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Newell Applies For Pollutant Permit

Application for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Public Law 92-500) Permit by Newell Manufacturing Company of Lowell, to discharge cooling water, process waste and boiler blowdown has been made with the Michigan Water Resources Commission.

Newell Manufacturing is engaged in the manufacture of builder's hard ware and die castings at Chatham Street.

The company discharges its effluent to the Flat River via a storm sewer.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of applicable standards and regulations, the Michigan Water Resources Commission proposes to issue a permit for the discharge subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions. The permit expiration date is January 31, 1986.

The proposed determination to issue an NPDES permit is tentative. Persons wishing to comment upon, or object to, the proposed determination are invited to submit the same in writing to:

Roy E. Schrameck, Chief, Permit Section, Michigan Water Resources Commission, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926.

The permit application number (MI-0037699) should appear next to the above address on the envelope and the first page of any submitted comments.

All comments received within 30 days from January 16, 1976, will be considered in the formulation of the final determination.

If no written objections are received, the MWRC will issue its final determinations no later than 60 days following January 16.

The application, proposed permit including proposed effluent limitations and special conditions, are on file at the Water Resources District Office at 4056 Plainfield Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, at anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



All persons interested in the Lowell Senior Center's trip to Hawaii, March 21 through April 1, are invited to view a film "The Wonderful World of Aloha", at the center, 214 East Main Street, on Thursday evening, February 5, at 8 p.m.

A noon luncheon for the Michigan Milk Producers will be served this Thursday, January 29, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on East Main Street, under the direction of Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, Local Service Coordinator of United Methodist Women.

Got a load of newspapers you want to get rid of? Bring them to the Lowell Area Jaycees' Paper Drop at 725 East Main Street. A monthly pickup for the disabled and elderly only, will be held the third Saturday of every month. Call 897-8071 or 897-8566.

Lowell Order of the Moose, 210 East Main Street, will be celebrating their 64th anniversary Saturday, February 7. A smorgasbord dinner will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. with dancing from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual President's Reception and Awards Ceremony this Thursday evening, January 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Peninsular Club's reception lounge. Among the Chamber members to be honored will be William S. Doyle of Lowell.

Dennis Breuk of 414 North Monroe Street, Lowell, won the colored TV given away during grand opening festivities at the Harold Zeigler Ford Agency on East Fulton.

Slightly injured in a pedestrian accident on Amity Street, near Howard, Thursday morning, was a Lowell juvenile, who ran from between stopped cars into the path of a vehicle driven by Elizabeth Grim.

Last Thursday afternoon, the awning overhanging the sidewalk on West Main Street on the Ben Franklin Dime Store collapsed when it became laden with heavy snow and ice. No one was injured, luckily, when the structure decided to fall.

Officials from the City of Lowell and the Township of Ada will begin negotiations January 29 on a water purchase agreement for the township. The session will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall at 301 East Main Street. The entire City Council has been asked by Mayor Robert Christiansen to attend.

A property damage accident at the intersection of Lincoln Lake Avenue and Hunt Street, last Wednesday, involved vehicles driven by Timothy McCormick and Mrs. Virginia Rowe, both of Lowell. The accident occurred when the McCormick car failed to stop at the marked intersection.

A rash of complaints on destruction of mail boxes (a government offense) is being investigated by the Lowell Police Department and officers from the Kent County Sheriff's Department. Vandals smashed six postal boxes in the City of Lowell early Saturday morning and over 15 in the outlying county area.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Mary) Buche of Lowell were hospitalized early Sunday morning, after their car struck a propane transport truck on Lowell's West Main Street. They both sustained only minor injuries. The driver of the truck, Joseph Eickhoff was uninjured. The cause of the accident is still under the investigation of the Lowell Police Department.

Claud Vestal of Saranac was uninjured, last week, when he drove his car away from the curb on West Main Street, and hit a car driven by James Pfaller of Lowell. Pfaller was not hurt in the collision.

Due to heavily drifted roadways, Lowell, Forest Hills, and Saranac Schools were closed Monday, following a weekend storm which dumped up to six more inches of snow over the area.

ter. He is Chairman of the Board of the Ionia County Unit of the American Cancer Society and was recently appointed to the Citizens Committee of the Ionia Public Schools.

