

The Grand Valley Ledger

Weekly Coverage of Ada, Alto, Cascade, Forest Hills, Lowell and Saranac

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Along
Main
Street

The main thoroughfare of Saranac will have a new business joining its ranks this Friday ... a "meat market". Owner of the shop is Tim Jones of Lowell.

A public hearing will be held before the Lowell Township Board of Appeals on Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, for the purpose of hearing a request from Robert Boyd for a variance which would allow him to establish a campground in the township.

The Lowell Senior Center, 214 East Main Street, is holding open house Thursday afternoon, February 19, from 1 to 4 p.m., in honor of their second anniversary. Stop in and see them.

March 1 is a key target date for owners of Michigan vehicles who have not yet obtained their 1976 bi-centennial license plates. This date is also the final day for sales of commercial and trailer licenses. Coincidentally, it is also the final day for ordering passenger and motorcycle plates by mail. Deadline for passenger and motorcycle plates is March 31.

Convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor before Judge Joseph B. White in the 63rd District Court was Gary Lyle Melle of Wyoming, Melle, arrested by Lowell Police on December 15, will be sentenced at a later date.

Near Spring-like temperatures and the resulting thawing conditions have caused weight restrictions to be placed on Kent County Roads. All roads, unless designated all season roads, will be affected by the order. Restrictions apply to all vehicles and no overloading will be permitted.

A property damage accident on M-21 near Monroe Street Sunday resulted when a juvenile driver hit a parked vehicle.

A special meeting of the Lowell City Council will be held this Friday, February 20, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing and action on the request of Ivan Blough to rezone 2.6 acres of property located on Hunt Street from A-1 Single Family Residential to A-3 Multiple Family Residential.

On East Main, east of Washington Street Saturday morning, Claud Vestal of Saranac was cited by Lowell Police for hitting two parked cars.

Leater had it before. Earl had it behind, etc. What is it? This little quiz kept many of our readers guessing last week, and most were quick to discover it was the letter "L". If you have a tricky quiz that might stump our readers, send it and the answer to the Grand Valley Ledger, 105 North Broadway Street, Lowell.

Lowell To Ada Water Has Verbal Agreement

Lowell and Ada officials are in agreement as to the concept of a water pipeline. Kenneth Anderson, clerk of Ada Township is quick to point out that numerous problems have to be resolved.

Lowell will be able to supply an estimated 800,000 gallons per day. Ada is committed for use of 350,000 gallons per day. This would mean that at the time water was delivered to Ada, almost half of the total amount would be allotted.

Anderson stated, "It will be a pay as you use plan. The money will be raised with the sale of bonds, we are still discussing the amount and details of financing."

The question of the actual physical location of the pipeline could be to the north of M-21. The south side is being considered, however, it is possible that the flood plain might make this impractical.

A quiet survey of the Ada village left little doubt that Ada does need clean water. In some areas water is difficult to find and in many cases cases when it is found it leaves a lot to be desired. It is reminiscent of the lines "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink". One businessman reports his water was so hard the only way to shut it off was with a hatchet.

Anderson stated "Two landowners have had to go out of business because of water problems." We have had inquires from a number of people who wanted to go into business, but were apprehensive about water.

Adacraft Commons and Adatowne are the only two developments served by a common water system. Under a previous

agreement any time municipal water is available they are compelled to hook up to that system. A quick survey here showed for the most part they are receiving good water and in sufficient amounts.

This system is part of the Ladd development and serving both Adacraft and Adatowne. Just what would happen to this system if Ladd could no longer maintain it is not known at this time. Whether the rates for this water will be higher and by how much will have to be determined. We will examine some of these matters and report them later.

Cascade is watching developments in this project very

closely. Lee Patterson, village manager, stated "We are interested in what happens. Some of our people on the north side of the township could be easier served by this system than they could by Grand Rapids." Cascade is committed to some degree to Grand Rapids water system and currently they serve some of the west and south areas.

Last Monday evening, the Cascade Township board invited Williams and Works to the board meeting to brief them on the progress being made. Mr. Patterson does not know why negotiations between Grand Rapids and Ada broke down. He said "I believe it was a question of control of the system."

Lowell Council Approves Plans For Treatment Plant

The Lowell City Council met on Monday, February 16, and reviewed the plans for the water treatment plant, which were approved.

A few minor changes will be made in the plans before being opened for bids on March 26, 1976. Bids will be accepted on that day from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The council voted to remove the U.S. Post Office property in Lowell from special assessment on the tax roll. The assessment was placed on the post office property when the sewer system was installed. Federal Buildings have been ruled exempt from special tax assessments in many cases in other cities.

After hearing a report of costs involved for placing either a manually operated traffic light, or installing lighted 15 m.p.h. school zone signs, the council voted to install the latter at the corner of Monroe and High Streets. The costs involved were both about \$2,000.00.

After some discussion the council decided that the flashing 15 m.p.h. sign would be the most effective. The signs will have pre-set timers that will activate the flashers during school hours.

There were many remarks from the audience concerning a variety of subjects. Bill Gardner, owner of the Village Inn asked if the council might consider reviewing the ordinance concerning liquor-by-the-glass, and possibly making it a little less stringent. This brought mixed views from the councilmen, and there was some discussion on the subject. However, no action was taken on the matter.

The Aero Liquid Transit Co. was represented by Frank McMahon. Mr. McMahon stated that the Aero Company was very displeased with the manner in which the council, and the local news media handled the situation of two weeks ago, when Aero was cited for an ordinance violation.

Mr. McMahon stated that the Aero Company was not properly informed of the action being

"CHALLENGE TO BE FREE" will be playing at the Strand Theatre tonight and Thursday, 7 and 9 p.m. each night. c14

taken against them by the council. He went on to say that this newspaper created a public scare, that in the opinion of Aero Liquid Transit, was not necessary.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle asked the council if it would be possible to have the property in Lowell reassessed. Mr. Doyle said that the assessments now in existence should be up-dated to make them more equal. The council said that they would look into the cost involved in hiring an assessing firm.

Middle School Champs

The Lowell Middle School wrestling team has been crowned the Tri-River League champions for the 1975-76 wrestling season.

The 27 boys on the squad compiled a 6-1 record during the season, losing only their opening match against Fremont.

The team, coached by Craig Smith, compiled 359 team points and only allowed a total of 159 to all opponents.

Co-captains of this year's championship team were Jay Richard and Steve Ries.

Lowell School Board Agenda

The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet in the Middle School Choir Room on Monday evening, February 23.

Three items of importance have been placed on the agenda for the meeting which will start at 7:30 p.m.. They are: (1) Kent Intermediate School District's Special Education Services (2) Property Transfer Hearing, and (3) Transportation Report.

