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## Community Good Friday Service

The annual Good Friday Service, sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, will be held Friday, March 28, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 North Lincoln Lake Avenue.

Bringing the sermon on the topic, "The Basic Ingredient," will be Dr. Richard Greenwood, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

Special music for the service will be rendered by Mrs. Bernard Fynaardt and Richard McNeal. Mrs. Fynaardt will sing "Art Thou The Christ?" "Into The Woods My Master Went," is Mr. McNeal's selection.

Host pastor, Rev. Alyn Yates, invites all persons of the community to attend the hour long service and reminds parents that a nursery for small children will be provided.

Most Lowell stores will be closed Friday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m.



Easter comes earlier this year, March 30, than it has for the past five years, and there won't be an earlier Easter than this one until 1978, when it falls on March 26.

A new Ben Franklin Variety Store will occupy the premises recently vacated by Frank's 5¢ to \$1 Store on West Main Street. Renovation of the building is underway, with the new owners hoping to open their doors sometime in May.

No injuries were reported at an accident last week at the intersection of Hudson and West Main, when Gail Ayres backed into Jerry Smoes, while waiting for the red light.

Now open, is the Softie Creme Shop on East Main Street, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Rope) Ball. Despite the onset of 'cold' weather since their weekend opening, the Balls report business is good.

Congratulations to Lowell High School sophomore, Mark Ries, who has been selected to the 1974-75 Greater Grand Rapids High School Hockey All-Stars. A strapping defenseman, Ries finished the season with ten goals and 14 points. Receiving honorable mention on the All-Star team was Lowell's goalie, John Pollice.

There's something new in Alto, a "recreation center" which will have an open house Saturday, April 5. This is a tremendous undertaking by a group of Alto men, who came up with a unique idea and saw it through. Read all about it next week in the Lowell Ledger.

Are you one of nearly 1.5 million Michigan vehicle owners who still hasn't obtained your 1975 license plate sticker tab? The deadline for doing so is Monday, March 31.

Six shoplifters, all juveniles, were apprehended last week in two Lowell business places, Eberhards and Lipperts. Two were caught lifting the goods at Lipperts, while four were picked up at Eberhards.

The Buyer's Guide office on South Broadway Street was broken into late Monday. Entry was made through a window. Taken in the B&E was \$10 in cash, an undetermined amount of change, and a fire extinguisher.

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 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. 597-5250.

## MacPherson Travelogue To Be Here, April 3

The Lowell Rotary Club will sponsor another outstanding travelogue by Monroe MacPherson Thursday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Lowell High School Auditorium.

This year's travelogue is composed of two films where Mr. MacPherson has traveled. "To London and Round About England" and "Puerto Rico and St. Thomas."

Mr. MacPherson's travelogues have been well attended in the Lowell area as he has presented films on Japan and the far east, Scotland and the Netherlands.

Tickets for the April 3 travelogue can be purchased from any Rotarian and also at Lipperts Pharmacy Department.

**DID YOU FORGET ABOUT EASTER?**—Call 897-7506. Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell. c51

**20% OFF**—Group of Men's Dress Shoes (limited sizes and styles). Wepman's Clothing & Shoes, Lowell, Mich. c51

**PETTIT BOAT PAINT**—And boating supplies at 1969 prices. Williams Radio and TV, 126 N. Hudson, Lowell, Phone TW-79340. c51t

## Rates Jump 15 Percent

John Jones, superintendent of the Lowell Light and Power Company announced today a 15 percent increase in electrical rates, which will be reflected in their customer's next billing.

Explaining the raise in rates, Jones said "that increased costs for labor and materials are the primary factors." The decision to request additional revenue was made after several months of study and many conferences with auditors and a consulting engineering firm. "In order to remain a viable public utility, we were advised to take this action," Jones said.

"Other major utilities serving this area have had substantial increases which have put them much higher than our present rates," Jones stated further, and added that "the new rate structure will still average approximately 10 percent below the other utilities."

## Area Students Lead Company To Second Place Finish



RAM-ON (sponsored by Bissell) placed second during the 19th Annual Junior Achievement Trade Fair held March 12.

The company, under the leadership of Kent McKay and Jeff Richardson, both local students, won second place for having an original booth well adapted to displaying their product, electrical extension cords.

## Hutson Instrumental In Capturing Armed Robber Monday Night

On Monday evening, while enroute back from the Kent County Jail, after arresting two subjects for fighting in the rear of the Lowell Cafe, Lowell Police Sergeant James Hutson was passing through Ada, when a bulletin of an armed robbery of the Majik-Mart at 6720-28th Street in Cascade was aired over his radio.

At the time the info was being given, Sergeant Hutson noticed a car proceeding through Ada, in a somewhat suspicious manner, and immediately copied down the license number.

A few minutes after his arrival back in Lowell, Hutson received a more detailed description of the subject and vehicle involved in the robbery, which matched the car he observed passing through Ada.

