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Board of Review

Taxpayers Get Chance To Protest Valuations

The last resort for area property owners to get a hearing on their property values for tax purposes is the annual Board of Review meetings.

In these days when the County Equalization Director and the State Tax Commission tell everyone what the value of their property should be, even the power of the Board of Review becomes problematical.

In any event, all real property will be under its annual review by the Boards during the first two weeks in March, and as the saying goes "Don't go to the Board telling them your taxes are too high (everyone's taxes are too high)."

The Board of Review only sets the value of the property, not the amount of taxes that will be raised. "Say, rather, that my

valuation is too high or is it comparable to other like property."

Any appeal to the Board of Review must now be put on paper. These will be placed on file in the event of further appeal to the state.

Ada Township

Taxpayers and property owners in Ada Township will get a chance to be heard before the Board of Review on Monday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 9, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The tentative real property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by PA 165 of 1971 are: ratio 50 percent, multiplier, 1.00.

The meetings will be held in the Ada Township Hall, located

at 555 Ada Drive, S.E.

Bowne Township

Bowne Township's Board of Review meetings will be held at the Township Hall in Alto at 6059 Linfield Avenue.

They will be in-session on Monday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

The tentative real property assessment ratio is 50 percent and the assessment multiplier is 1.00.

Cascade Township

In accordance with the requirements of the General Property Tax Law, Act 211, Sections 29 and 30, thereof, the Cascade Township Board of Review will review the 1976 tax roll as prepared by the assessor of the Township.

The Board will meet March 8 and 9 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to hear grievances and to make corrections, which will provide for just and equal assessments.

Tentative multiplier at this time will be: real property 1.00 and personal property 1.00.

City of Lowell

City of Lowell taxpayers can appear before the City's Board of Review on Monday, March 8, or Tuesday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. each day.

The ratio for real and personal property is 50 percent; the multiplier is 1.00.

Grattan Township

The first session of the Board of Review of Grattan Township will be held at their hall in Grattan on Monday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

According to James Byrne, Township Clerk, the second meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 9 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Lowell Township

The Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, will be the scene of hearings for the taxpayers and property owners in this area.

The Board will meet on Monday, March 8, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The real property assessment ratio is 50 percent and the assessment multiplier is 1.00.

Vergennes Township

The Board of Review of Vergennes Township will meet on Monday, March 8.

Meeting in the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue, the board will be in-session from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Chamber Sets

Annual Luncheon

Workmen's Compensation and how it affects you and your business will be the subject of a talk by Bill Wickham of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce at the annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. in the Showboat Restaurant.

All interested persons are urged to attend. The luncheon will be served country-style at a cost of \$3.75 each, payable at-the-door.

Reservations should be made prior to the luncheon with Mrs. Dolores Dey at the Chamber office, 897-8545.

Showboat's Third Annual Dinner Dance

All Lowell Showboat boosters and the public are cordially invited to the third annual Showboat Amphitheatre dinner dance.

For reservations call Mrs. Barbara Curtis, 897-8170 or Mrs. Jean McCambridge, 897-9567.

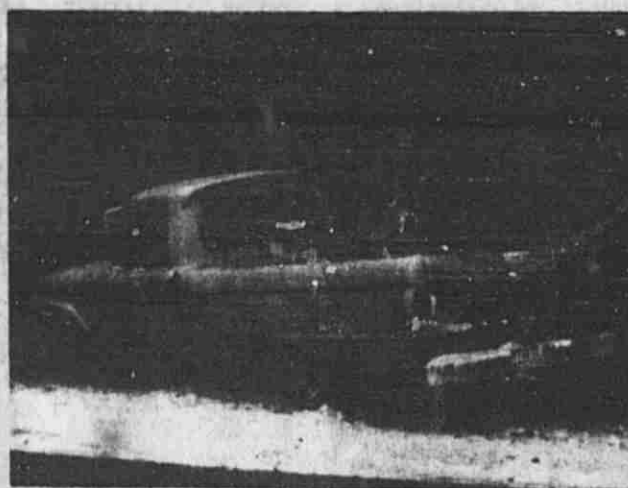
All proceeds will go toward the new amphitheatre.

Ice Storm Hits Hard

School kids grabbed their sleds, motorists spluttered while chipping the ice from their cars, and once again old man winter reminded us that this is Michigan.

Monday's ice storm had schools closed for miles around and anyone who had to drive to work Tuesday morning had to be very cautious.

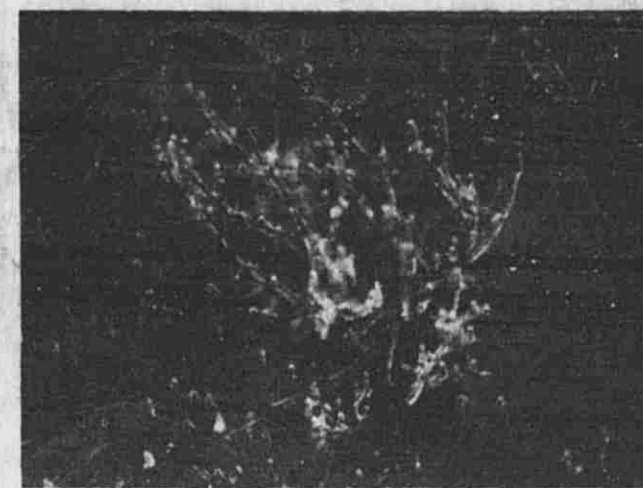
Well at least we are into March, and Spring shouldn't be far away. But don't put your snow gear away just yet, we've all seen snow in April. Perish the thought.