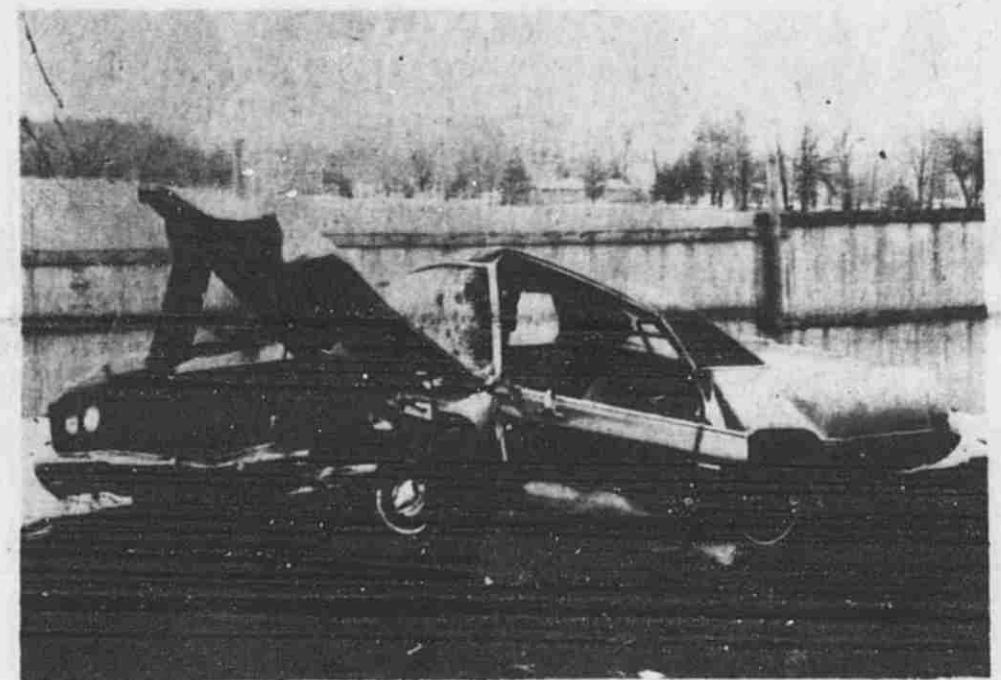
ROSIE DRIVE INN, 800 West Main, Lowell—This week's Special: Cheeseburgers, \$49. Sizzler Night, Saturday night; Chicken Night, Wednesday night; Family Night, Tuesday night. c-14

THE PERSONAL TOUCH—Individualized hair coloring at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7506. c14

Devastating M-21 Crash Claims Lowell Woman



A 21-year-old Lowell woman was killed last Thursday afternoon on M-21 when her auto (above) was hit head-on by a car, shown below, driven by a Lowell man.



A devastating two-car head-on collision last Thursday afternoon, February 12, about 4:30 p.m., on East Fulton Road (M-21), near Forest Hills Avenue, S.E., claimed the life of a Lowell woman, and critically injured a Lowell man.

Killed in the crash was Miss Marsha Lee Pratt, aged 21, of Elkhart Drive (Murray Lake), Lowell, the driver of one car.

Critically injured was the driver of the second car involved, Robert Dykhouse, 31, of 11010 Deerwood Drive, S.E., Eastgate-In-The-Woods.

Kent County Sheriff's Deputies said the force of the impact scattered glass and auto parts nearly 50 feet on either side of the accident area, and knocked a passenger's seat out of the Dykhouse vehicle. M-21 traffic was diverted for over two hours.

According to Deputy Edward Rusticus, Miss Pratt was eastbound on M-21, and Dykhouse was westbound; the point of impact was about a foot into the eastbound lane, appearing Dykhouse may have crossed over the center line.

Miss Pratt was pinned inside the smashed shell of her new automobile for nearly an hour. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Butterworth Hospital.

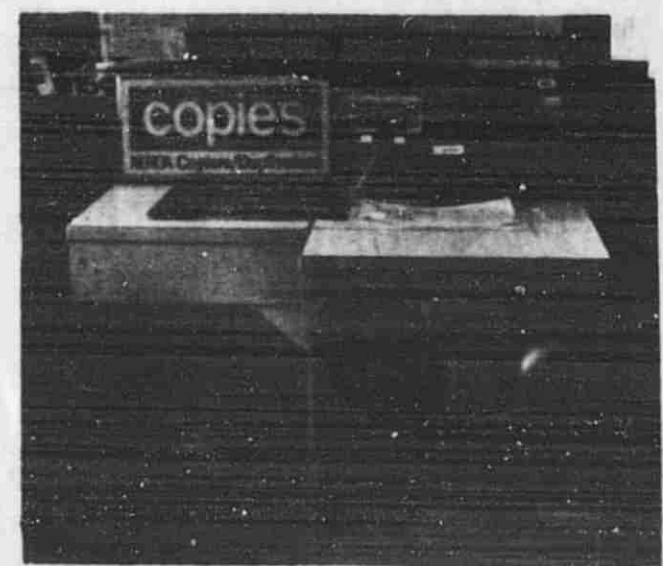
Early Tuesday morning Dykhouse was still listed in critical condition at Butterworth, where

he went under emergency surgery. Hospital officials said he sustained head and internal injuries, plus a fracture of the left leg which nearly severed the limb.

Funeral services for Miss Pratt, conducted by the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home were held Monday afternoon at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, with the Reverend Alvin Yates officiating. Burial was made in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

She was a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School and was employed at the Breton Village offices of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Copier Is Back In Service



The copy machine at the Lowell Post Office is back in service. The copier is a coin operated machine that makes copies for the price of fifteen cents each.

Albert Porritt Is Runner-Up



Albert Porritt of 11422-84th Street, S.E., Alto, has been named runner-up in the "Michigan Feeder of the Year" competition, sponsored by Farm Bureau Services.

Porritt, a swine farmer, who resides in Farm Bureau District IV, markets over 1,000 hogs per year, and has 165 breeding sows which average 9.5 pigs to the litter.

He farms 500 acres of ground, and is supplied with feeds by the Caladonia Farmer's Elevator.

The prestigious award, presented by Farm Bureau Services for the first time this year, is given for "Agricultural feeding excellence, expert farm management and outstanding agricultural leadership".

Porritt was runner-up to a Calhoun County dairy farmer, Allen Shepard.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Richard Gensitner, brother of Mrs. Tessie Scofield of Ada, passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning, February 14, at his home, 1201 Lake Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids. He was 77 years old.

Si J. Balczak, 79, a veteran of World War I passed away February 14 at the Michigan Veterans' Facility. Among his survivors is a brother, Walter, of Ada.

Mrs. Catherine A. Vander-Veen, mother of Hugh C. Vander-Veen of Lowell, passed away

The University Horn Choir, an ensemble of student French hornists from the Department of Music at Western Michigan University presented a special program on February 18. One of the students performing in the program was Dan Lomas, a graduate of Lowell Senior High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lomas now reside at 988 Kenmore, S.E., Grand Rapids.

Ray M. Belding, father of Mrs. Ralph (Jean) Mueller of Alto, passed away February 10 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 59 years old.

Four hundred and two students at the College of Arts and Sciences of Grand Valley State College have been named to the Dean's List at the end of the fall term 1975. Among those named to the list were Carla S. Berg of Ada and Robert A. Barnes of Lowell.

Mission, Ann Pullen, Elizabeth Redwood, Susan Rose, Daniel VanDyke and Constance Vashaw.

Mrs. Ida VanderJagt of Cascade is now at the Kent Community Hospital in Grand Rapids, recovering from a broken hip.

Dennis O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. O'Hara, 3141 Emery Drive, Lowell, and Angela Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Parsons, 10370 W. Grand River Avenue, Lowell, have been placed on the fall semester dean's list at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Abbie G. Nelson, 87, of 10731 Freepoint Avenue, Bowne Township, passed away Saturday, February 14, at the Sheppard Care Home in Freepoint. She had resided in the Bowne Township area for the past four years.



As we approach the magical month of April when all signs of winter's cold have disappeared, many people turn their thoughts to outdoor activities. When you are outside who doesn't like to see wildlife, whether it be in your front yard or in a secluded woodlot? Occasionally the question arises, "How can I help the wild animals?"

Wildlife management can be a complicated affair but there are certain things that landowners can do to increase wildlife populations on the farm or in the yard. You can artificially feed the animals but the best way to feed them is with natural foods. This spring you might consider planting trees that bear tasty fruit. Mountain ash, cherry, poplars, crabapples, or other fruit trees will provide food for many types of song and game birds. Many types of shrubs will provide nesting places for birds or rabbits.