Hutson promptly called the info he had into the Kent County Sheriff's Department dispatcher who sent a detective and another car to the subject's home where he was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for questioning.

A short time later, the subject Jerry King, 20, of Ada, confessed, and the money taken and the gun used in the robbery were recovered.

Thanks to a very observing officer, the crime was solved in very short order.

## WOOD HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE ON THURSDAY

Suspected as the cause of a \$3,500 fire at the James Wood home, 6890 McCords Avenue, S.E., Alto, last Thursday morning was a defective sun porch electrical outlet.

Bowne Township Fire Chief Harold Metternick said the fire was confined to the porch, but some smoke damage was done to the interior of the home. No one was home at the time the fire broke out.

Happy 81st Birthday 'Doc'

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**THE PERSONAL TOUCH**—Individualized hair coloring at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell. 897-7506. c51

**THE STING**—Will be at the Strand Theatre for six days, starting Wed., April 9 thru 14. c49-1

## Burning Permits A 'Must' In Ada Township

When April comes to Michigan, snowy landscapes melt into grassy green, and the desire to rake away and clean-up the aftermath of winter, often results in a rash of grass and rubbish fires . . . some caused by too much wind, while others carelessness.

This week, a pre-season warning was issued to residents in Ada Township, when Fire Chief Darwin Nellist reminded them that anyone doing any burning of rubbish material, etc., must have a burning permit.

"For the convenience of the township residents," Nellist said, "burning permits will be distributed at two outlets this year: at the Ada Township Hall, 555 Ada Drive or the Ada Village Hardware, 557 Ada Drive."

Nellist urged residents to use all precautionary measures when doing their outdoor burning, making sure the fire is well supervised, an adequate water supply is nearby, and the weather conditions are mild, to prevent quick spreading.

## Townships Set Annual Meetings

A yearly event in Michigan Counties occurs Saturday, April 5, when the annual Township meetings will be held.

Residents of Ada, Bowne, Grattan, Lowell and Vergennes Townships are advised of their individual units meetings, and the following is a list of the locations and times of the meetings:

ADA TOWNSHIP—Ada Township Hall, 555 Ada Drive (in Ada) at 1:30 p.m.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP—Bowne Township Hall, on Linfield Avenue (in Alto) at 1 p.m.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP—Grattan Township Hall (in Grattan) at 1:30 p.m.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP—Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue (Showboat Highway) at 1:30 p.m.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP—Vergennes Township Hall on the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive at 2 p.m.

The Township's financial report will be given and a tentative budget for the coming year will be presented. Any other business that may legally come before the meeting will also be discussed.

These meetings are open to the public, and all interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL**—At Rosie Drive Inn: 800 W. Main, Lowell. Chef's Salad, Ham only, 89¢. Saturday night special 5 to 7 p.m. Sizzler Steaks . . . 4 oz.—\$1.79, 8 oz.—\$2.89 and 12 oz.—\$3.99 including French Fries, salad and bread. Easter Sunday morning open 7 to 11 p.m. c51

## Board Denies Lalley Tenure

George Stegmier, Middle School science teacher, summed up Lowell's Outdoor Education program Monday night when he told school board members that if children enjoy the outdoors, they are going to take care of it.

"You can tell students all kinds of things that they shouldn't do to their environment but unless they see it, it doesn't mean a thing to them," Stegmier said.

Furthering his attempt to convince the board of the importance of the program, the science teacher, whose own love and appreciation of nature is quite apparent, showed slides of 11, 12 and 13-year-old Middle students stripping bark from logs that they felled themselves and then the 12-foot high log cabin that they built from them behind their school. Other shots showed the youngsters grinding grain on stones; bread that was baked from the grain in outdoor ovens which they built; students studying animal tracks, various types of flowers and trees, and canoeing around Waldon's Pond on the Middle School property.

Stegmier concluded his presentation saying, "It is so important for young people to enjoy the world in which they live and if they are given the opportunity to really learn about the wonders of nature then, when they go canoeing down a river, they won't throw their trash in, they'll take it with them."

Stegmier's principal purpose in speaking before the board was a plea for the school's governing body to hire a full time naturalist to carry on the program. Stegmier maintained that although he and other members of the outdoor committee donate as much free time as possible on weekends and after school hours, it still isn't enough to do what could and should be done for the students.

While board members concurred with the value of such a move it was obvious that the tough job of making the budget stretch as it is, with operational costs continuing to soar, was going to interfere with it. Board president Richard Siegle stated that they were already interviewing people for just such a position under the federal government's CETA program, but that it was doubtful that the individual hired could continue past the one-year limit of the government funds. He added, however, that they would take it under advisement.

### Lalley Resigns

Another unfortunate aspect of the report was that although there were a large number of parents attending the meeting, most of these left before the report was given. These were parents of students in John Lalley's fourth grade at Bushnell Elementary School who had come to give their continued support to the teacher and hear the final decision on his tenure status.