Motorist who braved the ice covered roads had "a real time of it". This pickup nosed into the ditch south of Saranac, no doubt because of the ice.



Young trees like this Birch in front the Showboat Restaurant stooped low with their icy loads. Many larger trees lost limbs when the weight of the ice snapped them off.



Even an ice storm has a bright side, at least to some. No picture could ever, really capture the beauty of thousands of ice covered twigs that glistened even in the faint sunlight.



Ada Christian, Forest Hills, Lowell, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and Saranac Schools were all closed Tuesday due to ice-laden roads. Monday night's storm saw this area showered with rain, sleet and snow, intermixed with thunder and lightning.

Wepman's Clothing and Shoe Store on East Main Street, will be closed Thursday, March 11, to prepare for their "going out of business" sale, after 25 years on Main Street.

Lent, a time of penance and intense spiritual preparation for Easter on the part of many began Ash Wednesday, March 3. Palm Sunday will be on April 11 with Maundy Thursday on April 15. Good Friday will be observed April 16 and Easter will arrive on April 19.

Lowell Cut Rate Market on East Main Street will be closed March 8, 9 and 10 for the purpose of installing new flooring. They will reopen on Thursday, March 11.

Main Street welcomes the new owners of the Radio Service Company, George and Marcy Scheck. They offer expert television and electronic repairs and complete "CB" sales and service at 206 East Main.

The Kent County Mobile Health Unit, open to all ages, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m., with no appointments necessary, will be at the Clark-Ellis American Legion Hall on East Main Street, Lowell, Wednesday, March 10. A public health nurse offers counseling on health needs, makes referrals and gives immunizations, vision, hearing, diabetes and blood pressure tests, lead poisoning tests for children, sickle cell anemia and pregnancy tests, electro-cardiograms and first aid.

Jerry Godden found guilty of arson of a building in Lowell in 1974, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years on two arson counts and 18 months to 4 years on a third; sentences to run concurrently. Godden was sentenced in Kent County Circuit Court.

"The Care and Feeding of Mothers" will be the theme of the Home and Family Life presentation by the Family Life Service Association of Kent County on Thursday, March 11, at the East Kent Community Center's offices at 805 East Main Street, Lowell. The program, open to interested persons, will start at 1 p.m.

One female juvenile was apprehended last Thursday at Johnson's Thift-T Mart on West Main Street for shoplifting.

A report of a breaking and entering of an apartment on East Main Street, Sunday, was given to the Lowell Police by Glen Groenenweb. Taken was a Sears black and white television set.

During the month of February, the Lowell Police Department was called to investigate fifteen property damage accidents.

The deadline time for submission of questionnaires sent out recently in Lowell Township is drawing near. Township clerk, Mrs. Carol Wells urges all township residents to mail theirs in now.

BURP! Needs Your Bottles And Cans

Dial down in winter dial up in summer, avoid "jackrabbit" starts, insulate your home with six inches or more, turn off the lights when you leave the room, car pool, don't use unnecessary appliances, slow down to 55.

We've all been told what to do to help save energy and conserve our resources, but many people already do this. Or, they get discouraged when they see other people wasting our precious resources.

"But now everyone young and old can help right here in our community," projects Steve Noffke, president of the Lowell High School Ecology Club.

"We should make use of our recyclable waste. Out of the total mass of the earth, only a fraction of a hundredth of a percent (.01 percent) consists of the basic metals man uses (tin, iron, aluminum, copper, etc.). For this reason alone, it makes sense to recycle.

"It takes less energy to recycle metals and glass than to mine, refine and manufacture from the raw materials. For aluminum alone, it takes 95 percent less energy to recycle. This will help save money for the consumer and energy for the future."

The Lowell High School Ecology Club is starting a recycling center. "We've code named it Bottles Unlimited Recycling program (BURP!)", Noffke said. Besides bottles, we will also be taking cans. If you are interested bring your cans and bottles to one of our three stations at the High School, Eberhard's, or the American Legion parking lots.

"Divide glass into three groups clear, green, or brown,

Lowell City Council

City To Install Lights At Recreation Park

New Lights

At the March 1st meeting of the Lowell City Council, funds were approved for new lighting on the ball diamond at Recreation Park. The lights are to be metallic vapor fixtures. The cost is not to exceed \$5,000. Funds for this project are to be taken from the Lee Fund.

Showboat to pay Interest

A letter from Jack Beggs of the Showboat Committee was read by acting city clerk, Nancy Woods. The letter was, in effect, a request for late payment of the Showboat's annual installment on funds borrowed from the City for portable bleachers that were purchased for the new amphitheatre. The letter pointed out that the 1975 Showboat was not as successful as hoped and as a result, Showboat funds are short.

Councilman Pfarrer made a motion that the City charge 6% interest on the overdue payment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jefferies and was passed by the Council with Collins abstaining and Warning voting "no".

