff member to investigate within 24 hours with one or more of the following results:

- 1. There may be no evidence of abuse or neglect and the case is closed.
2. Supportive case work may be given to the adult involved.
3. The child may be hospitalized while the investigation continues. Parents often feel safer if this happens.
4. Intensive therapy is given the parent if desired.
5. Homemaker service, especially in neglect cases, may be suggested. This involves sending a woman to the home to help the mother learn how to keep house.
6. The child may be put into a Day Care Center to give the mother some freedom from responsibility while she gets things under control.
7. Respite care may be suggested. This provides relief during crisis and involves a care facility where a parent can take the child if the parent feels he's about to abuse it.
8. Marital counseling may be offered if parents are so motivated.
9. Parent Aides may be offered. These are volunteers who will act as friends to the parents involved, to be supportive and loving. The Parent Aide may become a substitute for the mother that the parent lacked in her own growing-up years.
10. The child may be placed in a foster home as a safety measure. This is not a treatment of the problem, however, and is considered least effective.

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Lowell's Bid For State Qualifiers Fails

The Lowell Grapplers finished their season last Saturday at the Regionals, when they failed to have any of their qualifiers finish in the top four places. The top four place finishers will be going to the state finals March 7th and 8th, at East Kentwood.

CUTTING COSTS? - USE LEDGER ECONOMY WANT ADS TO BUY, SELL, RENT OR TRADE. CALL 897-9261.

1975 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICES

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN ADA, BOWNE, GRATAN, LOWELL AND VERGENNES TOWNSHIPS KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF SAID TOWNSHIPS WILL MEET At the times, dates and places listed below

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND HEARING ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO

Table with columns for township names and meeting details. Includes Ada Township, Grattan Township, Bowne Township, Lowell Township, and Vergennes Township with dates and times.

Broekhuis, Zealand, 3rd, Frank Lewandoski, Muskegon Catholic Central; 4th, Pat McDaniel, Fremont. 155 pounds, 1st, Rudy Pou, Godwin; 2nd Ted Tejchma, Muskegon Catholic Central; 3rd, Terry Noteboom, Hastings; 4th, Jim Negele, Ludington.

Lowell Downed By East Grand Rapids

The Lowell Red Arrow hockey team closed their regular prep ice hockey season with a defeat by East Grand Rapids 4 to 0. The defeat dropped Lowell to fifth place in the Ice Division and gave East Grand Rapids the championship.

Lowell Shotgun Club Foming

The first meeting of the Lowell Shotgun Club will be Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Room J-1 of the Lowell Senior High.

Courtmen End Season On A Dismal Note

In the District Basketball Tournament at Caledonia February 25, Lowell was defeated by the Wayland Wildcats 73-54. This loss eliminated the Arrows from further district play, and ended their season on a dismal note.

School Board Agenda

The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education meeting will be held March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Choir Room.

Poisonings Most Frequent In Young Children

Children under five years of age accounted for nine out of ten accidental poisonings in Kent County last year, according to Dr. W. B. Prothro, Kent County Health Department Director.

The National Planning Council estimates that ninety-five percent of the children accidentally poisoned are under the supervision of an adult. "Parents should realize that as early as four months of age, when some babies start to turn over, the children start exploring and investigating the world around them."

Attends Junior High Band Festival

The Lowell Middle School Band, under the direction of Miss Patricia Covey, attended the Junior High Band Festival in Lakewood on Saturday, March 1.

Senior Band Festival March 8

Both Senior High Bands, under the direction of Mr. Robert Rice, will be attending the High School Festival at South Christian High School in Grand Rapids on Saturday, March 8th.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Desjarden of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of a son, Jason Daniel, on February 6 at Butterworth Hospital. The new arrival weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces.

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Advertisement for 25% OFF! Denim Mavericks. Includes details about children's sizes, a special sale on mavericks, and a 30% OFF Saturday's Day promotion. Contact info: 215 W. Main, Lowell, 897-8545.

Area Deaths

FLORENCE SYPHER Mrs. Florence Syphe, age 69, of Ionia passed away Monday in Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids where she had been a patient the last two months.

LANCRA WILSEY The Rev. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church of Lowell conducted funeral services on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Blanche W. Wilsey.