Board members first voted to continue Lalley as a staff member on third year probation but this was followed immediately by the reading of a letter from the teacher stating that due to what he considered prejudice of some board members and members of the administration, if he were not granted full and unqualified tenure, the letter should serve as his resignation effective at the close of this school year.

His resignation was accepted.

### Twenty-six Get Tenure

Tenure was granted to Alto teachers Paul Averill, Greg Clark, Robert Rodenhous and Robert Titcombe; Bushnell teacher Carole Backstrom; Runciman teachers Joan Allinder, Richard Douglass and Cynthia Gould; Middle School teachers James Hubbard, Gail Hirschy, Mary Stewart, Russell Bacon, Catherine Graham, Gary Griffin, Diane Hammar, Douglas Snyder, Melvin Weaver and James White, and Senior High teachers Robert Rice, Sharon Rhines, Elizabeth Mulder, John Forshee, Virginia Thome, Priscilla Rogers, Peter Slier and Judy Ekkens.

The following teachers were placed on second year probation: Barbara Cook, Alto; Gary Papke, Beverly Smith and Jackie Tousley, Bushnell; Tim Hawkins and Daniel L'Hereault, Runciman; Nancy Doyle, Kay Numbers, Elizabeth Thompson and Maura Kunst, Middle School, and David Boone, Richard White, Gary Butts and Constance Molesta, Senior High.

The resignation of High School Teacher Susan Schrauben was also accepted.

### New Position

Roger Buck, principal of Alto and Bushnell for five years and of just Alto for the past year, will move into a new position of supervising and teaching in Lowell's Special Ed program next year.

Contracts were offered to all other administrators to continue in their present positions. A request by Glad Bergin, senior high French teacher, for a sabbatical leave for the 1975-76 school year, was tabled for additional information.

### To Sell House

Business Manager Jerry Wabeke reported to the board that the former Koewers' house, relocated on Avery Street from its original location behind Runciman School, is now ready to be sold and the school will accept a minimum bid of \$18,000 for it from anyone interested.

## CITY TO FLUSH WATER MAINS

Weather permitting, the City's Water Works Department will undertake their first Spring flushing of the water mains during the first week in April.

Crew workers will begin flushing shortly after 8 o'clock each morning on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Rusty water can develop when the mains are being flushed, so housewives are encouraged to double-check their water before doing the laundry, etc., on these designated days.

Local Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Wes (Eunice) Keim of Alto, will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday, March 30.

Sally, Betty and Sandy Nawrocki and Betty McIntire, vacationing in Lakeland, Florida for two weeks have sent word to their 'home folk' that the weather is beautifully warm and they are getting a nice tan. Besides seeing all the sights, they are also trying to cheer the Tigers towards winning a few ball games.

Mike Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Lowell has been discharged from the U.S. Air Force, after spending almost three years in Japan.

Mrs. Rose Dowling is a patient at English Hills Nursing Home, 1050-4 Mile Road, Grand Rapids, and will celebrate her 88th birthday, March 29. She would enjoy hearing from her many Lowell friends.

Saturday, March 15, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaler, John and Mari and Mrs. Harry Shaler were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shaffer to honor the St. Patrick's Day birthdays of Melissa Mae Shaffer, one-year-old and Robert Shaler. On Sunday evening, March 16, another party was held for Melissa at her home with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer, Richard Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis and children and Mrs. Donna Batchelor and children attending.

Mrs. Allen (Doris) Roth is a patient at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Albert F. Bieber, 69, of Byron Center passed away March 19 at the Kent Community Hospital. Among his survivors is a sister, Mrs. Mabel Miller of Lowell.

Visitors' Nights Begin At Observatory

The James C. Veen Observatory opens the season for visitors at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12, with continuous telescopic observations if the sky is clear, tours of the facility regardless of weather, and audio-visual presentations until closing time at 11 p.m.

There will be an additional visitors night from 8:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Visitors are welcome without charge.

Call 456-8826 for further information or to request a free illustrated brochure. The Observatory is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Avenue, S.E., Lowell.

SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME AT OAKWOOD CEMETERY

It's Spring clean-up time at Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery, and anyone wishing to keep their holiday arrangements, artificial flowers, etc., must have them removed no later than April 12.

All articles left in the cemetery, after April 12, will be removed and disposed of.



Cancer Crusade Goal Is \$210,000

Hundreds of local volunteers are busily preparing for the 1975 Kent County Cancer Crusade that has established a goal of \$210,000. Herta, Area Chairman, Mrs. Lamec Molander, 7237 Cascade Road, S.E. right, and Township Lights-On Chairman, William Ward, get their last minute instructions from Henry A. Fox, Jr., left, Chairman of the Cancer Crusade Drive.