The general tendency is to drain wet areas of a field. Before you do, you should consider the productivity of the drained area. Consider the wildlife on your land a crop. By draining a wet area you may gain more in crops but you may be sacrificing a nesting area for pheasants, ruffed grouse or rabbits.

In general, if you have a brushy area, leave it if at all possible. Rabbits, game and songbirds, deer and other forms of wildlife depend on small areas for food and cover. Swamps are often drained to gain more farmland but marshes and other wet areas are the most productive for wildlife. Duck populations decreased tremendously several years ago until it was discovered that ducks were using even small potholes for nesting areas.

If you wish to feed wild animals, the position of the feeder must be carefully considered. A bird feeder placed near bushes to provide hiding places will quickly draw songbirds and quite possibly squirrels. Feeding wild animals extensively in summer may not be advisable as raccoons and opossums come out of their

Esther Staal Honored

The eleven seniors earning all A's were: Mari Dennick, Diana Keim, Paula Kirby, Elizabeth Kyser, Steve Noffke, Colleen Nugent, Julie Rosenberg, Jean Smith, Lori Sypher, Pat Vanslyke and Donald Vickers.

The All A roll also included juniors: Anne Kline, Paul Miller, Mary Page, and Diane Rasch; sophomores: Cynthia Hinds, freshmen: Allyson Albans, David Baerwald, Jerry Carlson, Kirk Haybarker, Francis Simmerer, Gary Warning and Kathy Zywicki.

Those students attaining a grade point average of 3.00 or better for placement on the honor roll were: Donna Abson, Don Abson, Carol Alexander, Jennifer Alexander, Dale Anderson, Douglas Anderson, Mark Armstrong, Gail Ayres, Gary Ayres, Kevin Baker, Jim Ball, Karen Susan Banfill, Diane Barras, Debra Bencher, Dennis Bieber, Roseann Babko, Joy Buche, Larry Burton, Cindy Butts, Dan Callen, Jan Chapman, Brenda Clark, Paulette Clark, Gregory Eldridge, Colleen Erdman, Julie Fish, Sylvia Fuchs, Toshiyuki Furukawa, Pam Galbraith, June Geldersma, Becky Gerard,

USPS Informs Consumers

"The greatest enemy of the mail-order cheat is the informed consumer," Postmaster Charles Doyle said today. "That's what Postal Consumer Protection Week is about... to make you an informed consumer."

Although the vast majority of mail-order firms are honest, reliable and necessary to U.S. economy, "a few bad apples can spoil the rest of the basket," he said. "Being aware is the best way to combat the spotters. Postal Consumer Protection Week, February 22-28 is designed to inform the public of available postal consumer aids."

Not only can informed persons protect themselves and their families but they can also help alert the Postal Service to rackets and schemes which may be costing American consumers more than an estimated \$395 million a year, he said.

One flexible and relatively new consumer protection program in operation at the Postal Service combines the talents of the Postal Inspection Service, the service's Consumer Protection office and its Consumer Advocate, in resolving complaints of alleged mail-order swindles when postal customers fail to receive merchandise or orders, refunds promised or find that the product or service purchased is not as advertised.

"You see," Postmaster Doyle added, "shopping by mail can be time saving and thrifty. While other shoppers fight each other for parking spaces, the mail-order shopper can relax at home while making purchases. And, be assured, we at the Postal Service want to protect the right to continue to ship by mail with confidence."

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Rites Held For Curtis Jones

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, February 11, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell for Curtis L. Jones.

The Reverend Dean L. Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiated at the services, with burial made following in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Jones of 10706 Cascade Road, Lowell, aged 63, passed away Sunday, February 8.

He is survived by a brother, Grant Jones of Cuterville, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

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Die Casting Guided Tour At Attwood

A guided tour through the Die Casting Department of Attwood Corporation, 1016 North Monroe Street, Lowell, will be conducted Friday, February 20, in observance of Die Casting Week, February 16-21.

Attwood spokesman, George Glasco, who serves as secretary of the West Michigan Chapter No. 3, Society of Die Casting Engineers, has revealed that the tour will be given between the hours of 12 noon and 3:30 p.m.

The Attwood tour will climax week-long list of activities in observance of Die Casting Week, which includes a series of open houses, seminars and special speakers at various functions in the Grand Rapids area.

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Lenten Book Review Series

Plans are being made for the fourteenth annual YMCA Lenten Book Review Series which will be held at the Lowell YMCA office on March 24, March 31 and April 7 at 10 a.m. with coffee at 9:45 a.m.

Committee members working plans include, from left, Julie Kronbach, Doris Gardner, Ellen Moore, Betty Coons, Evelyn Briggs and Evelyn Barnes.

Golden Ball Highlight Of Moose Social Season

All plans have been finalized for the Lowell Moose Lodge's annual "Golden Ball" to be held in their club facilities at 210 East Main Street, Lowell, on Saturday, February 21, at 11 p.m.

According to the general chairman, Louis Smit, the Golden Ball will be a semi-formal event, highlighting the social season of Lowell Lodge, No. 809.

All proceeds netted from the ball will be contributed to the Moosehead-Moosehaven Endowment Fund.

This fund is a perpetual source for the two prime projects of Moose fraternal service to its members—Mooseheart, Illinois, the Child City, and Moosehaven, Orange Park, Florida, the Moose home for the aged.

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Jack Ryan Re-Elected To Sixth Term

The Utility Workers Union, Local 481, which the employees of Lowell Light and Power Company belong to, held their annual election. Elected into office was Jack Ryan as president, which makes him six consecutive times being elected to the presidency.

The Utility Workers are connected with the AFL/CIO with main offices in Washington D.C. The Lowell group is a part of Region 4, with representation in Jackson, Michigan.

Elected as vice-president was

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NURSEYEMEN'S CONVENTION TO OPEN FEBRUARY 24

The Spirit of '76-Green Sashes will be the theme of the 54th annual convention of the Michigan Association of Nurse-yemen to be held at the Welsh Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, February 24 through February 26.

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New Buds On The Family Tree

A baby girl was born Monday, February 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Len (Linda) Hamp.

Arriving at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital, Heather Marie weighed 8 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs. Awaiting her arrival home is a sister, Tina Jo, and a brother, Dennis Michael.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hamp, all of Lowell.

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for a 2 1/2 year duty. Cecil Taylor and his sister, Mrs. Florence Bloom of Grand Rapids had Sunday dinner at the Steak House, south of Ionia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaMaire of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Scott.

Mrs. Pat Carigan and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright, David Highway, are the proud parents of a son, Nathan Ralph, born Monday, February 9. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

Elaine Kutchins and her children Les and Lisa were dinner guests of Helen and Mary Lou Dodge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wright of Crystal called on Jerry and Carol Wright and their new grandson Friday evening and then visited Helen and Mary Lou Dodge.

Elizabeth Sterick spent the weekend with her son Jack in Sheridan. His wife is a patient in the Ionia Hospital.

Pearl White visited Mable Child, Tuesday afternoon. Evening guests were Mrs. Doris Austin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs were birthday dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family in Hastings.

Sable Kent was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bowen, Belting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinyon, Greenville were overnight guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Hills Truher.

Mrs. Kathleen Olson visited Mr. and Mrs. Herb Olson and family of Lowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sells and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sells were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sells to celebrate Karen's 7th birthday.

Ethel Walters had a birthday dinner for the Progress Club Thursday, celebrating its 54th year. Ethel and Jane Neusbaum were the only living members left. 12 members were present.