He formerly served as an endman on the Lowell Showboat.

Resurfacing To Cost \$300,000

Resurfacing and major shoulder work of M-91 from near M-57 in Greenville south about four and a half miles to Ellis Rd., to cost about \$300,000, will be done during the summer, reports Robert Hogeboom, district maintenance engineer of the Grand Rapids office of the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation.

A passing lane of about 600 feet in length for northbound traffic at Wise Rd. and safety islands at businesses along M-91 near Greenville are also part of the project.

Hogeboom explains the passing lane, to be on the right, will be used by northbound traffic if there is a left-turner in the regular traffic lane. This improvement, obviously, will increase safety at the intersection, he states.

No date of the letting of the bid by the MDHT in Lansing has been set, but it will be early this year, Hogeboom adds.

by Dave Barnes

Ball Is Denied Zoning Variance



Pictured above is the house at 111 Jefferson Street in Lowell that Harold Ball hoped to move, in order to provide badly needed parking for his Softee Creme, which is partially visible to the right of this picture. Mr. Ball has only limited parking in front of his business, and Jefferson Street is posted, No Parking.

At Monday night's meeting of the Lowell Planning Commission, a public hearing was held in reference to a zoning variance requested by Mr. Harold Ball. Mr. Ball is the owner of the Softee Creme in Lowell and also owns the house directly to the north of this business at 111 Jefferson Street.

Mr. Ball also owns a home with a large lot on the other side

of Jefferson Street. His intentions were to move the home at 111 Jefferson Street across the street, and next to his other house.

This move would create more badly needed parking area for his business. However, the lot is not large enough to accommodate two houses, and still comply with Lowell's zoning ordinance, thus the request for a

variance. After much discussion from the audience and the commission, a vote was taken and the request for variance was unanimously denied.

Commissioner Doyle recommended to Mr. Ball that he look for another lot in the area that would comply with the zoning requirements.



In this photo, on the left, is the house and lot on the southwest corner of Avery and Jefferson Streets. This house and lot are also owned by Mr. Ball, and the lot is where he had hoped to move the house presently located at 111 Jefferson Street.

Blood Donors Recognized

January is National Voluntary Blood Donor Month, and four Kent County residents who have been volunteer blood donors 32 or more times will be among those honored by the Grand Valley Blood Program at a continental breakfast on January 30.

Anthony Vasilauskas of Comstock Park, Major Bogert of Lowell, and Gerald DeBoer and Robert Payette, Jr., of Grand Rapids have each donated four or more gallons of blood in Kent County.

Nineteen other Kent County residents who have contributed three or more gallons will also be honored along with representatives from 180 Kent County organizations, companies, churches, schools, and communities which sponsor group blood drawings.

The keynote speaker at the breakfast will be L. Jadwin (Jad) Asfeld of West St. Paul, Minnesota, member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross and representative to the American Blood Commission.

"Challenge to Be Free" will be at the Strand Theatre Tues., Wed., Thurs., February 17, 18, 19. c-11

Saranac Woman Receives Coast Guard Commendation



Capt. Jan Wegenka, USCGE, presenting the Coast Guard Public Service Commendation to Wanda Lee Lehman, of David Highway, Saranac, Sunday, January 25, in Grand Rapids. In the center of the picture is Mrs. Lehman's husband, Kenneth.

Mrs. Wanda Lee Lehman, 5972 David Highway, Saranac, Michigan was presented a Department of Transportation Public Service Commendation on Sunday, January 25, 1976 at the Naval Reserve Center in Grand Rapids.

The Commendation was presented by Captain J.D. Wegenka, USCGR on behalf of Rear Admiral R.A. Hayes, Commander of the 17th Coast Guard District with headquarters in Juneau, Alaska. The award presentation was held at an "all hands" ceremony of the Grand Rapids Coast Guard Reserve Unit.

In attendance were Mrs. Lehman's husband, Kenneth, and their five children. Also attending was the Coast Guard Group Commander, Muskegon, LCDR Karl Luck and his wife.

The commendation was for the assistance Mrs. Lehman rendered to Coast Guard forces engaged in Search Rescue operations in Alaska last fall. Mrs. Lehman's actions were instrumental in the survival of two passengers of a civilian aircraft which had crashed in mountainous terrain in Alaska.