This year's chairmen in Mrs. Molander's area will be: Mrs. Lloyd Boynton, Ada Township; Mrs. James DeHaven, Paris (Kentwood) Township; Mrs. H. Writtenbach, Vergennes Township; Mrs. Orson Melle and Mrs. Ed Boyd, City of Lowell; Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Gerald Manszewski, Lowell Township; Mrs. Roger Hardwick, Cascade Township; and Mrs. Harold Moore, Adair's Common.

This year's "Lights-On" campaign will be conducted in the metropolitan area cities Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30. The rural area house-to-house campaign will extend throughout the month of April.

Advertisement for Pump Repair by E. D. RICHARD. Features: WELL DRILLING, FAST SERVICE, FREE ESTIMATES, FULLY INSURED. Phone: 897-8104.

Large advertisement for cars with text: '8 Good reasons for driving a new automobile now!'.

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Advertisement: THESE LOWELL CAR DEALERS ARE READY TO SERVE YOU!

Advertisement for WITTENBACH SALES & SERVICE, Pontiac-Olds-GMC-International, 749 W. Main-Lowell-897-9227.

Advertisement for JACKSON MOTOR SALES, Dodge Trucks, 930 W. MAIN \* LOWELL \* 897-9281.

Advertisement for THOMET CHEVROLET & BUICK - Opel Sales, 1250 W. Main-Lowell.

Advertisement for ART'S RADIO-TV SERVICE, COMPLETE REPAIR OF TV-RADIOS ANTENNAS-ETC., PHONE: 897-8196.

Ball Programs To Begin Season



Shown above are Lowell YMCA Gra-Y members Scott Noffke, Jeff Stormzand and Jr. Hi-Y member Brian Brown with their club advisor, Al Eckman, unpacking and inspecting newly purchased baseball and softball equipment in preparation for this year's ball program for youth and adults.

Fame this summer. The YMCA baseball program for boys nine through fourteen years old will start the week of April 7th. Softball for girls, seven through fourteen years old will begin the week of April 21st. Cadet softball for 6, 7 and 8 year olds will begin Saturday, April 16th. The Lowell "Y" will offer the following ball program in 1975: Cadet Softball - 6, 7, and 8 year old boys; Girl's Softball - 3 leagues: 1. 6, 8 and 9 year old girls; 2. 10, 11, and 12 year old girls; 3. 13 and 14 year old girls.

Men's Fastpitch Softball, Slow Pitch Softball, Little League - 9 thru 12-year-old boys, Pony League - 13 & 14-year-old boys, Pony League - 13 & 14-year-old boys, Mickey Mantle - 15 & 16-year-old boys (will play in Wyoming's Mickey Mantle League), Connie Mack - 17 & 18-year-old boys (will play in Wyoming's Connie Mack League).

Jeff Rickert Wins Most Valuable Award

At the wrestling banquet last Wednesday, three awards were presented. The Lowell Lions Club's "Most Valuable Player" award was presented to Jeff Rickert, a junior. The most improved player award was presented to Bob Grummet, a senior, and Gordy Klahn, also a senior, was presented with the most pins award. Jeff Rickert finished the season with 26 wins, 5 losses, 2 ties and 13 pins. Bob Grummet finished with 18 wins, 14 losses, no ties and 5 pins. Gordy Klahn finished with 17 wins, 13 losses, no ties and 14 pins.

During the season two records were broken, both by co-captain Jim Dykstra. He broke the record for the most points scored in an individual dual match with a 25-0 victory. He also broke the record for the most take-downs in one season with 25.

All the members of the Varsity squad were presented with their letters. Junior Varsity players and the Mat Mats and the managers were presented with Athletic Certificates for their participation.

Lowell finished the season with an over all record of 10-5 and a conference record of 5-2 which was good enough for a second place tie. High lights of the year were, the 27-15 defeat of Greenville and the finishing in first place at the conference tournament.

Kent County 'Kite Kick' - Want to join the "Kent County Kite Kick"? To draw attention to National Library Week, April 13-19, the Kent County Library System and its member libraries are sponsoring the "Kent County Kite Kick - get it at your library." This is a kite-making project and kites are needed! The hand-made kites will be displayed in local libraries (there are 18 in the county) and at Eastbrook and North Kent Middle Schools during National Library Week.

Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank (and I can also speak for many others) the Lowell Township Zoning Board and the township board members, for their good judgment in refusing to rezone good farm land into a private dump. It shows they still represent the people who put them in office to look out for the citizens, rather than bowing to the wishes of someone trying to make a "fast buck", than move elsewhere.

The following is a copy of the letter written by fourth grade teacher, Mr. Jack Lalley and read before the members of the Lowell Board of Education Monday night prior to the board's decision to deny Lalley tenure.

I received notice that Mr. Sinke is presenting my name before you tonight for consideration of a third year probationary teaching position. This letter can be considered my official resignation, effective June 13, if the Lowell Board of Education takes any action other than the granting of full tenure status.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - THURSDAY, MARCH 27, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, MONDAY, APRIL 7.