BERTHA ONAN Bertha L. Onan (Westgate), aged 86, of 1773 Fallsburg Park Drive, Lowell, passed away Sunday morning March 2.

BOWLING

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WARREN E. BERGY Warren E. Bergy, aged 57, of 8869 Bergy Avenue, Alto, passed away Tuesday, March 4, at his residence. Surviving are his wife, Doris; four sons, Daniel, Thomas, John and Gordon at home; two sisters, Mable Bergy of Alto and Rose Lunsford of Kentwood.

BLANCHE WILSEY The Rev. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church of Lowell conducted funeral services on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Blanche W. Wilsey.

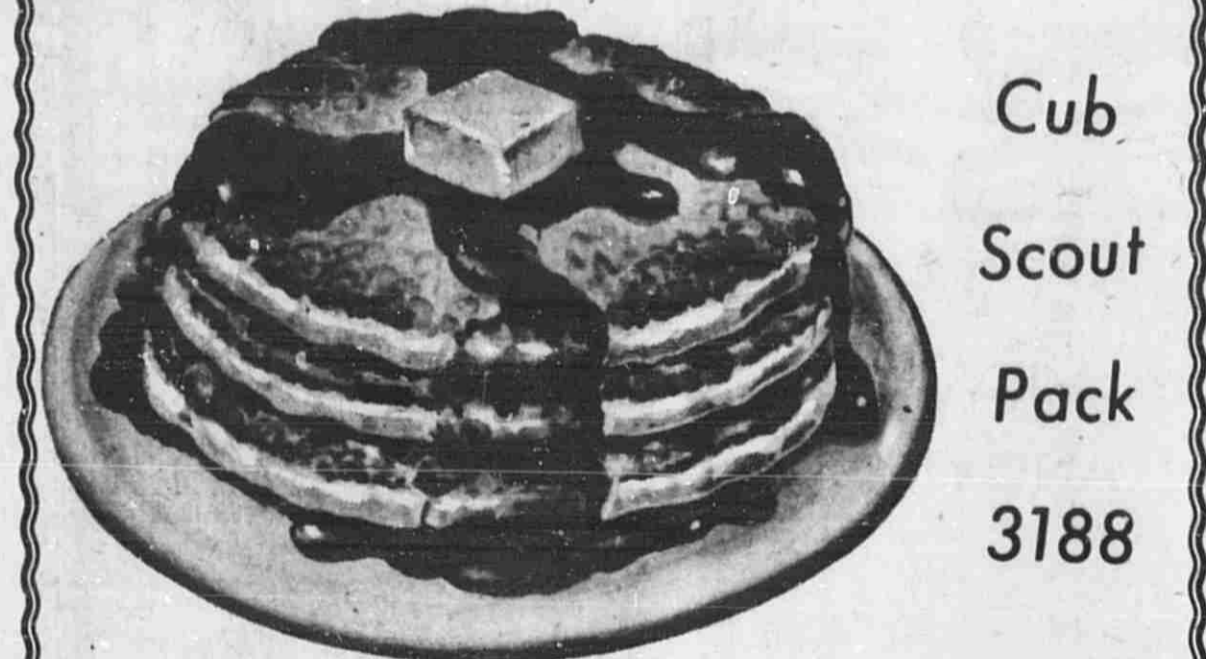


Four members of the YMCA Tap Dancing Class are shown at their regular practice Saturday morning at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. They are, from left, Kellie Nelson, Jill Barton, Paula Doyle, and Mary Moore.

Letter Policy

Expressions of opinion from readers will be accepted in the form of Letters to the Editor. Such letters should be limited to 200 words, be legible and names and addresses should be included, however, names will be withheld for a legitimate reason.

PANCAKE SUPPER



THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Serving 4:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Advertisement for a pancake supper at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Includes a menu with Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, and Sherbert. Adults \$1.75, Children \$1.00.

FORESTS CLEAN UP WASTES Municipal waste water has been applied to wood lots and pine plantations at rates of one to four inches per week for the past two years. Michigan State University scientists have not recorded any significant increase in tree growth.

LIFE IN A BOXCAR Research on the environment inside railroad cars and truck trailers has provided new insight into the beating consumer goods take during shipping.

CUTTING COSTS? - USE LEDGER ECONOMY WANT ADS TO BUY, SELL, RENT OR TRADE. CALL 897-9261.