Her actions were undertaken in the face of great hazards to herself and disregard for her own safety.

At the time of the incident, Mrs. Lehman was accompanying her husband on a bear hunting expedition.

The citation awarded to Mrs. Lehman, read:

Mrs. Wanda Lee Lehman, RN, is hereby commended for outstanding services rendered in assisting U.S. Coast Guard forces in Search and Rescue operations in the vicinity of St. James Bay, Lynn Canal Alaska.

On the evening of 13 September 1975 a Beechcraft Bonanza official number N240W, while on a flight from Haines, Alaska to Juneau, Alaska crashed on a heavily wooded mountainous area on the west side of Lynn Canal with four people aboard. Extensive search efforts on the part of Coast Guard and civil authorities had failed to locate the downed aircraft. On 16 September 1975 two survivors were located on the beach by the Motor Vess. Chaik in the vicinity of St. James Bay, Alaska. Mrs. Lehman a passenger aboard the Chaik, rendered first aid to the survivors, then volunteered to return to the crash site to render aid to the remaining passengers of the aircraft. She was embarked on the Coast Guard HH3F helicopter and subsequently lowered to the crash site with a crewman from the helicopter. Mrs. Lehman and the air crewman were left at the scene while the helicopter recovered the two survivors and flew to Juneau to refuel. When the helicopter returned to the crash site it was determined that both remaining personnel had expired and Mrs. Lehman was hoisted to the helicopter and returned to the M/V Chaik.

Mrs. Lehman's actions which were motivated out of her concern for her fellow human beings with complete disregard for her own safety reflect great credit upon herself and the nursing profession. These actions which were undertaken in the face of great hazards to herself contributed greatly to the aiding of the survivors and assisting the Coast Guard to the expeditious culmination of this rescue mission.

Chadwick Promoted



Loren C. Adgate, President, First Security Bank, Ionia, recently announced the appointment of Curtis F. Chadwick, Vice-President and Comptroller to Vice-President and Cashier. He succeeds Lester H. Dunn who retired in December, 1975.

Chadwick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Chadwick of Saranac, and his wife, the former Shirley Saganek of Lowell, are the parents of three children and reside in Ionia.

A 1964 graduate of Saranac High School, Chadwick attended Grand Rapids J.C. earning an Associate of Science degree. He graduated from Alma College in 1968 with a BA in Business Administration. He received his MBA with a concentration in accounting from Central Michigan University in 1969, and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1972.

Chadwick was employed by Touche Ross & Co., Grand Rapids office, as a senior accountant from 1969 until October, 1972, when he joined First Security Bank.

Active in civic projects, Chadwick currently serves as President of the Ionia Lions Club and the Community Cen-

Advertisement for the movie 'Hard Times' featuring Charles Bronson and James Coburn. It includes a quote: "It offers excitement that makes you feel good." and "Sensational action."

Advertisement for the movie 'New Orleans, 1933' featuring a quote: "It offers excitement that makes you feel good." and "Sensational action." It also mentions 'Monday is Dollar Night'.

Advertisement for the Strand Theatre in Lowell, Michigan, showing the movie 'Hard Times' from Friday, Jan. 30 through Monday, Feb. 2. It features a quote: "It offers excitement that makes you feel good."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Students from Forest Hills Junior High School, East Junior High of East Grand Rapids, and Iroquois Middle School will pedal for prizes and healthy lungs in a stationary bike ride to be held Saturday, January 31, from noon to 8 p.m. at Woodland Mall.

Mrs. Frank (Alice) Pace, 84, passed away unexpectedly at her home, 8839 92nd Street, Alto. Funeral Mass was offered January 27 in the Holy Family Church, Caledonia, with interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bowne Center.

Oscar A. Makela, aged 100, passed away January 25 in Lowell Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Waukegan, Illinois. Among his survivors is a daughter, Mrs. A.B. VanDusen of Lowell.

Mrs. Laura Kerekes has returned to her home at 14093 East Fulton, Lowell.