Advertisement for ROTH-GERST FUNERAL HOME, featuring an 'OPEN LETTER' from DAVID GERST.

Advertisement for LOWELL TREE PROGRAM, featuring a tree diagram with labels for environmental benefits like AIR FILTER, AIR PURIFIERS, and SOIL CONDITIONERS. Includes contact info: 897-8457.

Lowell Athletic Booster's Club Announce Dance

It was announced by Lowell Booster Club president, Jerry O'Neil, that the Lowell Booster Club will sponsor a fund raising dance at Deer Run Golf Course on April 4, 1975. The dance will start at 9 p.m. and will cost \$6 per couple. Anyone attending will also meet a new varsity team that will be known as the Lowell Red Arrow all sports rafters.

Mr. O'Neil said that he hoped that three objectives can be accomplished by the Booster Club. (1) That anyone interested in Varsity Athletics will attend and meet a group of people with a common interest. (2) That the Booster Club will, throughout the year, present fund raising activities that raise money for advancing the Lowell High School Athletic program. (3) That everyone attending these activities will have a good time and enjoy themselves. If you are not contacted for tickets and would like to attend, please call Mr. Bill Grim 897-8806.

The Booster Club also has planned an Auction Sale to be held at the High School on May 24th. Anyone doing their spring cleaning between now and the 24th don't throw those things away, please bring them to the High School on May 23 and donate them to a good cause.

'Bozo' To Be At Pot Latch



Popular TV personality Dick Richards, better known to thousands of Lowell area youngsters as "Bozo the Clown," will be appearing at the annual YMCA Indian Guides and Princess Pot Latch Dinner Meeting.

VIKINGS ARE STATE CLASS B CHAMPS

The Lakewood High School Vikings, winners of the 1974-75 Tri-Rivers basketball conference title, are the new State Class B champions.

Lowell Twosome Wins State Family Tournament - Lowell YMCA Youth bowler, ten-year-old Jack Smith, and his adult partner, Charlie Nead, recently placed first in the State of Michigan Youth Bowling Association's annual "Family Twosome Tournament." During the tournament, Smith and Nead rolled a handicap total of 1,373, in the prep division.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday afternoon, March 29th, the Flat River Snowmobile Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt for all children and grandchildren of members.

Advertisement for GRAYS CUSTOM UPHOLSTERING, 220 W. Main St., Lowell. Phone 897-5331.

Advertisement for CUSTOM MADE FURNITURE, FURNITURE THAT WILL LAST. Your choice of Fabric & Style. Hundreds of Fabrics to choose from.

Advertisement for SPRING FEVER'S GOT US! featuring a woman in a Qiana shirt.

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Advertisement for Ship'n Shore, Collect a set of French Impressionist prints by Ship'n Shore.

Advertisement for Cary's, 219-221 WEST MAIN STREET, LOWELL-897-7677.



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SWEET TOOTH Consumption of sugars in all forms now totals 25 percent of the calories in the national diet...

COFFIN BOYCOTT In order to encourage local industry... the government of Malta has banned importation of coffins.

Hooker Chapter Arranges Social 'Spring Fling'



J. Fred Cahoon, Grand River Drive, who is Excellent High Priest of Hooker Chapter No. 73 RAM, announces that a social event dubbed the 'Spring Fling' will be held April 26.

Lowell Varsity Hockey Banquet

The Lowell Red Arrow Hockey Team held their varsity Hockey banquet last Thursday night at the Lowell High School.

Mr. Bob Perry, Lowell High School Athletic Director, again thanked the parents, players, Mr. Jack Harkness, and Mr. Al Rowe for their contribution to the start of a new high school sport in Lowell and also in the State of Michigan.

Head Coach Mr. Jack Harkness gave awards to Seniors: Mark Neubecker, Tom Wingier, Ron VanWyke, Bruce Billock, Juniors: John Pollice, Don Pollice, Ron Merriman, Tim Bergy, Barry Vezino, Garry Lotterman, Sophomores: Mark Reis, David Baird, Steve Jousma, Jay Vezino, Doug Blocker, Larry Fosburg, Gary DeVries, Freshmen: Troy O'Neil, Tom Bergy, Chuck Thomas, John Sarniak, Kevin Blanding.

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Lowell B&PW Club Gets State Trophy

The District IV meeting of Business and Professional Women's clubs, was held at the Lutheran Church, Hastings with District Director Mary Pennock in charge.

ADA TOWNSHIP TO HOLD 'ROAD' HEARING

A hearing on the designation of Three Mile Road, N.E., in Ada Township, as a natural beauty road, will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, in the Ada Township Hall at 555 Ada Drive.