Lowell Township ZONING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Zoning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1975 at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, for the purpose of rezoning the following piece of property on Cascade Road:

Sap Season In Michigan

Once upon a time—as legend has it—an Indian squaw was preparing venison in the clear sap from a maple tree. During the cooking process, she allowed the sap to boil down and it formed a sweet syrup which her husband found delicious. From that time on, the Indians used maple sap and syrup extensively as sweeteners, eventually passing their secret on to the early pioneers.

The legend does not say whether the squaw's tribe was one native to Michigan, but as a result of her discovery Michigan is the fourth leading producer of maple syrup in the United States today. And, tree tapping time in Michigan is a special time of year, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

Maple trees produce sugar during the summer months. Some is used immediately in the growth process and some is stored for use during the winter months. As the days begin to warm, in late winter or early spring, the sap in the trees begins to move picking up some of the stored-up sugar along the way. This is "harvest season" for Michigan "sugar bush" owners, and maple syrup products.

The sweet sap is gathered by drilling holes into the

trees and inserting a "spile" or spigot which allows the sap to drip freely into a container attached to the "spile." Sap from the individual tree containers is usually collected by hand, poured into a gathering tank and transported to the sugarhouse. There the sap goes into an evaporator where it is boiled down into pure maple sugar. When the sap is running, the collecting and boiling down process often goes continuously 24 hours a day.

Incidentally, if you think the cost of pure maple syrup is a little on the expensive side, consider that a maple tree should be at least 40 years old with a diameter of 10 inches before it is tapped. Each tap of a tree will yield about 15 to 20 gallons of sap per season and it takes 30 to 50 gallons of sap to boil down into one gallon of pure syrup.

Sap gathering, or maple sugaring season in Michigan brings with it the promise that spring is on the way. The season usually begins in late March, and continues through April.

RURAL TOWNS FACE CHANGE

Rural communities can expect dramatic changes if they are hit by the trend of older people moving from urban to rural areas. According to Michigan State University scientists, these population shifts raise average ages in rural towns, change attitudes on land development, and strain community services. The experts have developed a list of potential problems and have formulated information to help community leaders cope with them.

Wed Friday Evening



A candlelight service was the setting for the marriage of Miss Patricia Ann Curtis and Patrick Dean Herbert, on Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Father Thomas Niedzwiecki performed the nuptial rites.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, was attired in a Victorian style chignon gown, fashioned with long puffed sleeves, empire waist and chantilly lace bodice. Her full length veil and long train were held by a beaded crown. The bride also carried a handkerchief carried by her grandmother, mother, and her sister.

Attending as maid of honor was Susan Doyle of Mt. Pleasant. Serving as bridesmaids were Mrs. Kevin Smith, sister of the bride; Sally Doyle, Louise Doyle and Paula Detmers, all of Lowell. Identical emerald green velvet gowns with bolero jackets were worn by the attendants.

Debra Curtis and Kim Herbert, sisters of the couple, served as candlelighters, wearing pink velvet empire-style gowns.

Acting as flower girl and wearing a pink velvet gown, trimmed in emerald green, was Michelle Doyle of Lowell. Mark Herbert was ring bearer.

Attending the groom as best man was David Wisner, of Lowell, and ushers were Michael Olson of Manistique, Michael Clark of Belmont, James Bove and Allen Eckman, both of Lowell.

A reception following the ceremony was held at Shady Acres with Mrs. Betty Story, Edward Kiel and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Herbert acting as masters and mistresses of ceremony.

The newlyweds will make their home in Rockford following a honeymoon trip to Florida.

Fifth District D. C. Bus Tours

Congressman Richard F. VanderVeen has announced the continuation of the "Fifth District Goes to Washington" bus trips. The first trip of 1975 will depart for the nation's Capitol March 18th at 8:30 p.m. from the AAA parking lot on 28th St. SE.

"The response of the Fifth District residents last year has prompted the Congressional Office to again sponsor monthly excursions to Washington. I feel these trips bring people to their government so that they can see how it works for them."

During their stay in Washington, tour members meet with Congressman VanderVeen and his staff on Capitol Hill as well as visit various government offices. Ample time is allowed for personal interests, too, during the five day sojourn.

The \$90 travel package includes round trip bus fare, three nights accommodations at the Howard Johnson Watergate hotel, and a one-day Tourmobile ticket, entitling the traveler to visit many sites in the Washington, D.C. area.