Block Grant Committee Set

Monies granted to the City of Lowell by the Federal Government will be granted to Lowell homeowners by the newly formed Block Grant Committee. The money will be granted in the form of low interest loans. The members of this committee are: Dean Collins, Frank Godfrey, Roman Maloney, Dean Bailey, Butch Thompson, Dave

Coons, and Avery Block.

Certain rules for loan eligibility will be set by this committee.

No Boat Launch

The Council directed that City Manager, Tony Sciliano write a letter to the State of Michigan informing them that the City of Lowell would not be using funds appropriated for a boat launch here.

Because of the rising cost of the project since its inception, the Council felt that the City's share had now become too much to bear.

Council Supports Resolution From Don McPherson

The Council voted to support a resolution concerning the designating of the Flat River as a Natural River. The resolution was submitted by Don McPherson, and read as follows:

At the Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council held Monday, March 1, 1976, the following resolution was offered by Councilman Jefferies for adoption, supported by Councilman Warning.

WHEREAS, Lowell is the Central Business Area for the Townships of Lowell, Vergennes, and Keene, and

WHEREAS, the growth of Lowell economically is dependent upon the development of these areas, and

WHEREAS, any future cur-

tailment of residential and industrial growth in Vergennes Township could be very detrimental, and

WHEREAS, the Flat River Act Application could destroy much growth, and

WHEREAS, the Flat River Planning Group has requested the application of local rules which would be beneficial and is considering such, and the Natural Resources Commission is considering such,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council by resolution adopted in Regular Session supports the Flat River Planning Group to preserve some semblance of local control, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council endorses and urges the application by the Natural Resources Commission of such a proposal, and congratulates the Natural Resources Commission.

Yes: 4 No: 1 Absent: None

I hereby certify that the above written resolution is a true and exact copy of same adopted by the Lowell City Council at their Regular Meeting of March 1, 1976.

Nancy J. Wood
Acting City Clerk

Appointments not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7506. c-16

FRI., MARCH 5 THRU MON., MARCH 8

STRAND Theatre
LOWELL, MICHIGAN
ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

Paramount Pictures presents
A Howard W. Koch Production
"Jacqueline Susann's
Once Is Not Enough"
Kirk Douglas Alexis Smith David Janssen George Hamilton
Melina Mercouri Brenda Vaccaro Deborah Raffin January

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WEEK FOR 3
NIGHTS ONLY!
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2 Shows Each Night At 7 & 9 p. m.



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Maple Sugar is obtained from the boiled down sap that is gathered in the spring. In late February and early March, natural pressures force sap from the roots upward into the tree.



OPEN BOWLING - Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays, 4 to 11 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHTS - RED PIN BOWLING - American Legion Lanes 805 E. Main, Lowell - 897-7566

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
MARCH 8, 9 & 10

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has been equipped to fit more people's budgets. It's \$140.00 less than last year.* Yet it still has all the traditional quality Charger is famous for.

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Engaged To Wed



Miss Jean Batterbee and Laurence Precious, Jr., are engaged and planning to wed March 27.

The eleven-count suit filed by Harold and Marilyn Johnson of 8061 Snow Avenue, S.E., names as defendants Michigan Chemical Co., Michigan Salt Co., Farm Bureau Service, Inc., Calcedonia Farmers' Elevator, Northwest Industries, Inc., Northwest Chemical Co., Inc. and Veilcoik Chemical Corp.

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Alto Farm Couple Files PBB Suit

An Alto farm couple has filed suit in the Kent County Circuit Court, seeking more than \$2 million for losses and damages suffered through PBB contamination of their dairy herd.

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Plans Forming For July 4th

Plans are being formulated for Lowell's second annual 4th of July celebration, but parade entries are needed.

Mrs. Chris Rhodes of the D & C Craft Shop on West Main Street, has volunteered to assist Mrs. Dolores Dey with this part of the festivities.

Fireworks have been ordered. Donations to defray their expense will be greatly appreciated.

Entries for the Arts, Crafts, Games and Refreshment booths can be made at anytime. They are being set on a first come, first serve basis.

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Murray Lake Resident Dies

Gerald A. Reterstorf, aged 71, of Murray Lake, Lowell, passed away Monday evening, February 23.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, February 26, at the Alman Funeral Home in Grand Rapids with the Rev. Raymond Gaylor of the Cascade Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Rosedale Memorial Park.

Mr. Reterstorf is survived by his children, Raymond and Mary Ferwerda, R.D. and Dawn Hutchison and Eugene and Lois Reterstorf, all of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Adeline Thorne of Cedar Springs, three step-children, Robert and Lowell Heinline and Mrs. Carol Morgan, all of Grand Rapids; seven step-grandchildren; a half brother, Ford Reterstorf of California; a half sister, Mrs. Juanita Dickerson of Cedar Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Theodore P. Titus Passes; Rites Held

Theodore P. Titus of 159 South Broadway Street, Lowell, passed away Saturday morning, February 28, at the age of 57.