Happy Birthday

- MARCH 27 Kelly Jensen Billy Brink MARCH 28 Sally Golds John Nichols Nellie Shoemaker Esther Yurkins Kayron Mason MARCH 29 Rose Dowling Evert VanderWaal Trent Gelderma Rick Huver MARCH 30 Kim Klinckekal Dolores Ellison John McCalliard Lisa Lawrence James Hagen Beverly Homolka Craig Stevens Howard Merriman Cheryl Braun MARCH 31 Jane Rivette Hazel Tower Fonger Carrie VanderBilt Michael Kimminen Maxine Post Ed Albur APRIL 1 Gerry Ann Smith Brian Hoesch APRIL 2 Howard White Brent Collins Kevin Kyrer Roger Willis Joseph Miller APRIL 3 Maureen Doyle Kenneth Biere

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YMCA GOLF CLASS For beginners or any Golfer wanting to improve their score. Classes are Co-Ed and for all age groups - 8 hours of professional instruction, Thursdays, April 3 thru 24 - TWO CLASSES 7 to 9 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. FEES: \$9.50 Y-Members, \$11.50 Non-Members.

In and Around SARANAC Mrs. Ralph Wheaton-642-6136

Goodbye March. This month is a public nuisance. Yes, the old witch, for sure! But you'll get sleeping beauty! Mother Earth will soon put out her bright green carpet, as she wakes up, after her winter nap.

AMERICAN LEGION ROLLER RINK 805 E. MAIN - LOWELL - 897-7360 OPEN SKATING Friday & Saturday Nights Saturday & Sunday Afternoons ALL SKATE RENTALS 35¢

USDA Decreases Loan Interest Rate To Farmers A substantial decrease in the interest rate for price support commodity loans and storage facility and drying equipment loans has been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, according to Don Diehl, State Executive Director of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office.

SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC WIRING & REPAIRS RESIDENTIAL INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL Prompt & Courteous Service 897-7157 MASTER ELECTRICIAN

COMING SOON... APRIL 4-7 'SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON' APRIL 9-14 'THE STING' APRIL 18-21 'THE LONGEST YARD' APRIL 25-28 'THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD' Winner of 7 Academy Awards - Come and see it again. Will play for 6 days. STRAND Theatre LOWELL MICHIGAN

Anna Evert of Lowell was a dinner guest Sunday of her mother, Jessie Cahoon. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Scott. Also, Barbara Collins and family were guests, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Morrow called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Helmer of Belding. Nancy is now working at Candestone Inn at Belding.

Crystal Mansfield of Grand Rapids came Friday evening and spent the weekend with her mother, Eliza Johnson. Friday evening guests of Eliza were Alice Carmen and Jane Robson.

The Senior Citizen flight to Mexico last week, with 72 people from the surrounding area, arrived back, Saturday forenoon.

Community Church, Good Friday service is at 1:30, jointly sponsored with the Free Methodist Church. Easter morning will be the Sunrise Service at 7 o'clock.

Diehl said that effective April 1, the interest rate will be decreased from 9.375 to 6.125 percent per annum, which is a decrease of 34 percent and reflects a decrease to the Commodity Credit Corporation in the cost of money that it borrows for the loan program.

Diehl pointed out that the decreased rate of interest will apply to outstanding loans for which applications were received on or after October 1, 1974, and to any new loans disbursed on or after April 1, 1975.

In September of 1974, Diehl stated, the Secretary of Agriculture announced a new policy on interest rates for commodity loans and farm storage facility and dryer loans processed by the ASCS. At that time, the interest rate was increased to 9-3/8 percent per annum effective October 1, 1974, to reflect costs of money borrowed by the Commodity Credit Corporation, with a provision that the rates would be reviewed semi-annually and adjusted up or down depending on current costs of funds borrowed by CCC. No specific action, Diehl said, is required by producers with current loans subject to the change.

BETTER MEATS TO EAT Food scientists at Michigan State University have developed a total system of meat processing that extends the market life of retail fresh meat cuts from about three days to about three weeks.

NEW FISH LADDER AT SIXTH STREET DAM The new fish ladder which is in downtown Grand Rapids at the 6th Street dam is producing an excellent spectator sport as well as enhancing the sport fishery of the Grand River basin.

Sucker runs are just starting on the Thornapple, Grand, White and the Black River at Holland where good catches of suckers were noted at the Paw Paw bridge crossing.

It will be at least three more weeks before the smelt start their annual migration, so relax dippers.

STORY HOUR SCHEDULED FOR ALTO PRE-SCHOOLERS A lot of fun, good stories and new friends are planned for a pre-schooler's Story Hour at the Alto Library, beginning April 15.

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Summer Trips Subject For Library's Programs

A program on "Spring and Summer Tripping" will be offered at the Alto Library, beginning Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m. On the evening's program will be Kay Hislop, president of the Western Michigan Council of American Youth Hostels, who will explain how to pack for a trip, what to take, and where to go.

Ada Township NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, April 24, 1975

at the Ada Township Hall, 555 Ada Drive, Ada, Michigan.