For more information, contact Juanita Alejandro at the local Congressional office, 451-2614.

In and Around SARANAC

Mrs. Ralph Wheaton—842-6136

The 4th grade are making a patchwork quilt, rail fence patterned, white and blue. The students contributed the needles, thread and materials. It's to commemorate the Bi-Centennial in 1976.

A linen shower was at the Community Church, Thursday evening for Miss Nora Chadwick.

Jonah Hospital: Surgical: Mrs. James Miller and Judith Raboin.

Medical: Lori Cahoon and Ami Miller. Intensive care: Beatrice Benjamin, Heart Attack.

Discharge: Helen Decker, Mrs. Don Rolfe, Mrs. Gordon Wolberts, Mrs. James Miller and Lori Cahoon.

Belding: Medical: Welk Waldron, Gayann Adair, and Racie Smith. Birth: Son, 6 lb., 15 1/2 oz. to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capp.

Death: Joseph French, jr., 51 Funeral in Lansing with interment, there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Forster of Greenville were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton, celebrating Ken's birthday.

Edgar Guest wrote: "It takes a heap 'o' living to make a house a home."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haskins visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buxton, Hastings, Sunday afternoon.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seiler were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill of Portland.

Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs were: Mrs. Hollie Twining, Sterling Heights; and her children, Hollie Hammel of Lansing, Shann, Kelli, Craig Beuhman of Grand Ledge.

Timmy Satler and Sharon of Grand Ledge were Saturday overnight guests of his grandmother, Fern Garrison, and all enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Showboat Inn of Lowell.

Miss Judy Hanna and friend of Lansing were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cahoon. Florence Bloom of Grand Rapids was a Sunday afternoon guest.

People will believe anything—if it's whispered. Sunday afternoon guests of Eliza Johnson were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, Barbara Johnson and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mansfield and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mansfield and family of Lake Odessa, all from Grand Rapids; and Bertha Butler and Vada Gagnon of Saranac.

Guests of Eliza Johnson Saturday afternoon were Crystal Mansfield and Thelma Conkrite of Kentwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillis Tischer were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Porter of Lowell. Sunday the Tischer's called at the Funeral Home in Lake Odessa to see Clyde Jackson, then visited Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Gardner in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weeks called on Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weeks of Lowell. Saturday. The Weeks were Sunday dinner guests of Ethel Goodell.

Sable Kent was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Roberts and son of Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGee and family of Ludington.

If gasoline takes another "jump," it's goodbye auto and hello bike.

A birthday dinner was given Sunday for three birthdays, Eleanor's, Mark's, Adele Thone of Ionia. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Lyons and Steve Williams. Mark and Adele will be married March 21 at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Ionia.

Mrs. Elroy is having a miscellaneous shower for Miss Adele Thone at the Elroy's home next Thursday evening.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

The World Day of Prayer service in Lowell will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. Everyone is invited to join in this interdenominational event.

The Senior High Fellowship of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will hold a rummage, basement, and baked goods sale Friday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

The 3M's of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will meet Saturday, March 8, at eight o'clock in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

"One Great Hour of Sharing" observances in all churches will be held Sunday, March 9. Offerings and budget allocations of churches will be given for world relief activities.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

The Showboat Garden Club of Lowell will meet Monday, March 10, at the home of Mrs. John (Cora) Troy.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet at the Lowell Congregational Church Wednesday, March 12, at 1 p.m.

NOT MANY STAY DOWN ON FARMS

In the United States, only 4.4 million people work on farms, out of a total population of 208 million, according to the Council of California Growers.

The energy supplied from petroleum fuels has been largely responsible for keeping this ratio lower than anywhere else in the world.

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Local Briefs

Mrs. Ed (Glyda) Young has been transferred to the Mary Free Bed Hospital, and would enjoy hearing from all of her Lowell friends.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

You don't have to be an editor for long to come face to face with one of community journalism's most common and most irritating problems. A few of your news sources are always going to test your good judgment.

In general, the smaller the newspaper the more potent this type of influence can be. The writer for a metropolitan daily can remain relatively anonymous. But the smalltown reporter knows many of his readers and news sources personally.