Mrs. Marty Ryina, Holland, Cathy Slagh, Grand Rapids, and Steve Slagh, Chicago were weekend guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Slagh.

Mrs. Barbara Miller and Mrs. M. Wallace of Lake Odessa were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Agnes Campbell.

Saranac Senior Citizens travelers are taking a trip to Nashville Tennessee to the Grand Ole Opry April 22. Reservations should be made soon. Call Muriel Peck 642-9209 or Ojars Smits, Saranac High 642-9232.

Cathy Vroman performed with the Ferris State College choir at Big Rapids on February

19. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Adgate's son, Rickie, has joined the Guardian Angels Nursing School in Ionia.

Ionia Hospital: Surgery, Jan Posehn, Discharge, Mrs. Edward Minard.

Belding Hospital: Surgery, Connie Reeling, Sheldon Cahoon was discharged Monday, then on Thursday evening suffered a stroke and was re-admitted as a medical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, Lowell took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin to the Rye Knot in Grand Rapids for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benjamin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, both of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin went Thursday in Flint.

Saturday evening guests of Bernice Rudd were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Buer of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tower were guests of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, Lowell on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mrs. Beatrice Kelley of Elsie and a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley and family.

Levinna Marek, Mrs. Barbara Taylor and Sharon of Greenview were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Debbie Hamilton of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Houseman of Grand Rapids were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Houseman.

Harol Haakins was a visitor of Eliza Johnson Saturday forenoon. Saturday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cornight, Grand Rapids, Crystal Mansfield, Vada Gagnon and Joyce.

Mrs. Gay Cowles and family of Lansing were Sunday evening guests of Katherine Feasal.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hitchcock of Ionia were Thursday evening guests of Katherine Feasal.

Mrs. Gay Cowles and family and Mrs. Susan Snyder both from Lansing were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cahoon.

George Washington: 1st in war. 1st in peace and 1st to have his birthday jugged to make a long weekend.

An open house was held Sunday afternoon at John Adgate's home, David Highway for the new-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adgate. Attending were the Poole and Adgate families; about 65 were present.

John's four granddaughters' help served the refreshments and the cake which was made by Connie Bos.

"Anyone who has the time to look for a four-leaf clover needs to find one."

He is the son of William H. Heffron of 2294 Buttrick, S.E., Ada.

Lalley Speaks About 'Wills'

Robert L. Lalley, Vice-President Trust Department of Michigan National Bank, addressed the Lowell Rotary Club Wednesday noon February 11.

Speaking on the topic of "Wills", Lalley said that everyone needs to consider how he wants his assets distributed and his family cared for in the event of his death.

He further advised that wills be drawn up only by a competent attorney and that everyone, regardless of his income, should have a will. "The poorer a man is, the less he can afford to die without a will," said Lalley.

In response to a question regarding his work in the F.B.I. Mr. Lalley said that he felt that the F.B.I. and its former Director had done a good job and has nothing to be ashamed of.

Sandy Grant introduced the speaker. Rotary guests included Mike McCarthy, Del Swiers, and J. Rotarian, Mark Hartley and Greg Eldridge.

Heffron Is Marine Grad

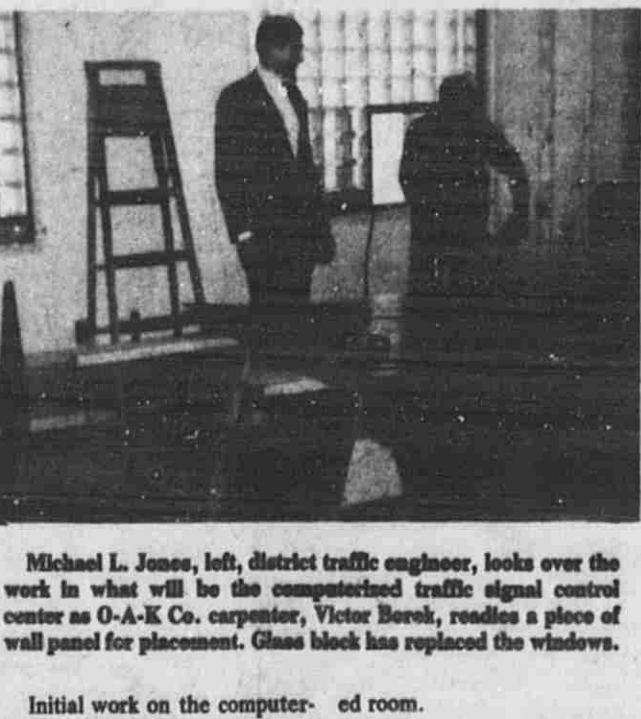


Marine Private Timothy H. Heffron was graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California on February 11.

Physical conditioning, discipline and teamwork were emphasized during Heffron's Marine Recruit training.

Heffron's classes included instruction in close order drill, Marine Corps history, first aid, uniform regulations and military customs and courtesies.

Computer Will Control Traffic Control Changes



Michael L. Jones, district traffic engineer, looks over the work in what will be the computerized traffic signal control center as O-A-K Co. carpenter, Victor Borek, reads a place of wall panel for placement. Glass block has replaced the windows.

Initial work on the computerized traffic signal control center in the Grand Rapids headquarters of the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation has started, says Michael L. Jones, district traffic engineer.

The computer will control the traffic signal changes, based on the amount of traffic on the South Beltline between Patterson Ave., SE, Cascade Township, and Grandville; and on the East Beltline between Lake Dr. and the South Beltline.

This traffic will include that which is bound for Lowell whether by the South Beltline, Int. 96 and the Lowell interchange, or by the East Beltline to M-21 and then east.

This computerized traffic signal control system will be the second of its kind in Michigan, the first having been installed in Lansing.

To facilitate the flow of traffic, the \$254,400 project is expected to be in operation in August. Also, installation of metallic loops, part of which will be embedded at the major intersections from Grandville east late last fall but halted because of winter, will be continued the first part of May and completed in about a month.

The loops are being embedded in the concrete of the approach lanes of 20 intersections and will be connected by a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. crew to the telephone lines for electrical power and to the computer.

Built by Honeywell, Inc., of Hopkins, Minn., the computer will be in a special air-conditioned room.

"The loops will 'read' the amount of traffic and then 'tell' the computer what to do at the designated intersections," explains Jones. "The new system will facilitate the traffic movement in relation to the amount of traffic."

The special room, a former office, is being transformed into headquarters for the computer by a crew from Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of Grand Rapids. The windows were replaced with glass block, paneled walls are being installed, the floor has been raised to provide proper insulation there and a "plenum" is being built for the computer. Temperature and humidity will be steady so the unit will work properly.

Jones says if the computer should fail at one time, an audio alarm is set off in the headquarters and traffic signal controls revert to the old system immediately. Honeywell will keep the computer in repair, he adds.

By: Dave Barnes

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Exciting Games

The Saranac Faculty took on the Grand Rapids Pacers Saturday night in the first game of a doubleheader basketball game and played inspired ball before bowing 86 to 64.

The Pacers, a team comprised of disabled individuals, gave the faculty 50 points and with both teams playing in wheelchairs slowly cut the Faculty lead before taking the lead midway in the final half of play. Leading the Redskin attack was Harold Schmidt with six points.

The second game of the evening was a matchup between the Odd and Even year Alumni Michigan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Posthumus, 11960-100th Street, Alto, is one of 15 participants from 11 states selected for the first international 4-H exchange between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Russia.

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Lowell Fifth In District Tournament

On Saturday, February 14, the Lowell grapplers wrestled in the State Qualifying District meet at East Grand Rapids High School.