The Reverend Elton Mills officiated at services held Tuesday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

Besides his wife, Edna, Mr. Titus leaves a son, Theodore of Winona Lake, Indiana; two daughters, Miss Barbara Titus of Winona Lake and Mrs. John (Bertha) Sinson of Lowell; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Richard and Ronald, both of Kalamazoo; and two sisters, Miss Carol Titus of Detroit and Mrs. Edward (Gail) Price of Kalamazoo.

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World Day of Prayer In Saranac

World Day of Prayer is celebrated each year on the first Friday in March. Since the first small gatherings in the United States 89 years ago, this prayer movement has captured the imagination of Christian women in local communities everywhere, across continents and islands, to include 169 countries around the world.

Following the service light refreshments will be served in the fellowship room with Miss Esther Blasen and Mrs. Morris Morrison.

Please join with us in this visible service of the unity of Christ and to share in an offering that will bring hope and aid to thousands around the globe.

Here in every state in this nation, World Day of Prayer is sponsored by Church Women United - a movement of Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic women.

This family worship service is prepared by the women in Latin America reflecting their concern for "Education for All of Life" will be presented at the Saranac Community Church - Friday, March 5th at 8 p.m. with a nursery available.

At this ecumenical celebration the participants will be: Berlin Center Methodist, Mrs. Allan MacDonald, Mrs. Dan Smith, Mrs. Harry Smith, Easton Methodist, Mrs. Richard Howard, Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Mrs. Russel Stebbins, Free Methodist, Mrs. Herman Page, St. Anthony's, Mrs. Wes Fosburg, Mrs. Kenneth Lehman, Mrs. William Overbeck, United Holiness Church, Community Church, Mrs. Thomas Chickering, Miss Sue and Julie Kidie, Mrs. Walter Olson, Mrs. Colin Williams, and Miss Nancy Wynn.

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On And Around SARANAC

Mr. and Mrs. Alice Mendenhall is home after having surgery at the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Houseman had dinner in Grand Rapids Friday evening.

Sunday guests of Helen Sterick were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Churchill, Pat Ramo and Doug of East Lansing, Monday evening dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sterick, Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. John Sterick, Sylvania Road.

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Ada Hearing To Consider Request

The Ada Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township offices, 555 Ada Drive, S.E., to consider the question of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township to rezone a piece of property from R-3 Residential Zone to R-4 Planned Residential Development Zone.

Maps showing the area proposed to be rezoned and containing the development plan, as well as copies of the proposed zoning amendment are on file at the Ada Township offices and may be examined at any time during normal business hours prior to the hearing.

Ms. Olsen of the Cascade Floral and Garden Center will discuss selection, care and propagation of houseplants and answer questions from the audience.

There will be a display of books on houseplants for borrowing and a bibliography of books available from the 20 member libraries of the Kent County Library System.

Cascade Christian Church is at 2829 Thornapple River Drive, S.E. For further information call the library at 949-3130.

Services for Edward Blum

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, March 1, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, for Edward Blum, The Rev. James A. Herbolzheimer officiated.

Mr. Blum, aged 88, of Lowell, passed away Thursday evening, February 26.

He is survived by his children, Carl, Emma, Martha and Anna, all of Grand Rapids and Otto of Florida; one sister, Mrs. Anna Hank of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet Monday evening, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School Choir room.

On the evening's agenda will be three items - the Runclan School crossing; hiring of Special Ed personnel; and athletic training rules.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Edith B. Morse of Grand Rapids, aged 83, the mother of Mrs. James (Florence) Herman of Lowell, passed away Tuesday morning, February 24, at her home.

Kim Chesbro, 80 1/2 West Main Street, Lowell, is one of 23 Hospitality students from Davison College of Business in Grand Rapids who recently attended a four-day Hospitality convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The convention Hospitality Update 1976 was hosted by students from Centennial College of Applied Arts and Technology in Scarborough.

The son of a Lowell couple has been assigned to Tempelhof Central Airport, Germany, following graduation from the electronic intelligence operations specialist course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. Airman Neal K. Grove, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. William E. Grove of 3330 Bewell, was trained to operate electronic monitoring equipment. He will now serve with a unit of the U.S. Air Force Security Service.

Mrs. Charles (Bessie) Clarke of Lowell has been transferred to the Kent Community Hospital in Grand Rapids. She would enjoy hearing from her Lowell friends.

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon in Grand Rapids for Mrs. Kathryn DeClark, 76, who passed away February 24 at the Kent Community Hospital. Among her survivors is a niece, Mrs. Paul (Barbara) Garbow of Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smoes of Ada have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to James G. VanEenennaam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter VanEenennaam of Grand Rapids. A June wedding is being planned.

Richard Lester has been transferred from Mary Free Bed to the Michigan Veterans' Facility, 3000 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, and would appreciate cards and visits from his Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Peck) Klahn of 9096 Cascade Road, S.E., Lowell, will be the guests of honor at an open house honoring their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 28, at the Lowell Township Hall, 2930 Alden Nash Avenue, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. All friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Mary B. Rollins, formerly of Lowell, who was taken to the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home in Cascade, was returned to the Clark Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, March 3, where services were held at two o'clock.

John Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mynard Hunt of Clarksville is on the Dean's List at St. Mary's University of Law in San Antonio, Texas, and has received a full tuition for the duration of law school.