And personal pressure has dulled the sword of many a journalist. Here are a few examples:

(1) One of the town's most respected businessmen asks to speak with you in private. He explains that his wife has been arrested for driving while intoxicated. He feels that his family's reputation and business would be severely damaged if her name appeared in print.

I get this type of request frequently, especially in DWL and shoplifting cases. You want to follow your human instincts and go along with him. But, there's a higher principle involved. If you print one name you have an obligation to print them all, whether it involves good friends, advertiser's children or your family.

(2) The paper has strongly supported a bond levy for the school system. Another group in the community is strongly opposed. The superintendent of schools takes you aside, and claims that the issue is bound to fail if any more than a trickle of publicity is given to the opposition.

I still have a responsibility to fully and objectively report the other side's point of view. If the levy has merit and enthusiastic backing from the editorial page and other citizens, it ought to be able to stand up against opposing viewpoints. In any case, the personal or editorial viewpoint shouldn't be dictating what appears in the columns of aight news.

(3) A councilman has a 'hot tip' on an important issue that was decided in one of those closed "executive sessions." He'll give you the details but only on the basis that you don't print the story until the proposal is presented in an open meeting. Also, he would like to read the story before it goes to press.

In the first place, council has no right to make extensive plans or decisions in executive sessions. Chances are good that the decision will be handed over and ready for a vote by the time it's brought up at the open meeting. And Joe Citizen won't be able to say a word about his tax dollars are being spent.

It's probably best in the long run not to accept off-the-record comments. Doing so can tie your hands in cases where the 'hot tip' I agreed not to print should be appearing at the top of the front page in this week's paper.

As to Mr. Councilman's request, the only time a source should be able to read all or parts of a story is when facts need to be checked. Otherwise, it's hands off.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your fine article concerning inane television commercials. Enclosed is a poem I wrote which gives vent to my feelings. I hope you will print it in the Ledger.

SEE IT ALL ON YOUR TV

Witness TV for a while
See everything that's base and vile.
Most any time you now can see
The sum of human misery.
Diapers holding tons of water;
Pedicals on someone's daughter;
Toilet tissue strong as steel
Absorbency that you can feel.
Fertilizers for your farm;
Public witness underwear;
Omelets that stick in pans;
Phony chips all stacked in cans.
Honest John who comes on strong
With a sale that won't last long.
In fact, it's almost over now
So rush down quickly—Holy Cow!
Acid stomach make you sicken?
Made so, no doubt, by quick fried chicken
Corns blazing on impromptu grill?
Plugged issues or drippy nose?
Direct your attention, if you please
To scratchy throats and sprays of sneeze.
And now be treated girls and boys
To joys of stinking hemorrhoids.
Ugly pimples, scabs on skin.
Serutan now clog you in
Bowels all stuffed up like an elk?
It even works on Lawrence Welk.
How's this for something really great?
Brasiers that lift and separate
Panty hose with ruptured knees;
Ill-mannered kids with cavities.
When laughing, dentures slip and grin?
To joy of stinking hemorrhoids.
Do false teeth show stains when you fly?
Here's stuff to disinfect them in.
You ain't sleeping good there Tex?
Just taste a slug of Somnifox.
Are your innards wayward Myrie?
Stuff them back in with this griddle.
Kids playing silly games who holler
Shirts with dirt ground in the collar.
When basins just come in and borrow
Long interest will compound your sorrow.
Make like an astronaut, and soon,
Drink ersatz orange juice on the moon.
After a night of joyous sin
Get straight with buffered aspirin.
Total euphoria for all
Take a trip on Geritol.
Are you undernourished and weak?
Why not become a cereal freak?
Rancid mops and plugged up sink?
Corroded toilet bowls that stink;
Itchy scalps that keep one busy,
Split ends, dirty hair and fizzes.
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Laura Kinder
Ada, Mich.

SCOUTING NEWS

Busy Schedule For Troop 334
Activities ranging from skill and merit badge training to a canoe trip and Court of Honor have been planned for the Boy Scouts in Troop 334, sponsored by the Cascade Christian church, for the months of March, April and May.

The busy schedule of events started Wednesday, March 5, when the Scouts, along with their Scoutmaster Lance Molander, met at the church for a skill and merit badge training session, conducted by J. Sturgis, Citizenship in World.