Lowell had five wrestlers that qualified for the Regional meet to be held next Saturday at South Haven. Preliminary matches will begin at 12 noon, with the final getting underway at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Following are the results for the days wrestling: (asterisk denotes regional qualifiers)

98 lbs. Ray Alexander was defeated by Lee John Srebock of Hudsonville, 4-0.

105 lbs. Dan Kropp* qualified by beating Louis Cares of East Grand Rapids, 9-7.

112 lbs. Mark Fairman got pinned by Matt Levitt of East.

119 lbs. Ed Longhin lost 7-4 to Tom Kowalski of Catholic Central.

126 lbs. Roger Graham* qualified by beating Terry Norcia of Jenison and Scott Palczewski of Northville.

132 lbs. Jeff Rickett* qualified by beating Mike Cook of Kelloggville 13-6 and Jerry Koersma of West Catholic 2-0.

138 lbs. Bill Heintzelman beat

Red Arrows Victorious Over Christian Eagles

After suffering a two game losing streak, the Lowell Red Arrows' ice hockey team found confidence and pride, and was rewarded with a 5-3 victory over Grand Rapids Christian.

The first period was fast and exciting as Lowell's coach Al Rozzo made frequent line changes and gave everyone the chance to play.

Lowell's Ron Merriman scored the only goal of the first period with Mark Ries assisting. The second period saw the Christian Eagles tie the game on a break-away shot and goal on the Lowell Rotary Club Wednesday afternoon.

But, Lowell's junior center, Mark Ries, made the Christian Eagles a short lived thing as in the third period, he scored two quick goals and put Lowell out in front to stay.

Brett Reed of Lakewood 8-4, then lost to John Strong of East 5-1.

145 lbs. Doug Heintzelman lost to John Kelleher of Catholic Central 15-0.

155 lbs. Bill Mauric lost to Ron Stingle of Godwin 22-2.

167 lbs. John Wilder* qualified by pinning Roger Branot of Hudsonville and Doug Stadel of Lakewood.

185 lbs. Dave Hendrix* qualified by pinning Jerry Salaska of West Catholic and Rick Bekins of Kenowa Hills.

Hwt. Tom Desch pinned Don Vaas of V-joming then got pinned by Jim Hocking of Hudsonville.

Final Scores

East Grand Rapids	49%
G.C. Catholic Central	39%
Lowell	34
Northville	31%
Forest Hills Central	28
Rogers	25
Hudsonville	24
Ken-wa Hills	23
West Catholic	22
Jenison	22
Lakewood	22
Wyoming Park	16
Godwin	11
Caledonia	10
Kelloggville	6

Night driving is three times as dangerous as day driving, says the National Safety Council.

Lack Of Snow Cancels Outing For Families

The regular meeting of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, Lowell, was held Sunday, February 15, at the Jaycee's club-house on Burroughs Road.

Following a potluck dinner club president, Mrs. Polly Souser called the meeting to order with all officers and advisory board members in attendance.

The Family Day Outing to be sponsored by the West Michigan Snowmobile Council Saturday, February 21, has been cancelled because of the lack of snow. Also the West Michigan Snowmobile Trail from Gun Lake to Wabesa Lake has been closed.

There were two special drawings with Polly Souser getting a Life membership in the Club and Jerry's Bar in Alto winning the special 50-50 drawing.

Winners of the regular drawing were Victor Souser, the club's secretary, Ed Marshall, Mike Fuggitt and Brad Potter winning the adult prizes.

Again, all members and others are urged to enjoy the club's Bingo games every Wednesday evening at the Lowell V.F.W. Hall. Early Bird bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. with regular and jackpot games starting at 7:30 p.m.

It was decided to have a pancake breakfast at the next meeting on March 21 with John Minges and his committee in charge. They serve a whooper of a meal and anyone may attend. Adults are served for \$1.75; children, 5-12, \$1.00; and under five, free.

The club entertained the kids from Child Haven in Grand Rapids again on February 7. As usual, they had a great lot of fun, and are becoming avid fans of snowmobiling.

Think snow! There's still over a month of winter yet! So far, we've had a great year without heading into the north woods and would appreciate a little more. Please!

Yellow Jackets Sting Arrows

In a Tri-River League basketball encounter last Tuesday night, the Red Arrows from Lowell Senior High School got stung by the Yellow Jackets from Greenville 67-53.

Playing at Greenville, an early lead was taken by the Yellow Jackets, 16-10, before Lowell ignited their potential and took the lead 17-16 half-way through the second quarter.

When the buzzer designated half-time, Greenville had regained a 33-25 point advantage.

The end of the third quarter saw the Red Arrows dropping back, 47-37, a disadvantage which they never recovered from.

Leading scorer for the Red Arrows was Dale Phillips who hit the backboards for 15 points. Steve Wittenbach also hit the double scoring figures with 12 tallies.

Last Tuesday's loss left the Red Arrows with a 2-9 record in league competition and 3-14 overall.

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They are certainly an exceptional band, and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Anyone who would like to contact Softwood for an engagement, they can be contacted by calling Mike Force at 866-0739.

Softwood... A Good Time Had By All

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Going To Russia...

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Put Your Best Foot Forward

"Put Your Best Foot Forward" is the emphasis for the modeling-grooming clinic for 4-H clothing, knitting and crocheting members and leaders. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 25, 7 to 9 p.m. at Rafter Elementary School, Tuttle Road, Ionia. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The personal appearance project members will receive pointers in walking, carriage and posture as well as modeling from Miss Kathy White of Fenwick, a graduate of Patricia Stevens Career College and Finishing School, Toledo, Ohio.

The participants will also spend part of the evening with Mrs. Larry Spencer, beautician. Mrs. Spencer will discuss hair care and styling and personal grooming.

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Dirk Venema To Speak On Fifth Principle

The theme for the Sunday morning 11 a.m. service, February 22, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Alaska Branch) will be "Worth of Persons". Priest Howard Jozama will be the speaker.

District President, Dirk Venema will be speaking on the fifth principle of the Gospel, "Resurrection of the Dead" at the Sunday evening worship service.

During these series the service will start at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the special music that is given at these services. The Church is

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Review Famous Women

The Lowell Women's Club met February 11 in the lounge at Schneider Manor, with the president, Mrs. Harry Richmond opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Leonard Sink gave a very enlightening report on the Youth For Understanding program at Lowell Senior High School, telling of the many projects conducted by the students to earn money to go to some other country.

The monies thus earned by the YFU students will go into a general fund, and the ladies voted to donate another \$20 for the program.

On February 19, several ladies of the club will help and furnish cupcakes to the guests at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home for their monthly birthday party. Mrs. Ellis, chairman, has as her committee, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Noteware, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Roth.

The afternoon was then turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. Roberts, who had arranged with several ladies to each give a biography on some famous woman who had helped make America great, all in recognition of the annual Patriots' Day, and the bi-centennial year.

Home And Family Life Program

A "Home and Family Life Program" sponsored by the Family Service Association of Kent County will be offered in an 11-week series at the East Kent Community Center's Satellite facility at 805 East Main Street, Lowell.

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The Reverend Dean I. Bailey performed the double-ring ceremony before a altar decorated with a large wedding candle surrounded by red and white gladioli and chrysanthemums.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. John D. Thorne and the late John D. Thorne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan K. Blough, all of Lowell.

Ronald Krebs of Ann Arbor, cousin of the groom was organist and Mrs. Ward Scofield, Eaton, Ohio, cousin of the bride, soloist, sang "One Hand, One Heart," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her uncle, Fay Johnson, the bride entered the sanctuary adorned in a wedding gown of crepe marcelaine Jersey with a V-neck edged in crystal pleating and pearls. Venice lace and pearls outlined the set-in empire bodice, enhanced by a circular skirt and long sleeves with crystal belt and lace ruffled cuffs. A Camellia with matching lace secured her fingertip and elbow-length veil of illusion.