Father Tom of St. Mary's Church Lowell, has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Miss Anita Haglund of Cascade will be leaving soon for an assignment in Zambia, Africa. She will be serving as a nurse's aid with a medical team going out under the auspices of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Sympathy is extended to the M. Jack Fonger family of Lowell upon the death of Virginia's father, Harold Thelan on January 18, in Adrian.

Mr. Thomas Woodhead is a patient at the Ferguson-Droste-Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids.

man, now qualified to inspect, assemble and dispose of explosive munitions, is being assigned to MacDill AFB, Fla., for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. Airman Prins is a 1974 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

Rose Babko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Babko of Parnell has been named the D.A.R. award winner for the 1975-76 school year at Lowell Senior High School.

Glen R. Slater of Cuterville recently received his high school diploma from Wayne School in Chicago, Illinois, following the successful completion of the required courses. An employee of N.L. Industries, Inc., Mr. Slater is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science Degree program with LaSalle Extension University. He is the son of Bedford and Dorothy Slater of Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geshel of 8384 36th Street, S.E., Ada, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 1, with an open house given by their children from 2 to 5 p.m. in St. Mary's School, Lowell. No invitations have been sent. Their anniversary is Saturday, January 31.

The YMCA Euchre Party had all the ingredients needed for good, clean fun. There were congenial people with a common interest

Winter bird feeding can be an interesting hobby that takes little skill or talent. Once the birds have found the feed, you may have daily entertainment as close as your window. Birds that frequent your feeder do not have to be identified to be pretty interesting, but to find a bird identification guide a handy item.

A mixture of cracked corn and sunflower seeds will attract many birds. Some fine sand should also be mixed with the feed as the birds require this to help them digest their food. If squirrels pose a problem, erect your feeder away from overhanging limbs. It may also be necessary to construct a funnel on the pole supporting the feeder to discourage squirrels. Some find, however, that feeding the squirrels can be just as fun as feeding the birds.

Some nuisance birds such as starlings and blue jays may invade the feeding area but these birds will often set up a schedule. At certain times the blue jays will feed and then leave the feeder to the other birds. Some birds, like juncos, prefer their food on the ground. One junco may fly to the feeder and brush the seed to the ground for the others.

If you wish to attract birds in the woodpecker family, a ball of suet (hard beef fat) hung in a tree will usually do the trick. Melting down the suet and mixing it with seed and fine sand makes it a special treat.

Birds require tremendous amounts of energy to sustain themselves during the winter months. They will soon learn where an easy meal can be had and will depend on it. If you start winter bird feeding be sure to continue. Winter birds and their antics will provide a great form of entertainment.

Steve Harrington

Lowell Guernsey Cow Produces High Record

Lone Oak Flash Bertie, a Jr. four-year-old, Registered Guernsey cow, owned by Alton Roth, Lone Oak Farm, Lowell, has completed an official DHIR actual production record of 14,000 pounds of milk 726 pounds of butterfat, in 305 days, two times a day milking, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Guernsey milk is world famous for its high protein, delicious flavor and golden yellow color.

The testing was supervised by University of Michigan, East Lansing.

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An Enjoyable Time . . .



Winners at the YMCA Euchre Party receiving their prizes from left to right were Marlan Krebs, low hands; Esther Clemens, Most lone hands; Fred Wingeler, Most lone hands; Phil Johnson, Most games; Olive Clark, Most games and traveling prizes; and Dick Cox presenting the prizes.

Held Saturday, January 24, the YMCA Winter Euchre party is an annual event for members of the YMCA Euchre League and their guests.

Sixty people had a great time Saturday night at the YMCA Euchre Party!

Coming to the comfortable "Community Room" at Schneider Manor, the members of the YMCA Euchre League and their guests enjoyed a sociable evening of euchre Saturday, January 24.

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Members of the YMCA Euchre Party Committee set up the refreshment table, at Schneider Manor. The party was a great success, enjoyed by some 60 people.

Committee members, from left to right, were Evelyn Wingeler, S.D. "Babe" Wingeler, Sue Cox and Dick Cox.

The Cascade Historical Society will present as guest speaker Barbara Koch, president of the Heritage Hills Association.

The slide presentation entitled "Current Concepts in Historic Preservation" will be given on Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Parlor of Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Drive, Cascade.