On Saturday, March 8, the scouts will take a trip to the Darling Freight Company in Grand Rapids, where they will be conducted on a tour of the facility, and be given a first hand look at the trucking industry as it is today.

The remaining March schedule includes another skill and merit badge training session on March 19, and a campout on March 22. For the outing, the Scouts will leave the church on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. heading for Camp Gaylon. They will return sometime in the afternoon on Sunday.

For the month of April, the meeting dates will be: April 2, regular Scout meeting; April 5, Day Hike; April 16, regular meeting; and April 26, Camp-out "Conservation Prog."

May will see the Scouts getting together on the 7th for a regular meeting; May 17, father and son camp-out and canoe trip; and May 31 the traditional time for awards will be made at an all-troop Court of Honor.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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."

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Alto, 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:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF KENT) ss.

I, JOHN L. DAMSTRA, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby CERTIFY that PART OF THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS (Lowell School District No. 1f) is located within the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

UNIT	VOTED INCREASES	YEARS EFFECTIVE
By Kent Co.	NONE	
By Ada Twp.	NONE	
By Bowne Twp.	1.5 Mills	1958 to 1977 incl.
By Cannon Twp.	1.0 Mills	1974 to 1977 incl.
By Crattan 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:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF IONIA) ss.

I, LUCILLE HEPPE, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Ionia, State of Michigan, hereby CERTIFY that PART OF THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS (Lowell School District No. 1f) is located within the boundaries of said County of Ionia and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

UNIT	VOTED INCREASES	YEARS EFFECTIVE
Ionia County	.00125	unlimited
Boston Twp.	NONE	
Campbell Twp.	.001	1975
Kenosha Twp.	NONE	
The School District 2.5 Mills		1975

Dated January 24, 1975 LUCILLE HEPPE
At Ionia, Michigan Ionia County Treasurer

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Cindy Slamka Weds



Miss Cindy Marie Slamka and Raymond J. Paap exchanged their vows of Holy Matrimony during a seven o'clock ceremony on Saturday, February 15, at the Snow United Methodist Church, Lowell.

Cascade Historical Society To Meet On March 12

"Old Bottles and Bones" will be the main topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Cascade Historical Society, Wednesday, March 12.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

- MONDAY: Ham and Gravy on Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Garden Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & P.N. Butter, Cherry Jello with Whip Milk.

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City Of Lowell Council Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell. Regular Meeting of Monday, February 17, 1975.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Mayor Anderson, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, and an Invocation was given by the Mayor.

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Includes BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS, General Fund \$19,088.87, Sewer Fund 22,295.74, Major Street Fund 19,787.40, Local Street Fund 22,975.71, Equipment Fund 5,241.64, Current Tax Collections 163,114.92, Federal Revenue Sharing Fund 4,750.97, Mayor's Fund 327,540.49, Cemetery Fund 17,482.72, Airport Development Fund 25,430.00, Lee Fund 3,945.00.

Manager Bacon recommended that no action be taken on the bids, and that they set aside for tabulation with a recommendation at the next Regular Meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the awarding of bid for two Police Cruisers be deferred until the next regular meeting, supported by Councilman Hall.

Carried. The Manager then stated that after carefully comparing bids for a heavy duty truck for the City, for all required specifications, he had checked with the Kent County Department of Public Works, and that they recommended the purchase of a five-speed transmission vehicle.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the Manager's recommendation be approved, supported by Councilman Mueller.

Yes. Councilmembers Hall, Jefferies, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

A discussion then followed on Waste Water Treatment Grants applications. The Manager explained that the Environmental Protection Agency has offered a Federal Grant in the amount of \$37,125.00 to the City for such treatment expansion, which is about 75% of total cost (according to November 1974 estimates), and a grant from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been offered in the amount of \$2,475.00, which added to the E.P.A. grant, would make 80% of the total cost.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Rogers that the City Manager be authorized to sign the grant offers and submit them for approval, supported by Councilman Hall.

Yes. Councilmembers Hall, Jefferies, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

Manager Bacon then read the application for a grant from H.U.D. for Community Development, stating that there was a maximum of \$250,000 allowed for each area, which would have to be split among several recipients.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the Manager file the necessary pre-application to H.U.D. for Community Development funds on behalf of the City of Lowell, supported by Councilman Hall.

his review. The Planning Commission will make their recommendation to Council at the next regular meeting.