This Hearing will be conducted by the Ada Township Planning Commission to review a Site Plan and specified requirements for Chapter 24 "P O Zone": Ada Township Zoning Ordinance for the development of 2 parcels in the Orchard Homes Plat Nos. 41-15-31-302-030 and 41-15-31-302-031.

Following the Hearing, a special meeting of the Planning Commission will be held.

Secretary, Carolyn Wood, Ada Township Planning Commission

College Program Allows You To Study At Home

Adults, College IV is a new concept in education. A program that makes it possible for working parents, mothers with small children and those persons who find it difficult with all their daily activities to attend college in the regular structured classroom.

College IV consists of a mobile unit that travels throughout the county. The unit contains all study materials that students need. It is similar to a mobile library.

College IV allows one to one counseling regarding curriculum and credits. The counselor travels with the unit.

Program of study may be designed to meet individual needs. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who will help the task of setting up his or her program. Scholarships and Grants are available.

College IV allows you to study independently at home, at your own pace and when you have the time. College IV encourages the development of self motivation and dependence on personal initiative.

Many of the larger corporations are encouraging their personnel to participate in these education programs and they are making them available at the actual job sites.

February 19, 1975 the East Kent Community Center and Grand Valley State College sponsored a Rap Session about alternatives for adults who may be interested in returning to college.

The group that turned out felt a great interest to pursue the possibilities of the Grand Valley College IV program. Marilyn Chambers, Community Counselor for Grand Valley State College, has arranged for Mr. Tony Cantanese from Grand Valley College IV to come and speak with anyone interested in knowing about College IV and how it works. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ada Congregational Church located at 7339 Bronson in Ada. We urge anyone interested in College IV to come and ask questions regarding this educational program.

Babysitting will be available at the church and refreshments will be served. Transportation will also be arranged for those who have no way. Would you please call this number, 897-8485, if you plan on attending.

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Engaged To Wed



Pamela Rae Briggs and Norris Wayne Carstensen are happy to announce their engagement. Pamela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving (Dorothy) Mulder of Kentwood, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Briggs, Sr. of Lowell, Michigan. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School and is presently employed at Ram Die Casting in Cascade.

Rotarians Hear Speaker

John Way of Durand, Lee Exford of Greenbush, Blaine Bacon, and Steve Wittenbach of Lowell were guests at Lowell Rotary March 19.

Stan Gardner was the unanimous choice as Rotary's representative to the Lowell Community Fund Board. Roger Roberts was named to head a committee to select Rotary's Man of the Year.

Don Rocheleau introduced the day's speaker, William Parker, Dean of Community Education, Aquinas College. Mr. Parker spoke of the opportunities and problems facing today's small college.

Skating Parties Planned For Best Cookie Sellers

Lowell girls who sold their quota of 18 or more boxes in the annual Keewano Council candy sales will be feted at skating parties at the American Legion Rink.

Blue Birds will meet on Tuesday, April 1, and Camp Fire Girls on Monday, April 7. On both dates cookies and ice cream will be served before the hour of skating, which will be from 3:30 to 4:30.

Girls attending are asked to provide their own skate rental.

School Board

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting February 10, 1975.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Siegle.

Roll Call - Members Present: Siegle, Mettermick, Kropf, Mullen, Thaler, Roberts. Members Absent: Miller.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Mullen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 1975.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 3, 1975.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mettermick, to approve the payment of general fund bills as listed.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Mullen, to approve payment of building and site bills as listed.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

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

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Millage Election Committee reported that an open meeting for the public will be held Thursday, February 13, at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

2. Bids on Frost House. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to refer all bids to the Building and Site Committee with power to act.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The bid opening date will be February 21 at 4 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

3. Progress reports were discussed on the Bushnell and Alto buildings. Satisfactory progress is being made on both buildings.

4. A Citizens' Curriculum Committee meeting was held on February 6. The next meeting will be held February 20 at 7:30 in the Middle School.

5. The Kent Intermediate School District Budget Hearing will be held February 11 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mettermick will represent the Lowell schools at this meeting.

6. The cancellation of the February 24 meeting was announced.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held on the invoice meeting for the 1974-75 school year. The tentative date selected is March 19. Suggested subjects were reading and public relations.

2. Board members Blanche Mullen and Orion Thaler were appointed by President Siegle to work with teachers and administrators in developing furniture specifications for Bushnell, Runciman and Alto buildings.

3. The Parent Teacher Organization Planning Committee has set the third Monday of each month as the official meeting date. The next meeting will be held at the Middle School on February 17 at 7:30 p.m. Quad teachers will be discussing middle school teaching techniques. The March 17 meeting will be held in the Runciman building.

4. A Transportation Report was given to the board with recommendations for purchasing buses over the next three years.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Mullen, that we request bids for 2 66-passenger buses, 1 28 passenger bus with lift, and 2 15-passenger vans.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegle, Mettermick, Kropf, Mullen, Thaler, Roberts.