Mrs. L. M. Spivey, 165 Valley Vista Drive, Lowell, fell at her home last Thursday afternoon and broke her leg. She is now at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Exchange Marriage Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adrienne

Exchanging their vows of Holy Matrimony Saturday, February 21, before the Reverend Dean I. Bailey at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell were Miss Lora J. VanHartesvelt and Robert W. Adrienne.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Carole S. Payne of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Adrienne of 114 Smith Street, Lowell.

Her honor attendants, Linda Bristol, maid of honor, and Jane McNally, bridesmaid, were attired in red hooded gowns, trimmed in white.

The groom's best man was Patrick Doyle and the guests were seated by Richard Rowland.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Lowell V.F.W. Hall. The newlyweds will make their home in Lowell.

Nutrition Week . . . Nutrition authorities are realizing that traditional nutrition education may have been ineffective due to our failure to recognize the cultural food patterns of our many ethnic groups, according to Mrs. Marie Durand, Public Health Nutritionist with the Kent County Health Department.

The American Dietetic Association has recognized the importance of family and ethnic food customs. Their theme for National Nutrition Week, March 7-13, 1976, is "Improving Nutrition for the Nation."

While still emphasizing the importance of the basic four food groups—milk, meat, fruits, and vegetables, along with bread and cereal, nutritionists are urging parents and teachers to recognize that these foods often take different forms with different ethnic groups.

Mrs. Durand feels that we may have been counter-productive by trying to mold everyone into the same eating patterns. We might make more progress in promoting good nutrition if we recognized family and ethnic differences in food selection.

Some people might prefer a breakfast of taco or soup, a piece of cherry pie, along with a glass of milk of café con leche. The goal should be to eat breakfast, even if it's last night's leftovers.

Mrs. Durand is available to individuals and groups within Kent County as a nutrition consultant. The Kent County Health Department also offers free films and literature on nutrition, as well as other health subjects. Phone 774-3030.

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Patricia Coviell

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Clyde Thomas, 77, Passes; Rites Held

A long-time Lowell Township resident Clyde A. Thomas, aged 77, of 12883 Cascade Road, Lowell, passed away Saturday evening, February 28.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Laura; and his children, Gerald Thomas of Muskegon, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) DeWitt of Grand Rapids, also a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sybil Thomas of Byron Center; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the funeral home with the Rev. Raymond Gaylord of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Ada Resident Dies Suddenly

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Belding Nips Lowell 84-82

In their final action of the 1975-76 Tri-River Conference season, the Lowell Red Arrows were nipped by the Redkins of Belding, 84-82, in overtime.

The game was balanced on the wire through it's entirety with both teams striving to jump ahead and stay there.

With the final buzzer, the deadlocked game was pushed into overtime. With 12 seconds left, Belding rallied two game-winning free throws.

Capturing the game's top scoring honors was Rick Grundy of Belding who tallied 28 points.

Hitting double figures for the Lowell Red Arrows were: Rick Thompson, 20; Steve Wittenbach, 17; Dale Phillips, 16; Jim Reagan, 14; and John Ellison, 11.

The tournament which got underway Monday, March 1, will see teams from Hastings, Delton, Caledonia, Lakewood, Wayland and Lowell competing.

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April 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; April 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Applications will not be accepted before or after the times and dates specified above.

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When you appear to fill out your application, have with you a medical slip from a physician stating that you are physically able to perform the job task you are making application for. Provide proof of age, have a transcript of his/her high school records, and have taken the General Aptitude Test Battery (G.A.T.B.) at the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

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'March Madness' Basketball Tournament Play Gets Underway

Last Friday was the final day of the regular season of basketball games, which means that this week "March Madness," otherwise known as the Michigan High School basketball tournaments get underway in various district sites around the state.

Coach Gerald Meredith and his Lowell Red Arrows will compete in the Class "B" District Basketball Tournament No. 47, to be played this year at Delton High School.

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Lowell In Ford Cup Play-offs

It looked as though the Lowell Red Arrows' hockey team would hang up their skates for another year at the Grand Rapids' Ice Arena as Lowell and Grandville battled to be seated in the Ford Cup Play-offs.

And, at the end of the second period, it looked doubtful for the Red Arrows from Lowell.

Lowell went into the locker room at the end of the first period with a 1-0 lead. Mark Ries getting the goal and Tim Bergy the assist.

But, at the end of the second period of play, Grandville had the lead, 2-1, and continued to rule the scoreboard late into the third period.

Then Ries and Bergy combined again making it 4-2, followed by Troy O'Neal's goal with Dave Baird assisting and with just two minutes left, Ries tied it 4-4.

This tie sent Lowell to face Catholic Central on March 2 in the Ford Cup Play-offs.

by: Tim Bergy

Children's Show

Every Saturday afternoon during March, the Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum will present a sky show especially for young children, entitled "The Sky Tonight." It is directed to children 5 through 8 years of age, though preschool children will be admitted.

Doors open at 1:45 and the show begins at 2:15 on all Saturday afternoons during March. Parents are urged to accompany very young children, and also to arrive early.

Lowell Street Tree Planting Program

Spring is arriving very soon, and the City of Lowell is offering the Street Tree Planting Program, to city residents who pay a basis charge of \$15.00 per tree. This cost covers one tree approximately 8-10 ft. tall and free planting in the right-of-way along city streets.