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Church Awards Class

One of the largest Church Awards Classes ever at the Cascade Christian Church, graduated last Sunday during the 10:30 morning worship.

These young people, seven through ninth graders, have met each Saturday morning for the past year. They have given a minimum of 75 hours of volunteer service to the church, as well as undergoing a very disciplined course of study, including lots of Bible study, memorization of the books of the Bible and the 23rd Psalm.

Jeff Stout got the highest grade, 83 out of a possible 85, on the final examination given to the class. Karen Crawford was second with 80.

Tammy Herring gave the most volunteer hours of service during the year, 175. The only person ever to top her was John Thornington who gave 290 hours the year he went through the program.

Hooker Chapter No. 73, RAM invites all members to a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Avenue. This will be followed by the February Stated Convocation at 7:30 p.m.

The 39'ers of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will meet in the church basement on Saturday, February 28 for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a good program.

COMING EVENTS

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CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official proceedings of City Council of the City of Lowell.

Special Council Meeting of February 10, 1976.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Pfalter at 7:30 p.m. and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen, Collins, Jefferies and Pfalter.
Absent: Councilmen Warning and Christiansen.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the absence of Councilman Warning, and Mayor Christiansen be excused, supported by Councilman Jefferies.

Carried.
The notice for the call of the Special Meeting was read by the Acting City Clerk. The purpose being a Public Hearing for advisory information and action on eligible projects for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development programs for Second Year Community Block Grant Development funding.

The Mayor pro tem opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. There was no audience present. He declared the Public Hearing open until 8:00 p.m. to allow for any late arrivals.

Council members discussed the thirteen categories, making a priorities list of those categories to be included in the application.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Public Hearing be closed at 8:05 p.m., supported by Councilman Jefferies.

Carried.
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the City of Lowell apply to the Second Year Community Block Grant Development Program funds for Restoration of an Historic Site, (Library building), Land Acquisition, (for removal of deteriorated buildings, and off-street parking), Street Construction, (specifically the connector street from Main to Foreman, West of the C. and O. Railway tracks), and the continuation of the Residential Rehabilitation program, supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.
IT WAS THEN MOVED to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. by Councilman Collins, supported by Councilman Jefferies.

Carried.
Approved: February 16, 1976.

Robert Christiansen, Nancy J. Wood,
Mayor, Acting City Clerk

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell.

Regular Meeting of Monday, February 23, 1976.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Christiansen at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen, Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the Minutes of the Meeting of January 19 be approved with the following corrections, change the appointment of Councilman Jefferies as representative, to the Greater Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, instead of Lowell, correct a typographical error, and change paragraph 9, page 7 to read in part, "and could be purchased for a lower amount than the price of the rental unit now being used in the office," supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Jefferies.
Yes: Councilmen, Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.
No: None.
Absent: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$19,165.17
Major Street Fund	11.05
Sewer Fund	3,193.57
Water Fund	2,842.87
Equipment Fund	1,666.92
Current Tax Collections	67,667.53

Mayor Christiansen then brought up the request of Mr. Ivan Blough to rezone 2.6 acres of property owned by him, located on Hunt Street from A-1 Single Family Residential to A-3 Multiple Family Residential, stating that a Public Hearing was supposed to be held at this meeting. He explained that a mixup in publishing and notice deadlines had forced a cancellation of the hearing. The hearing was rescheduled for a Special Meeting of the Council, Friday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Blough was present and stated for the record that he did not know what the long range effect would have because of the postponement, but stated that since the

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT
FOR THE
COUNTY OF KENT

ESTATE OF
SHERYL KAY KELBIER, Minor
File No. 128-986

TAKE NOTICE: On March 3, 1976, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, 333 Monroe Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the Hon. A. DALE STOFFELS, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Sheryl Kay Kelbier for appointment of Walter Raymond Farr and Kittie Marie Farr, or some other suitable person, as guardian for the custody and care of the education of said minor.

Dated: February 9, 1976.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Robert E. Gersch
Waters Bldg.
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502

Sheryl Kay Kelbier, Petitioner
By Robert E. Gersch, Attorney
3320 Woodward SW
Wyoming, Michigan

Phone 459-7153

using the crossing, and that there have been many complaints that people do not stop at the stop sign on the corner of Washington and High Streets. Officer Pace stated that during the study he made, the school buses didn't even stop before turning the corner from High on to Washington Street.

Councilman Collins suggested that perhaps the area on Monroe Street in the school zone could be posted with signs reducing the speed limit from 25 mph, to 15 mph. Pre-crosswalk warning signs could also be installed further across from the intersection.

Councilman Jefferies asked that Chief Emmons investigate the cost of such signing and report back to Council. Chief Emmons asked permission to approach the School officials on sharing the cost.

Councilman Pfalter also asked for a cost estimate for the pedestrian activated signal light.

Officer Pace noted that it would take action of the Council to pass an ordinance to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph in the area.

Councilman Pfalter asked that the Police Department for the excellent study report.

There were no remarks from the audience.

Under Council remarks and reports, Councilman Collins asked about setting a night to discuss the criteria to be set for guidelines for spending the \$75,500 grant for rehabilitation, and to establish a citizens committee for input. He also reported that the Showboat Board was meeting tonight, and as Council representative, he had to miss that meeting to attend the Council Meeting. They have agreed to try to make other arrangements for meetings.

Councilman Pfalter then stated that the budget breakdown given to Council by the Senior Neighbors, Inc. did not give a detailed account of any comparisons on how much money is used in the operation of the various centers.

A discussion followed. Council concurred that Senior Neighbors, Inc. again be asked to submit a detailed copy of the budget explaining exactly where funding was originally to come from, how much, and why the \$9,000 is needed at this time. Mayor Christiansen stated that he would talk to Howard Clark, Director of the local center for detailed information on the operation of the local center.

Councilman Pfalter then headed a discussion on a problem of concern to several residents in the area of the Aero Liquid Transit Corp., as well as to all other Lowell residents. The problem stems from the company's parking and/or repairing of propane tanker trucks, creating traffic problems and the ever present possibility of an explosion. He explained that about a week ago a car had slid under a tanker in the roadway, and had come within 4 inches of the valves. He recommended that Council take the necessary steps to see that Aero Liquid Transit abides by the code requirements for the business district.

Councilman Pfalter also stated that many businesses on Main Street, particularly on the South side, from the West end of town to Broadway Street, there has been no snow removal from sidewalks. He asked that the City Manager cite all of the owners who are in violation with copies of the ordinance, and perhaps publish a general notice for all residents in the City to the same effect.

Chief Emmons stated that he had checked the ordinance for C-3 Business District for violations of the Code for Aero Liquid Transit, and stated that they are indeed in violation of one point of the City Code. They may also be in violation of several points of the State Code. Chief Emmons also said that he had made arrangements with County Health Department for an inspection and with the State Fire Marshall for an inspection.

Chief Emmons then asked for permission to cite the violations in writing giving the owner a time period to correct the situation, and to find another area to store the tankers. He pointed out that Mr. Harry DeMull is a joint owner with Mr. Vern Pettigilli, and that many times the tankers are stored at Mr. DeMull's property located at the West end of town.