Laurence Precious, Apiary Owner, Dies At Age 66

Lowell area businessman Laurence W. Precious, aged 66, of 2556 Segwag Avenue, Lowell, passed away Friday evening, January 23, following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, January 26, at 2 o'clock at the Roth-Gierst Funeral Home, Lowell, with the Rev. Kenneth McCaw officiating. Burial was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

A long-time resident of the Lowell area, Mr. Precious formerly owned and operated Street, until the mid-1960's, when he closed the store.

Besides his business, Mr. Precious enjoyed music, and at one time took over the leadership of the Flat River Country Boys, a country-western group that played at Grand Old Opry shows at the Grand Rapids Auditorium.

Besides his wife, Anna, he leaves a son, Laurence of Lowell, three daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Vivian Davenport) Morse of Grand Rapids, Mrs. William (Bertha Davenport) Franks of Wyoming, and Mrs. Don (Wilma Davenport) Phillips of Lowell, and several grandchildren.

Mr. McClellan, aged 83, of 8665 Twenty-Eighth Street, S.E., Ada, passed away Wednesday, January 21, at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

She was born in Cascade Township in 1892, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay (Helen) Clark, descendants of the Henry Holt family, pioneer settlers of Cascade Township.

Mr. McClellan and her husband, Alva L., a retired industrial engineer from Kelvinstor moved to the Ada area 11 years ago.

She was a long time member of the Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids and the Snow United Methodist Church, and sang in many area churches for several years.

Funeral services for Mrs. McClellan were held Saturday, January 24, at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Chapel in Grand Rapids. The Rev. Ed Passenger of the Snow United Methodist Church officiated, with burial given in Cascade Cemetery.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, George of Ada, and J. Clark of Bellerose, New York; six grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Clark of East Grand Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kent County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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ABOVE THE BOARD

Weary Battle Of Budget vs. Balance

The weary battle of budget vs. balance didn't seem so bad Monday night when members of the Lowell School Board were told by Asst. Supt. Don Kelly that Lowell students have shown a continual rise during the past three years in most academic areas.

On the high school level, results of College Entrance Exam scores, compared with the national average, were as follows:

1973 Lowell Nat'l Aver. 467 443 Verbal 516 481 Math

1974 Lowell Nat'l Aver. 523 440 Verbal 625 478 Math

1975 Lowell Nat'l Aver. 599 454 Verbal 682 472 Math

In the ACT test for high school students who intend to go on to college it is interesting to note that both Lowell and the national average dropped slightly in 1974; Lowell went from 21.3 to 20.2 and nationally the figure dropped from 18.9 to 18.7. However, in 1975 Lowell rose to 22.1 which put the local students 15 percent above the national average of 18.8.

School officials are currently analyzing the test results to determine what has influenced the upward trend for Lowell.

Several things could have made the difference, a change in teaching methods, better facilities, the addition of more government programs to mention a few. Whatever the rea-

sons, the results are being studied and the instructional program will be continued or adjusted as the plus factors appear.

In the lower grades the Michigan Educational Assessment testing program is also beginning to pay off with definite progress resulting in the areas of both reading and math. The test results are being used to identify needs and provide specific learning opportunities to correct any deficiencies.

Many members of the Lowell educational staff put in a great deal of time comparing test results with program changes and other related data, all aimed in the same direction - to continually improve the instructional program for all Lowell students.

Fifteen mobile radio units are now in operation in the special ed buses. Kindergarten runs, and regular buses that go to the furthest corners of the district.

After being introduced by Attorney Robert DeBoer, Judge Cook reflected on his first six months on the bench.

In changing roles from a practicing attorney to the Judge's seat, Mr. Cook said that he has made several observations.

First, he has been very impressed by the high quality of those willing to serve on juries. Judging by the men and women on our juries, we have a very fine group of citizens in Kent County," said Cook.

His second observation is amazement at the great influence that alcohol has on the youth and adults of our county.

Asst. Supt. Kelly who heads the transportation department for the school system stated that his only regret was that he didn't fight harder to have them installed in all buses.

The mobile units already have paid off not only in safety, through radioing ahead of road conditions and problems, but

also in public relations, like the mother who called in on an exam morning that she had overslept and her high school students had missed their bus. Through the radio, the bus garage was able to locate another bus near there that could and did swing through and pick them up.