The supply for spring planting is limited FOR INFORMATION, CALL CITY HALL 897-8457 BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Both Zealand and Northern ended the conference season with 12 records. It was the first title for Zealand since 1969 and the first varsity title ever for the Huskies.

Northern, a Class "C" School goes into this week's District tournament with an 18-2 overall record for the season.

Cascade Data Firm Moves

Cascade Data, a six-year-old local firm has moved into new quarters at 6300-28th Street, S.E. They were formerly located at 3000 Kraft Avenue.

The firm makes computer equipment, designs data processing systems and programs it and maintains the equipment it sells.

Robert J. McAndrews, new president of the firm, reports that sales should hit the \$1.8 million mark in fiscal 1976.

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Cheryl Parsons to Attend United Nations Seminar

Cheryl Parsons of Lowell will attend a United Nations-Washington Seminar during the week of March 4-13.

Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Parsons, 10370 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, and is a senior at Lowell Senior High School. She is active in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, where she is a member of the Grand Rapids District Council.

The ten day seminar is being conducted by the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church through the Conference Youth Council.

Cheryl will be one of a group of 35 high school juniors and seniors from some 30 United Methodist Churches through the western half of the State of Michigan.

The purpose of the seminar is to study the United Nations and the Congress of the United States in the light of the principles of Christian Citizenship.

This will be the twenty-first year that such a seminar has been conducted by the West Michigan Conference Youth Council.

This Friday World Day Of Prayer

The 1976 Community World Day of Prayer service for Lowell area church will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, March 5th at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Special guest speaker will be Miss Lorraine Schultz, Nazarene missionary to Mozambique.

Miss Schultz prepared for her work by attending Eastern Nazarene College and Northwest Nazarene College, where she received an A.B. and B.S., and Samaritan Hospital where she earned her R.N. She further qualified for missionary service by pastoring a church in Colorado.

With the 35 youths, there will be four adult advisors; the Rev. and Mrs. William Johnson, directors of the Seminar and Minister of the Jonesville and Allen United Methodist Churches; and the Rev. and Mrs. C. Jack Scott, minister of Galesburg United Methodist Church.

Cheryl and the group will be traveling by chartered bus, and will spend four days in Washington, D.C., and four days in Michigan Conference Youth Center.

Women's Club Will Hear Nancy Coons Book Review

The Lowell Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 10, in the lounge of the Schneider Manor on Bowes Road.

Program chairman, Mrs. Thea Schutt has arranged for Mrs. David (Betty) Coons to give a book review.

Being a Lowell resident, Mrs. Coons is well known for her book reviews at the Lowell YMCA at Eastmor, and the club is looking forward to a happy afternoon.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, Lowell librarian, will give a mini report on "Education and Communication."

The hostess, Mrs. Ellis, and her committee of Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Scott will serve tea.



Nancy Coons

COMING EVENTS

ON WEDNESDAYS

The Alto Lions Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Alto Elementary School on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

MARCH 4

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet Thursday, March 4, at the home of Ruth Howard, Three Mile and Farnell, at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 6

Fish and Ham dinner Saturday, March 6, at the Masonic Hall in Clarksville. Serving 5 to 7 p.m., country-style. Sponsored by the Masons.

MARCH 8

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star of Lowell will have a special meeting Monday, March 8, for initiation at 8 p.m. The regular meeting of the Chapter will be held Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple.

MARCH 9

Evening Club will meet Tuesday, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Leonard Jackson with Mrs. Bruce McMahon as co-hostess. The program on "Early American Music" will be presented by Mrs. Bruce Walter and Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach.

MARCH 11

The Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Thursday, March 11, at the clubrooms. Centennial flags are now available by calling Zilpha Ketcham 977-8311.

MARCH 12

Christian Women's Club of Grand Rapids will meet on March 12 for a luncheon meeting at Dylana's Restaurant in Grand Rapids from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. For reservations call 531-0517 or 361-8664.

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 9, 1976.

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

Roll Call—Members Present: Metternick, Mullen, Miller, Kropf, Members Absent: Siegle, Thaler, Roberts

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 1976.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mullen, to approve payment of General Fund bills as listed.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Mullen, seconded by Miller, to approve payment of Building and Site bills as listed.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mullen, to approve the Agenda, as amended.
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Old Business

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Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

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Girls 6-17 years old throughout the world make similar promises to serve God, Country and help others.

The Forest Hills Girl Scouts, this includes Lowell troops, invite you to a Bicentennial "Salute to the Women of America" on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at St. Robert's Church on Ada Dr.

Starting March 5 and during Girl Scout Week, area scouts will be taking cookie orders. Support your local troops by ordering Girl Scout Cookies.

A bake sale, sponsored by the Runciman PTO, will be held Saturday, March 6, at Elizabeth's, Lippert's and Gate Savings Bank in Lowell. Proceeds to be used for playground equipment.

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Members bring questions for a discussion and answer period which will follow the program.

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CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Special Meeting of Friday, February 20, 1976.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Christiansen at 7:00 p.m. and the Roll was called.

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

Absent: Councilman Pfalter.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the Minutes of the February 2 Meeting be approved with the following corrections: page 4, change "several violations" to "one", and page 5, paragraph 1, delete "The property belongs to Frank McMahon," supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilmen Jefferies, Warning and Christiansen.