Ayes: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Roberts, to disapprove 4 of the old buses per board policy.

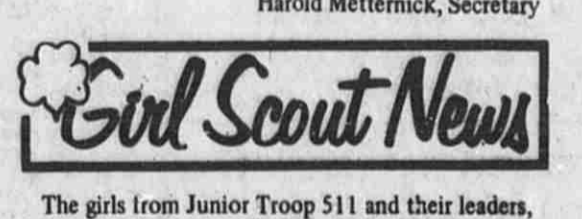
Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

6. President Siegle asked Mr. Kelly and the Bus Committee to put together a detailed report on the need for radios in buses.

Motion by Mullen, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Mettermick, Secretary



The girls from Junior Troop 511 and their leaders, Cherrie Richardson and Don Yetter would like to thank Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Phillips for providing transportation to the Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross open house on Monday, March 17.

Although the seventeen girls attending missed many of the demonstrations due to the after school scheduling, they did enjoy practicing mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration on a mannikin. All in all, the girls and adults felt it was a very worthwhile trip.

THE COAL IS THERE

Some 200 billion tons of coal are presently recoverable, according to Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton. He estimates that this is enough to last 350 years at the present rate of consumption. Moreover, he says, another trillion tons of coal are potentially recoverable after that.

BOWLING advertisement with American Legion Lanes logo and contact info.

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Attention Teens! advertisement for new tops.

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For Sale advertisement for Mustang 1967.

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Lowell Area Schools Board of Education advertisement.

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Lowell Business Service advertisement for bookkeeping and accounting.

1975 Annual Township Meetings advertisement.

Notice is hereby given that the annual township meetings of the electors in Ada, Bowne, Grattan, Lowell, and Vergennes Townships will be held on Saturday, April 5, 1975.

Table listing township supervisors: Ada Township (John H. Forshar), Bowne Township (Irvin Rodgers), Grattan Township (Robert Lamoreaux), Lowell Township (Elmer Smith), Vergennes Township (Carl Kropf).

SCHOOL Lunch Menu advertisement with list of items for Monday through Friday.

LEGAL NOTICES advertisement including estate of Bertha C. Oman and other legal notices.

**Joins Phi Beta Kappa At University**

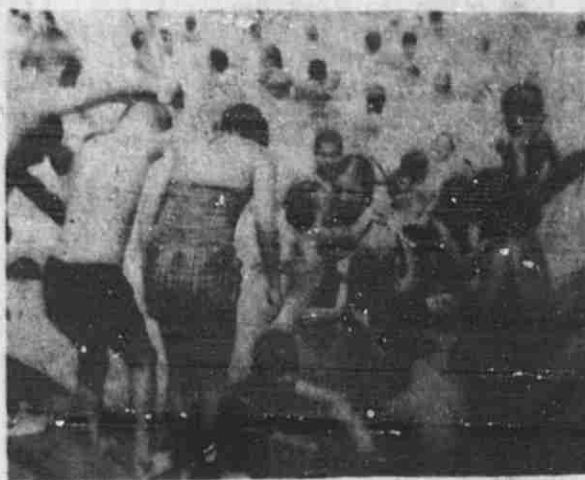
A total of 173 University of Michigan students became members of Phi Beta Kappa at the local chapter's initiation ceremonies March 22.

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest scholastic honor society in America and one of the best known. Student members are elected from candidates for degrees in liberal arts and science, usually from the upper tenth of the graduating class.

At the U-M, about six percent of the graduating seniors in the LS&A, and a few juniors with exceptional scholastic record, are elected annually. In addition, outstanding seniors in other U-M colleges and schools who have taken LS&A courses are eligible.

Becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Lowell was Martha Emilie Coons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Coons.

**Learn To Swim...**



Knowing how to swim may save your life or the life of someone else. The YMCA has been in the business of teaching people to swim for a long time. Why take chances? Learn how to swim this summer at the YMCA!

**PERSONS RECEIVING ADC WILL BE INVESTIGATED**

John T. Dempsey, Director of the Michigan Department of Social Services, has announced plans for an immediate eligibility review of all payments being made to Michigan's 193,000 families with dependent children (ADC).

He pointed out that the review is mandatory if the state is to protect the interests of those on Public Assistance, and overcome threatened federal reductions in matching funds coming into Michigan in support of ADC payments.

**Ada Vesta Chapter To Serve Pancake Supper**

A pancake supper, designed to please the entire family is being planned by Vesta Chapter No. 202, Order of the Eastern Star of Ada.

To be served this Saturday night, March 29, at the Ada Masonic Temple, the supper has a special rate of \$5 per family, or \$1.50 for adults, and 75 cents for

children up to age 15.

On the menu will be pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, syrup, coffee, tea or milk. Serving will be between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

A special invitation for all to attend, has been extended by Richard J. Densmore, Worthy Patron.

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