The rest of the meeting was mostly headaches, although Supt. Sink says that the current budget is still in good shape.

Rotarians Hear Judge Cook

Judge George R. Cook was asked by his fellow Lowell Rotarians to be the featured speaker at the Club's regular meeting at noon on January 21.

Rotary guests were: Willis Hatch, Attorney Jack Siebers and State Representative Martin Butts.

RED CROSS OFFERS HOME NURSING COURSE

The Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the Red Cross Home Nursing Course beginning February 19. The class will meet from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday night for six weeks at the Red Cross Chapter House, 1050 Fuller, Northeast, Grand Rapids.

The course is offered free of charge, and there is a minimal fee for the Home Nursing textbook. Interested persons should call the Red Cross Nursing Department at 456-8661.

Yeiters Are Outstanding Salesmen



Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Ida) Yeiter of 691 Lincoln Lake Avenue, N.E., Lowell, distributors of Seal-Craft Sales, Tupperware, in Grand Rapids were recognized for outstanding sales and recruiting achievements at the company's annual Distributor's Conference held this month in Miami, Florida.

The Yeiters also were honored as one of the company's top 35 distributors in the United States.

Wabasis Park campgrounds on Wabasis Lake in the northeast part of Kent County became an instant success in the first full season last year, says Don Arnott, Kent County park superintendent, in a report to the Park Commission.

A total of 669 permits for campers from 17 communities in Kent County, four of them from the Lowell area, was granted during last year's season May 1 to Oct. 1; 296 permits for campers from 61 Michigan communities, excluding those in Kent County, were issued, and 51 permits for campers from 33

states were sold, according to the statistics gathered by the Wabasis campground office personnel.

The four communities in the Lowell area, from which campground visitors came to Wabasis Park, were Lowell, with 28 permits; Caledonia, 11; Ada, three, and Alto, two. Grand Rapids ranked No. 1, with 370 permits issued.

There are 57 campsites each costing \$3.50 per night and each having electricity available. Four sites, at \$4 each night, have sewer, water and electricity.

The busiest months are June, July and August and the other bring up gas mileage.

busiest periods are weekends, including Memorial, July 4 and Labor Day.

The campgrounds were completed and opened about the middle of July, 1974.

by Dave Barnes

YFU Reps Selected

Fourteen Lowell High School Juniors will be acting as ambassadors next summer when they will spend eight weeks in foreign countries, including eight European Countries, Japan and the Philippines.

These students were chosen for citizenship, leadership and intellectual ability.

This Youth For Understanding group has been aided in projects by many organizations and individuals including Tom Canfield, the American Legion, Kellogg Vinegar, Moose Lodge, Skating Rink, Buyer's Guide, Grand Valley Ledger, the Lowell School and kitchen personnel and many others.

Future plans include many projects in which Youth For Understanding seek community involvement to assure their success.



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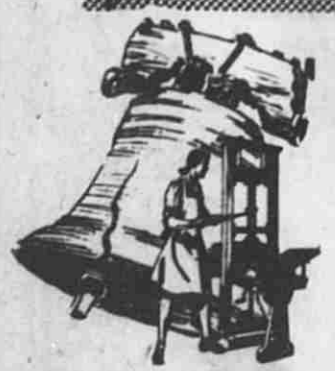
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Engaged To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. John Kempfer, Jr., of Lowell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy J., to John A. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Curtis, also of Lowell.

Both are 1973 graduates of Lowell Senior High School. The bridegroom-elect holds an associates degree in Business Management, from Grand Rapids Junior College. The couple is planning a May 14 wedding.

LOWELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 2, 1976

- MONDAY**
Pizza Macaroni
Cole Slaw
Rolls or Garlic Bread
Assorted Fruits
Milk
- TUESDAY**
Barbeques
Buttered Corn
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Cookies and Assorted Desserts
Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Turkey and Gravy
On Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
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A cow owned by an Alto dairyman has qualified for listing among the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association's exclusive "Milk Top Twenty" high producers for the month of December.

Joe Oesch's 52-month-old Holstein cow, with the barn name Marily 3, has completed her 305 M.E. lactation record with 26,061 pounds of milk, 501 pounds of butterfat, and a 2.7 test. This is truly an outstanding record as compared to the state-wide Holstein Breed average of 14,014 pounds of milk and 513 pounds of butterfat.