Yes: Councilmen, Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Both Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Richard stated that they were in favor of the rezoning and had no objections, as long as it was geared to Senior Citizens.

Councilman Pfalter entered at 7:21 p.m. and entered the discussion.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Public Hearing be closed, supported by Councilman Pfalter.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the following resolution be adopted, supported by Councilman Warning.

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee was petitioned with a request from Mr. Ivan Blough to rezone 2.6 acres of property owned by him, located on Hunt Street in the City of Lowell, Michigan, described as:

The East 230.0 feet of the West 425.28 feet of Block 11, Fox Addition to the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan,

From A-1 Single Family Residential to A-3 Multiple Family Residential, and

WHEREAS, after holding a Public Hearing, the Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council the approval of the rezoning, with certain conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Council has this date held a Public Hearing as required by law,

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that 2.6 acres of property located on Hunt Street be and is hereby rezoned to A-3-Multiple-Family-Residential, subject to the following conditions:

1. That evidence of substantial construction and improvements to the property are made within twelve (12) months from the date of Council approval of same.
2. Substantial construction shall mean, all basement construction completed and utilities connected to the foundations of same. Further, that if substantial construction is not evidenced within the time period, the Planning Commission shall initiate proceedings to rezone the property in question to its former classification.

In addition, a dedicated public easement for future street extension across the West 30 feet of the above referenced parcel shall be reserved by the owner.

3. That permanent access be guaranteed to the property owners of parcel numbers, 41-20-02-101-005, 41-20-02-101-008, 41-20-02-101-007, 41-20-02-101-006, 41-20-02-101-009, and 41-20-02-101-010, located to the North of Hunt Street, by the owner.

Yes: Councilmen, Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.

No: None.

Absent: None.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Jefferies to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. supported by Councilman Collins.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$11,444.68
Mayor's Office	1,829.54
Local Street	1,707.88
Sewer Fund	1,209.66
Water Fund	1,714.54
Equipment Fund	1,467.41
Current Tax Collections	160,161.71
Trust and Agency Fund	366.00
Building and Site	13.77

Consideration of the Prints for construction bids was deferred until later in the meeting for discussion.

Council then discussed the proposed additional expense for engineering some changes that will have to be made in the new Water Treatment Facility, if the City is going to supply Ada Township with water service. Mayor Christiansen stated that he had sent a letter to Ada Township, asking them to pay the additional costs, since the plant expansion at this time will only benefit Ada Township. Mr. Everette Thompson and Mr. Curtis Cowles with Williams and Works were present and discussed the changes.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the United States Post Office property that was mistakenly added to the Imposed Charge Roll for Storm and Sanitary Sewage Disposal System, be removed, supported by Councilmen Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Under Communications, letters were read from Senator Vander Laan, agreeing with the City's position on the State being responsible for paying for the Presidential Primary, also from Dennis McMahon, High School Principal, thanking Chief Emmons for the program he presented to the High School staff on drugs and alcohol, and the excellent cooperation he has had with the Police Department. Also read was a letter from Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc., stating that they are consultants for Lowell Township on the proposed water service extension to Lowell Township.

The Manager's Report was given, including the Police Department Report, Water Department Report, Sewer Department Report for the month of January.

Chief Emmons was then called on to report the costs of installing the two different methods of traffic control considered for use on Monroe Street at the corner of High Street, to aid in the safe crossing by school children.

Chief Emmons stated that the over head traffic signal, which can be activated automatically during peak crossings to change from green to red at one minute intervals; and can be activated manually at other times to allow safe crossings, and at all other times will stay green, would cost approximately \$2,210.00. The flashing control lights on signs located before the crossing in both directions, would cost approximately \$2,054.00.

A discussion by Council and Chief Emmons followed on the problems involved, as compared to the costs. Councilman Jefferies suggested that perhaps the flashing sign controls could be suspended over the street by purchasing some used cement poles that are being sold by the City of Grand Rapids which have movable brackets on which to mount the flashing signs.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the amber flashing signs to be located ahead of the crossing be installed for an approximate cost of \$2,054.00, supported by Councilman Pfalter, or the condition of investigation of cost for support poles.

Carried.

Under Remarks from the Audience, Mrs. Dorothy Wuben was present to lodge a complaint against two City employees for allegedly striking her dog. Manager Siciliano explained that he was aware of the incident, stating that there were several discrepancies between the two versions. He stated that the two employees involved had been given a reprimand.

Mr. Donald McPherson was also present, and asked the Council to consider adopting a resolution supporting the Vergennes, Lowell and several other Townships position against the State making the Flat River a "Natural" River. If passed, the Department of Natural Resources could restrict the land area along the Flat River for as far inland as 300 feet, which would affect building and some farming activities.

Council discussed the problem, and stated that they would take the matter under advisement, and some type of action would be forthcoming at the next regular meeting.