The discussion continued with Council concurrence that if one tanker can be stored at DeMull's, they all can. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that Chief Emmons be instructed to cite the owners of the business and property for the violations, ordering them to cease and desist the storage of propane tanks within seven (7) days, and to comply with all ordinance requirements within that time period, or a warrant will be sought, supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried unanimously.
Mayor Christiansen asked Council to consider setting a date to discuss the settlement of the suit on the Starkweather-Moore case. The City Manager was instructed to contact Warner, Norcross and Judd for a convenient date.

Councilman Warning headed a discussion on the City possibly plowing the alleyway behind Bristol's Body Shop through to Beachum's Furniture, stressing fire danger.

Manager Siciliano replied that the area was all private property and must be plowed by a private firm.

Mayor Christiansen stated that the alley was blocked full of old car parts, and that nothing could get through there anyway.

The Manager stated that the City plows only City owned property, behind Lowell Savings and Loan and the parking lot, and behind City Hall, only to the property line, the rest to the east is all privately owned.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Warning also headed a discussion on the possibility of removing No Stopping, No Standing and No Parking signs on North Jefferson Street, and installing 15 Minute Parking signs, stating that with the decision of the

NOTICE TO LOWELL CITY TAXPAYERS

Final day for payment of Summer and Winter taxes will be Monday, March 1, 1976 at 5:00 p.m.

After that date, payment for such taxes shall be made to Kent County Treasurer's Office, 300 Monroe, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49502.

Be advised that on January 14, 1976, Senate Bill 5517 was signed into law by the Governor making all delinquent taxes subject to a 9% (9% per month) interest rate per annum. (This is an increase of 3% over the previous 6% interest charged.)

Patricia L. Smith
City Treasurer
City of Lowell
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Zoning Board of Appeals not to allow the moving of the house directly behind Harold Hall's property the Softee-Creme business, the City was virtually "cutting the man's throat" by not allowing him any type of parking around his business establishment. He stated that he felt that the City is driving business away from Lowell by not plowing alleys for businessmen, and these types of signs.

Manager Siciliano replied that the City was not in the business of plowing private property, or the removal of car parts from alleys. He also noted that he had had requests to also haul gravel to repair private alleyways. He stated that he felt it unfair for Citywide taxpayers to foot the bill for benefit of one property owner.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Jefferies to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.
Approved: February 16, 1976.

Robert Christiansen, Nancy J. Wood,
Mayor, Acting City Clerk

Phyllis Lande Becomes Mrs. Gordon L. Kelly



Miss Phyllis L. Lande of Lincoln Park, Michigan, became the bride of Gordon L. Kelly of Lowell in a two o'clock ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Saturday, February 7.

The Reverend Dean I. Bailey performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Lande of Lincoln Park and Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Kelly of Lowell.

The bride wore an ivory peau d'ange floor-length gown fashioned with a fitted bodice and long sleeves, appliqued with seed pearls. Her fingertip veil of illusion, secured by a rosette headpiece was enhanced by lace and seed pearls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. William Kelly of Spring Lake, aunt and uncle of the groom, were the honor attendants.

Ms. Alice Lande, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The guests were seated by Don Gezzi of Lincoln Park and Michael Leslie of Niles.

'HAPPY BIRTHDAY'

FEBRUARY 20
Ann Sauer
Michael Rivers
Maxine MacNaughton

FEBRUARY 21
Mary Jane Wernet
Treva Johnson
Perri Eickhoff

FEBRUARY 22
Stacy Sebastian
Tracy Sebastian
Chris Caboon
Robert Tulecki
Don Rocheleau

FEBRUARY 23
Orval McKay
Janet Bier
Joe Ellis
Virginia Fonger
Dick MacNaughton
Lula Kropf

FEBRUARY 24
Cliff Mulder
Puki Miller

FEBRUARY 25
Ida Clark
Allen Rock
Hugh VanderVeen
Lyle Armstrong

FEBRUARY 26
Sue Ferguson
Angela Graham

LOWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Lowell Township Board of Appeals will be held February 24, 1976, 8:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E. for the purpose of hearing a request from Robert Boyd for a variance which would allow him to establish a campground on the following piece of property within Section 13 of Lowell Township:

Part of N 1/4 of Sec 20 at NE cor of S 20 A. of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 TH S along E 1/8 line to E&W 1/4 line TN W along E&W 1/4 line to W 1/8 line TH N along W 1/8 line to ELY line of C&O RR R/W / 100 ft wide / TH SELY along SD RR R/W to S line of N 1847 ft of E 1/4 NW 1/4 TH E along SD S line to E line of W 482 ft of E 1/4 NW 1/4 TH N along SD E line to S line of N 1200 ft of NW 1/4 TH E along SD S line to E line of W 1056 ft of E 1/4 NW 1/4 TH S along SD E line to N 1/8 line TH E along N 1/8 line to N&S 1/4 line TH N Along N&S 1/4 line to N line of S 20 A. of NW 1/4 TH E to Beg. Section 13, TEN RW.

Carol L. Walls
Lowell Township Clerk
897-9831

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School Board

Lowell Area School Board of Education Regular Meeting, January 26, 1976.

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

Roll Call - Members Present: Metternick, Miller, Thaler, Siegle, Roberts, Kropf, Mullen (8 p.m.), McNeal

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 1976.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kropf, to approve the agenda, as amended.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Old Business

1. Motion by Miller, seconded by Roberts, to approve the transfer of the Bay Clayton property (40 acres described as the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 25 of the Township of Grattan) from Lowell to Belding, per agreement.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Agreement: 1. That the Belding appeal on the property in Section 28 be dropped; 2. That a settlement be made between the Belding and Lowell boards relative to assumption of debt levies; 3. All past concerns over taxes levied be dropped.

2. A communications committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 1976.

3. John Schneider was present to report that the bus radio system as leased is installed and operating. Drivers have received the instructor and the radios are proving to be very beneficial in improving efficiency, as well as assisting in trouble areas.

4. Superintendent Sinke reported on the budget workshop held on January 19, when board members received an update on current state aid reductions. Due to economies made, our system will be operating within our budget, provided no further state aid cuts occur.

5. Superintendent Sinke reported that we have received confirmation that six scholarships of \$500 each are available this year through the Doyle Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the superintendent's office or at the student services center in the senior high school. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and educational goals, first to 1976 graduates and then to other high school graduates, as available.

6. Board member Orion Thaler reported that the Close Up Scholarship Committee has decided that scholarships being provided and monies earned by the participants will be shared equally by all participants. The committee reserves the right to provide adequate assistance to needy participants if sufficient funding isn't available for all.

7. Superintendent Sinke reported that the Runciman Parent Teacher organization has a petition drive going to request a stop sign at the corner of Monroe and High Streets. Police Chief Barry Emmons informs us that the matter is being thoroughly studied, and he will soon be making a report and recommendation to the Lowell City Council.

8. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Miller, to adopt the Title IX Guidelines as proposed and amended.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

9. Board members were reminded to turn in their selections of the clinics they would like to attend at the M.A.S.B. Convention.

10. Mr. Thaler reported that the committee considering the revision of the policy on athletic training rules is working but had no report at this time.

11. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mullen, to approve hiring an additional bookkeeper in the central office. The position is to be re-evaluated at the end of six months.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstention: 1 Motion Carried

New Business

1. The February state aid payment will be made in two parts - half in February and half in March.

2. Don Kelly presented a report, updating the assessment

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

TO THE TAXPAYERS
AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LOWELL

The Board of Review of said Township will meet at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E.

MONDAY, MARCH 8
from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

For the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

The tentative real property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

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testing information. Along with the assessment results, we also have data now that shows our students are scoring above the national average for students taking the college entrance examinations.

3. It was reported that the Lowell Area Schools are eligible for \$2,000 for the 1975-76 year in the Paperback Book funding. Fifteen hundred dollars will be provided by the state and \$500 from local book budgets. This money is shared with the parochial schools and will be used in the elementary schools this year.