Mr. Oesch has his herd enrolled in the DHIA testing program and is supervised by Walter Longbach of Lake Odessa. They work in cooperation with Robert Kinsley, Kent County Extension Agent, and Michigan DHIA, Inc.

DHIA, Inc., a state-wide dairy production testing organization, provides production management records for 1,979 Michigan dairymen milking 130,000 cows.

Further information about the production testing program can be obtained from your county extension agent or by contacting DHIA, Inc., Box 1240, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

Story Hour At Alto Library

"Now is the time to enroll your pre-schooler in the "story hour" at the Alto Library, so he or she can enjoy stories, movies and games with other children their age," advises Vivian Mulder, librarian.

Every Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock beginning February 3 and continuing for six weeks, the Alto Library will be entertaining these pre-schoolers.

If you are interested in having your child participate in these activities, please call 868-4031 or stop in at the library on Linfield Avenue in Alto and fill out a registration blank. There is no charge for this program.

The library is open Tuesdays from 1 to 8 p.m., Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday mornings from 9 until 12 noon.

The Alto Library is a member of the Kent County Library system.



"After all is said and done, more is said than done."

County Maps Available

The Kent County Road Commission Biennial maps are "on the market."

They are available at no charge at the road commission, 1500 Scribner Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, and the county treasurer's and city clerk's offices in the City-County Building downtown.

The front cover, in color, shows a stagecoach, the former most popular method of traveling between communities, and a modern bus. On the back cover is a picture, also in color, of the three members of the KCCC—John J. Oostema, chairman, John S. Edison, vice chairman, and Elmer E. Smith.

Stagecoach routes are shown; historical sites, except those in incorporated cities and towns, are designated, and an index helps the reader find these sites.

Historical sites include homes, churches, covered bridges (Ada and Fallsburg Park), a coach stop, township hall, manor, inn, general store and even a cemetery.

Among the historical sites in the Lowell area are Alaska General Store; stage coach routes on Vergennes St., Lincoln Lake Ave. and Grand River Dr.; coach stop at Ada; Avery Nature Sanctuary at Alden Nash Avenue and 36th St.; and Bowne Center Methodist Church at Alden Nash Ave. and 84th St.

There were 60,000 maps printed.

The Biennial state maps, put out by the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation, are available at no charge at the Grand Rapids office of the M.D.T., 1420 Front Ave., N.W., West Michigan Tourist Association, 136 East Fulton St., Grand Rapids, State Police posts and travel information centers.

By Dave Barnes

Ada Building Trend Down

The Township of Ada, for the month of December, 1975, issued eight new housing permits, valued at \$235,000, for a \$29,375 average per unit.

According to the townships building official, Fred Clancy, the township ended the year down considerably in home building permits, when compared to 1974.

In a report prepared by Clancy, last year a total of 87 single-family permits were issued for a total valuation of \$3,124,561.

During 1974, the township issued 111 house permits with a valuation of \$3,609,346.

The 1975 permits averaged out at \$35,914 compared to 1974's average of \$32,516, reflecting the inflationary trend.

Total valuation of all permits issued in Ada Township during 1975 was \$4,355,424, compared to \$4,262,261 in 1974.

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Rod Noah Completes Training



Rod Noah has just finished his Basic Training at Great Lakes, and will be attending a Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

His address is S. R. Rod Noah, 24803700, Box 24, Class 7626 Sect. 262, U.S. Naval Sub School, Graton, Connecticut 06340.

Rod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Noah of Lowell.

Retirees Can Earn More

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting in January, according to Gail G. Russell, social security district manager in Grand Rapids, MI.

"In 1976 people can earn as much as \$2,760 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit," Mr. Russell said. "The yearly earnings limit for 1975 was \$2,520. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages."

For earnings over \$2,560 in 1976, social security benefits will reduce \$1 for \$2 earned. "But no matter how much people earn for the year," Mr. Russell said, "they can get their full social security benefit for any month in which they neither earn over \$230 nor do substantial work in their own business." The 1975 monthly earnings limit was \$210.

Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefits. "And people 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings," Mr. Russell noted.