A discussion then ensued on the proposed improvement of M-21 in Lowell, which would include some curb and sidewalk replacement between Broadway and Riverside Drive on the North side of Main Street.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the State improvement proposal be accepted, supported by Councilwoman Rogers.

Yes. Councilmembers Hall, Jefferies, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

No. None. Absent: None. Councilwoman Rogers again brought up the proposed Ordinance on recreational vehicles, stating that she felt that as long as many of the other ordinances have a uniform requirement of notifying adjoining property owners within 300 feet on any variance from requirements, this ordinance should conform also to that specification.

The City Manager read a letter from the Greater Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce inviting the City of Lowell to join a "Development Task Force."

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller to authorize the payment of the \$162.00 dues for the Development Task Force, supported by Councilman Hall.

Under Communications, letters were read from Lowell Township, on additional charges to be made for operating and maintenance costs for the extension of sewer service to the Township, from Biggs, Hall and Hauserman, Auditors, regarding the extension of Revenue Sharing to 1982, from the Lowell Public Library, asking the City to budget \$1,000 again this year for the Library, and from the Department of State Highways and Transportation on signs and street markings, also from the State Highway Department on "high hazard" street locations being eligible for grants for reconstruction and removal, and a letter from the Zerex Corp. to the Lowell Police Department with a \$300 check from their grant fund toward the Rescue Unit.

The Manager's Report was read including the Police Department Report and the Fire Department Report for the month of January. Chief Emmons reported on the hiring of Mr. John Erickson as Dog Wagon Driver.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the City install sidewalk from Main Street to King Street on the

East bank of Flat River, supported by Councilman Mueller. Also discussed was the organizing of small cities of populations under 50,000, the dues would be \$50.00 per year for a city of 2,000 to 5,000 population. No action was taken.

JANE'S JABBER Some Good News

A Ledger staff member remarked today, "all we ever hear in this office is bad news and I'm getting fed up with it!"

It certainly does appear to be true much of the time, but as some newspaper people are fond of saying, "that's why it is news."

"It ain't necessarily so," the words from an old song, come to mind remembering a most heartening bit of news reported during Monday night's news telecast.

Starting his morning chores around mid-morning, Arnie found cars parked along the streets prohibited a 'clean sweep.' So he remedied the situation by starting at 6:30 in the morning, before the rush of the business day begins.

This winter, the Sparta merchants presented Arnie with a new overcoat, with large pockets, for if Arnie doesn't have a bag—he just stuffs his jackets 'til they bulge.

It was reported that an "Arnie Day" has been planned to take place sometime in July as a way of saying a big "thank you" to this good Samaritan of Sparta.

Now, isn't that great news? Wonder whether there might be an "Arnie" lurking around Lowell?

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NOTICE City Of Lowell BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS The City of Lowell Board of Review will meet in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street on: Monday, March 10, 1975 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and will continue Tuesday, March 11, 1975 during the same hours, for the purpose of hearing all persons wishing to review their Real and/or Personal property assessments.

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Lenten Book Review Wednesday, March 9

On Wednesday morning, March 9, the Lowell YMCA will sponsor the second of its annual series of three Lenten book reviews.

On that date, Ila Swanson will present the story of Pat Conroy's efforts as an idealistic young teacher of black children on an offshore South Carolina island. His book, "The Water Is Wide," tells of his successes in imparting knowledge to these intellectually deprived youngsters, and also of his frustration in attempting to break through the barriers established by less creative and adventurous administrators.

Coffee will be served in the YMCA lounge at 9:45 and the review will start at 10 a.m. All interested are invited to attend without charge.



The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's annual noon luncheon meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, 12:15 p.m. at the Showboat Restaurant. Reservations can be made by calling 897-8545 by 5 p.m. on March 5.

Spring is just around the corner, and now is the time to think of planting trees. This Spring, the City of Lowell would like to continue the Tree Planting Program. During the Spring and Fall of 1974, 24 new trees were planted in the parkways along City streets.

The Tree Planting Program will continue as it did last Fall. The City will sell trees for \$15 each and will provide a planting service for them. At the present time the City has a limited number of trees in the nursery which are available for a number of City Streets.

For more information on the Tree Planting Program, call City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 897-8457.