Lowell's Postmaster, Charles Doyle was also present and stated by checking and comparing the City's tax roll, and talking with other resident taxpayers, he feels

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Township Hall, 6059 Linfield Avenue, Alto, on

MONDAY, MARCH 8

from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

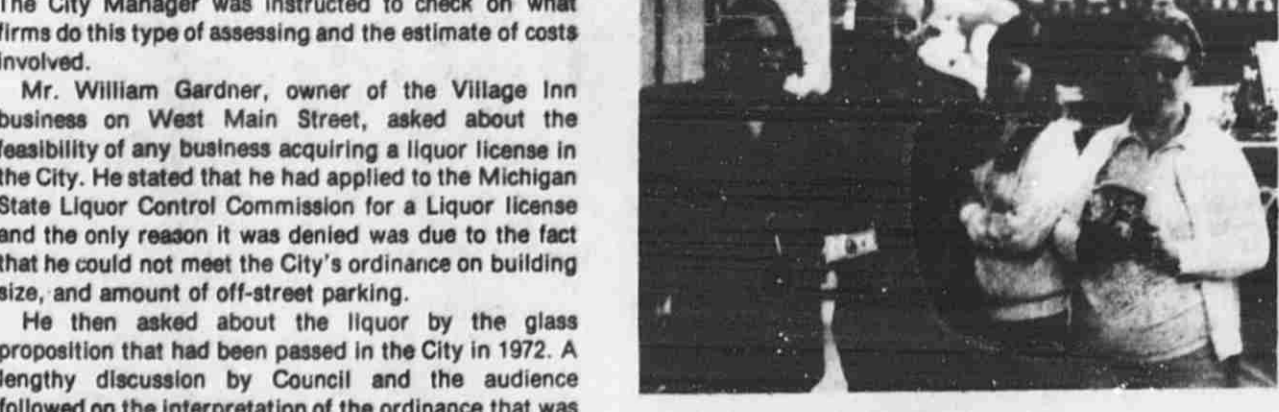
For the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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

Ratio - 56% Multiplier - 1.00

Evelyn Smith, Bowne Township Clerk c15-16

Money Tree Winners



Bicentennial Money Tree winners were, from left, Jim Johnson, \$25.00; Gene Sturgeon, \$5.00; Jane Smith, chairman of the Lowell Pre-School project; and Lena Merklinger, \$15.00.

The names of the winners of the Lowell Pre-School's (Headstart) Bicentennial Money Tree contest were announced at a drawing held at David Burdette, principal of Bushnell Elementary School on February 27.

The Headstart parents, who promoted the idea, would like to thank everyone who helped make the project such a huge success.

WEST MICHIGAN UPDATE WOMEN IN THE '70'S

The concluding program of WZZM-TV's two-part telecast "Women in the '70's" will be seen Sunday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. on TV-13.

These programs, a part of WZZM-TV's "West Michigan Update" series, examine the role of women in today's world. Part two looks at the progress made by women in politics, sports and education, competition among the many women's centers which have formed in the last decade, and the effects of the women's movement on men, the family and the women themselves.

Due to the great number of tickets sold, two additional names were drawn to win \$5.00 each. The lucky ticket holders were Gene Sturgeon of Lowell and Gail Hill of Sparta.

The monies derived from the ticket sales will be used by the Pre-Schoolers for outings this Spring.

A special prize of \$15.00 was given to Lena Merklinger of Lowell for selling the most tickets. She is a volunteer grandmother in the Headstart program.

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Irene Osborne, Vergennes Township Clerk c-16

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Letters must bear a signature. However, we shall withhold names upon reasonable request. Under no circumstances will anonymous letters be printed.

Preferably, letters should be typed and double-spaced, but ones written in longhand are acceptable. All letters are subject to editing for space considerations.

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616-1688

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Ada Community Reformed Church

7227 THORNAPPLE RIVER DRIVE - 676-1032

REV. WILLIAM H. H. I

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:20 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

3181 Bradford, NE - Grand Rapids - 2nd Ward 949-9170

Sunday School 12:30 p.m.

Sacrament 5:00 p.m.

Bethany Bible Church

3900 EAST FULTON

REV. RAYMOND L. BULLIS

Morning Worship (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAA 1480) 9:50 a.m.

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church Of Lowell

(Member United Church of Christ)

NORTH HUDSON CANYON SPRING STREET, LOWELL 897-5959

Morning Worship 10 a.m.

Church School 10 a.m.

Rev. Richard Greenwood

(CROSSBERRY AND NURSERY PROVIDED)

First United Methodist Church of Lowell

623 E. MAIN STREET - 897-7514

Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

Church School

"Andrew Jackson Guest Speaker"

DEAN I. BAILEY - MINISTER

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Church Of The Nazarene - Lowell

281 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

REV. W. E. HOLLOWAY

Church School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m.

Men, Teens, Adults

NURSERY PROVIDED - COME & WORSHIP WITH US

First Baptist Church - Lowell

2275 WEST MAIN STREET

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Jr. High Youth Group 5:45 p.m.

Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m.

Wed. Family Training Hour 7:30 p.m.

REV. JARVIE DECKER 997-8435

Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell

1151 W. MAIN STREET - 997-8841

REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFF

Worship Services 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

First Baptist Church - Alto

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Jr. & Sr. High Young Peoples 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

REV. GEORGE L. COON

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Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA)

2700 EAST FULTON ROAD

Worship Services 8:30-10:45 a.m. 9:30 a