The \$2,520 figure applies to earnings for 1975. People who earn over \$2,520 and get benefits must send a report on 1975 earnings to social security by April 15, 1976.

The social security contribution rate remains the same in 1976—5.85 percent of covered wages contributed by employees and employers; 7.9 percent of covered self-employed income.

The earnings and contributions base—the amount on which social security contributions are made—will be the first \$15,300 of covered earnings for the year, starting in January. The 1975 base was \$14,000.

Since benefit amounts are

Did You Know...

* Taking office in 1806, at 39 years of age, Henry Clay was the youngest known U.S. Senator. Apparently no question was raised about Clay's age when he took office, because the U.S. Constitution stipulates the age of a Senator to be 36.

* The driest continent in the world is Australia where the average, annual rainfall is 15.5 inches — the world's average being about 26 inches.

* By a factor of well in excess of 1000, laser beams exceed the sun's 1,500,000 candles per square inch. They are the brightest, steady artificial light sources known by man.

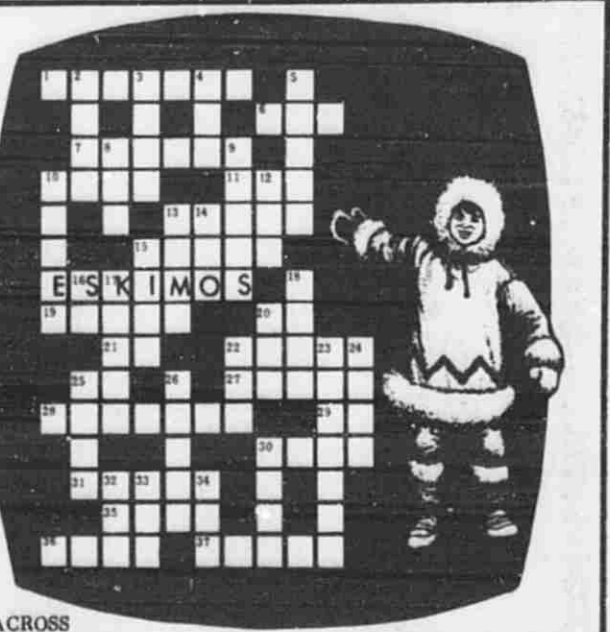
* Mt. Aso, of Japan, is the world's largest volcano crater, measuring 17 miles north to south, 10 miles east to west, and 71 miles in circumference.

* The world's first country to abolish capital punishment de facto, was Liechtenstein, in 1798.

* In May of 1931, Professor Augustus Peard, ascending in a balloon from Augsburg, Germany, in man's first flight into the stratosphere, reached a height of 15,790 feet in a 17 hour flight.

ANSWERS:
Around the Square:
DOWN
1 A cereal grain
2 No wars
4 Finish
5 Gem
6 Eskimo's eat it meat

QUOTES:
"As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand."
John Billings



- ACROSS**
1 Chilling insect
6 Brand
10 Sea animal
11 Frozen water
13 Lawful
15 Wreath
18 Southwestern, abbr.
20 Sublist
21 Biblical "you"
22 You sow them
25 Papa
27 Eskimo home
28 Eskimo boots
29 To move along
30 Greatest
31 Eskimo coat
32 Sun's beams
36 Strike with head
37 Baseeek
- DOWN**
9 Heavy draws of breath
10 Eskimo thread
12 Kilt
13 A citrus fruit
14 Conceit
15 Half of ten
16 Southeast, abbr.
17 Eskimo canoe
18 Slagger
20 Ask earnestly
22 Ask earnestly
23 Eskimo taxi
24 Chimney powder
25 Paper is made from it
26 Eskimo dog
30 Eskimo carving material
32 Drawing, painting
33 A snake

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1. SCHOOL - E - L. 6. MICE - A - S. 11. UNITED - A - U.
2. WINTER - R - N. 7. PLEASE - Y - A. 12. BLAME - F - B.
3. CLATTER - T - C. 8. GRIND - B - D. 13. CRUDE - T - D.
4. CLAMP - P - M. 9. CLIMB - P - C. 14. BRASER - L - B.
5. CARTER - L - C. 10. CRAVE - W - C. 15. HEDGE - T - E.

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