Gordon Batey of Lowell reported to the police Monday that approximately \$200 worth of tools were taken from his truck parked in the westside city lot, near the Power Plant over the weekend.

Confessions were obtained Monday afternoon from two juveniles, and the money recovered, from one of the game machines which were vandalized at Zzano's Pizza recently.

The juveniles were released to their parents, pending Juvenile Court action.

During the month of February, the Lowell Police Department investigated thirteen accidents—ten involving property damage and three personal injuries.

On Monday about 11:45 a.m., the pupils of Mrs. Kay Lake's third grade at Bushnell School released balloons filled with helium and containing the names and addresses of the senders.

On Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., it was reported, a call was received from a resident of Wapakoneta, Ohio, who stated she had found one of the balloons in a rose bush in her yard. Her balloon carried the name of Susan Elliot. Incidentally, Wapakoneta is the home of astronaut, Neil Armstrong.

Apprehended Friday, after investigation and interrogation, was a juvenile who confessed to the past week's breaking and entering of the Bushnell School and construction trailers on the premises.

Another juvenile, also involved, has since moved out-of-state.

The Zoning Board of Lowell Township will meet at their Town Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, Monday, March 10, 8 p.m. for the purpose of rezoning a piece of property on Cascade Road. The Zoning change requested from agricultural, would allow the operation of a sanitary landfill on this site.

Property owners, some facing huge increases in assessed valuations, will get a chance to appeal this coming week, when area townships and the City of Lowell hold their annual Board of Review meetings.

The dates, times and places the Review Boards will meet, can be found elsewhere in this issue.

This Saturday night, March 8, the Lowell Area Jaycees will present a fund-raising event "Las Vegas Night" at the Middle School Cafetorium between 7:30 and 12 midnight.

Besides four hours of adult fun, there'll be door prize drawings, an auction and refreshments. The proceeds will go to Mrs. Fran Hoag's pre-school (Headstart) class.

The Lowell Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. leaving Lowell on April 8th. Trip includes sight seeing in Washington, back through the Smokies, stopping overnight at Asheville, N.C. then back to Nashville for the Grand Ole Opry; also a sightseeing trip in Nashville, then to Cave City, Kentucky and a trip through Mammoth Cave; then back to Lowell, 7 days and 6 nights.

Call or write Lowell Senior Center for reservations and cost. 897-5250.

Anyone desiring a copy of the 1975 official highway map for the County of Kent, can pick one up, 'free of charge' at the Ledger office, 105 North Broadway St.

The supply is limited, so it'll be on a first come, first serve basis.

Last week, Tuesday, driving winds and blizzard-like snows caused the closing of area schools, and cut off power to some outlying area residents. Average wind speed was 29 miles per hour, but gusts averaged about 40.

Although there was only two inches of snow despite almost constant snowfall through the day, winds out of the west whipped it into heavy drifts especially along north-south roads, making them almost impassable.



Cold weather is no deterrent to a leisurely 'stroll' along Lowell's Main Street for this toy poodle as he takes in all the sights from his vantage point, snuggled in the jacket of his master, Bert Kent.

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WIVES NEED LIFE INSURANCE, TOO

Two-thirds of the public believe it "makes sense" to insure the life of the wife even if the husband is the breadwinner, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

Women should be insured, they say, including working wives and housewives whose spouses couldn't afford housekeeper, cook and child care in case of the wife's death.

HANGOVER HELPER

A morning-after remedy for those who drink not wisely but too well is a breakfast of bread and honey and orange juice—it will help the body metabolize the extra alcohol.

Lowell Woman Honored By C/F

Gene Riley, State Campaign Chairman for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, announced this week that the Michigan C/F Chapter has presented an Outstanding Service Awards to a Lowell woman for her efforts on behalf of lung-damaged children.

Honored by the Foundation was Mrs. Larry Mikulski of 10963 Spicewood Dr., Lowell.

The C/F Foundation annually presents such awards to their key volunteers throughout Michigan who have dedicated literally thousands of hours to organizing and conducting programs of public education and fund-raising, seeking desperately-needed research dollars to conquer Cystic Fibrosis and other lung-damaging diseases.

"The dedicated support of such volunteers is absolutely essential to our continued progress in combating Cystic Fibrosis and other children's lung diseases," Riley said. "We are deeply grateful for their generous concern and for the continued support that is generated by their endeavors."

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