4. The public hearing held on January 26 by the Lowell City Zoning Commission denied the request of Mr. Harold Hall.

5. Board members Roger Roberts and Roger Kropf tentatively agreed to represent the board at the M.A.S.B. Conference on February 7, 1976 in Lansing.

6. Mr. Kelly gave board members copies of a policy statement for clarification of the transportation policy for high school students attending Kent Skill Centers.

7. Board members were given copies of the recently revised guidelines for free and reduced price hot lunches. This is an update, reflecting cost of living increases.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mullen, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Miller
Secretary

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

In 200 years Congress has passed two acts for the American Indians. One in 1972 gave the school's the directive to count all Indians with 1/4 to 1/16 Indian blood in them and create an Advisory Board of their parents. It is the first Act giving American Indians the right to say what kind of a program they want for their children.

It's important the school gets this count. Our society has segregated the Indian long enough. Some of the Reservations are as bad as prison camps were in WW II. If you think otherwise, I invite you to visit any one of the three reservations in Michigan.

If you are embarrassed by your heritage and feel it's a shame -- you can do something about that too -- by suggesting changes in the books on history of the Indians and getting books in the school library written by fellow Indians. Only through these Parent Advisory Boards will there be any changes.

Let your child's teacher know if you are an American Indian or tell Don Kelly or me. We need your input to form this board.

Concerned Citizens from three Michigan Counties, Montcalm, Kent and Ionia, have formed a group, TCCC, and along with ten township boards and the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners have gone on record opposing designation for the Flat River by the DNR as a Natural River under the Natural Rivers Act 231.

A planning committee has been set up by the DNR to plan designation over though all showings along the river oppose such designation. The TCCC board chairman Donald Garbow explained his group believes the Natural River Act 231 is a violation of basic property rights which have been in existence since the birth of our statehood. Control is the essence of ownership.

This law amounts to the confiscation of private property control with a severely limited land use by the riparian property owner, without payment. The set back and vegetative strip required in Act 231, turns private property into a scenic park. This in turn disrupts the property itself.

The tax break being considered given to the property owner is in essence the Open Space Act 116. This does not cover the average small land owner, but will be an advantage to the big property owner. The taking of property control and using it to benefit a few is not felt constitutional by the TCCC Board and its members. It is an encroachment upon individual rights.

The TCCC has been told policing of such an extensive area would be involved is virtually impossible. So the land owner is left with facing the encroachment of law violators. This can be dangerous and injurious to the land owner. The riparian property owner in return for this will be asked to pay the taxes on said controlled land and maintain certain DNR depicted areas.

There is no need for the Natural River Act to be a base for the preventive soil erosion as stated by the DNR, as the 400 ft. deemed by the law is in essence for the benefit of the sportsman.

The advantages of cross-country skiing are apparent, even for the beginner. You can easily travel over deep snow, quietly, with little effort, for long periods. While you are out, you have a great opportunity to observe wildlife, admire the scenery and solitude, and you might meet other skiers doing the same.

Mr. and Mrs. David Coons of Lowell, were recently enjoying the Lowell State Game Area. They related how much the area has changed since they first started to explore the game area north of Lowell.

A few more tips for the beginner must include not overdoing it on the first day, try a few short trips until you get

recreation. The law is solely exploited for recreational purpose.

The law is taking recreational land under their control and without payment. Upon arrival of the DNR in our area, and their attempt to designate, there were at that time existing four zoned \$2,000 for the 1975-76 year in the Paperback Book funding. At the present two more having zoning planning committees and the remainder of the townships are to follow.

But to those who have not zoned, in essence their river is protected now by state water laws. Zoning is good where there is a violation of public interest, but with laws already existing the public's needs are already taken care of. The green strip and the taking control of the land, we are now concerned with confiscation of land use without due process of law.

Master plans for all other designated rivers (two Heated, Betsy, Jordan, Boardman, Rogue) include the 22 already existing state pollution laws and programs, which have proved effective in the past. All the above laws mentioned were in existence before 1970, when the Natural Rivers Acts was passed, but lacking the confiscation of land use control.

The Natural River Act established true cash value is an admission of taking land control and decreasing property value. True cash value of suggested amount of property and suggestion of reduction of taxes had laid the law wide open to attack. This reduces value for taxes with no gains and this is clearly wrong. It is an invasion of privacy.

As of this writing the main planning committee has been inactive by the chairman until we meet with a DNR committee in Lansing on February 12, 1976 at 1:30 p.m.

The chairman for the TCCC group (Mr. Donald Garbow 120-517-762-5091 and Robert Cusack 616-527-4243) felt that our thoughts as property owners involved are not being and never were accurately represented to the Lansing delegation.

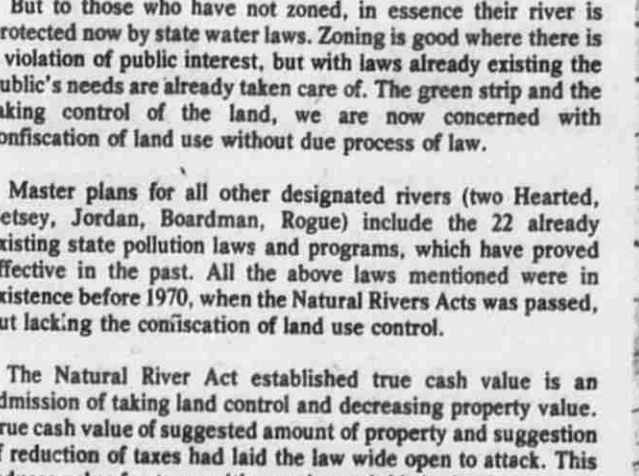
See Sue Derenski
February 5, 1976

conditioned. Also, don't overdo, cross-country skiing can be work at times and you won't need many clothes to stay warm. If you are in an unfamiliar area, be sure you have a compass and use it to keep track of where you are going.

Cross-country skiing is fast becoming a major winter sport in Michigan as more people find that they don't have to sit inside and wish for an early spring.

by Steve Harrington

Three Lowell Students Are 'Top Essayists'



Three Lowell Middle School students have earned the school's first, second and third place awards for their entries in the seventh annual Freedom's Foundation America and Me essay contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

The three top essayists, who will receive honor certificates for their achievement, are Merlene Parsons, first; Diane Kootman, second; and Susan Vandewater, third.

A plaque engraved with the name of the school's first place winner will also be presented to the school.

Nearly 6,000 eighth grade students from 138 Michigan schools submitted entries in this year's contest, which is conducted with the help of Farm Bureau insurance agents across the state.

As the school's first place winner, Merlene's essay has been entered into the statewide competition from which ten state winners will be selected. Prizes for the top ten in the state include a \$500 savings bond, \$250 in savings bonds for second place, \$100 bonds for third, fourth and fifth place, and \$50 bonds for each of the remaining essayists in the top ten.

A notable panel of judges, headed by Gov. William Milliken, will determine the top winners. Other members of the judging panel are Secretary of State Richard Austin; U.S. Congressman M. Robert Carr; State Senator Earl Nelson; Michigan State University President Clifton Wharton Jr.; and University of Michigan President Robben Fleming.

In addition to the prizes for the students, the schools of the top three essayists in the state will receive a large U.S. flag for display.

Started by Farm Bureau Insurance Group in 1968, the annual contest gives Michigan's young people a chance to seriously consider their role in America's future through "America and Me" essays. The contest is open to any eighth grader in Michigan.

As sponsor of the contest, FBIG has received the George Washington Medal from the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge five years in a row.

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