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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



Along Main Street

For current information on smelt runs, steelhead runs, etc., you can call the "Fishing Hot Line" in Lansing at 517-373-0908.

A breaking and entering of the King Milling Company's feed mill, on East Main Street, was investigated April 13 by Lowell Police officers. Nothing was reported missing.

Chris Kropf of Lowell was injured Saturday night around 11:35 p.m., when his car veered out of control and struck the fencing adjacent to St. Mary's Cemetery on Lincoln Lake Avenue.

Conditions for a blooming spring have sprung with the good warm weather we've been encountering, along with scattered rain showers. Morels, smelt, mosquitos, etc., should all be out in force.

Arrested after leading Lowell Police officers on a 12-mile high speed chase through Ionia County was Brian Moore of Lowell. He was caught with the assistance of Ionia County officers, Sunday morning.

Gregory Bennett of Dorr was injured early Saturday morning when he lost control of his motorcycle and flipped end for end on East Main Street. He sustained severe facial injuries and multiple bruises and cuts.

The deadline to file petitions for positions on the school board is Monday, May 17. Persons interested in running should start now thinking about circulating their petitions.

Three female juveniles were apprehended for shoplifting last Tuesday at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street.

This Saturday night, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you retire for the night. Daylight savings time goes into effect again at 2 a.m., April 25.

The next regular meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education scheduled for April 26, 1976, has been cancelled.

Do you have any old pictures of Lowell? Jim Maatman and Roger VanVleck of Modern Photographics at 104 West Main Street, Lowell, are putting together a slide program on the history of Lowell, and would like to borrow any old pictures to be copied for slides. If you have any pictures, give them a call after 3:30 in the afternoon at 897-5606.

It's Kindergarten Round-Up Time

Kindergarten roundup will be conducted somewhat differently this year in the Lowell Area Schools.

Prior to bringing in the prospective kindergartners, we are asking their parents to come in to a Parents' Meeting according to the following schedule:

Bushnell, Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Bushnell Kiva.

Runciman, Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Runciman All-Purpose Room.

Alto, Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alto Kiva.

Parents not sure of the elementary school where their child will attend may call 897-8415 to secure this information.

The parent meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss with the school staff joint concerns for successful school attendance and experiences. Registration forms and information will be provided and appointment times set up for the children to attend a Screening Program. Presentations will be made by the building principal, the school nurse, speech therapist, kindergarten teachers, and the transportation supervisor.

The primary purpose of Kindergarten Roundup is to help parents and school personnel gather as much information as possible and to share in the planning to make school a successful experience for the children.

Materials will be available to assist parents in preparing their children to attend school in the fall. Where special problems are evident, appropriate specialists will be available to recommend help for the children.

Parents having any questions or who are unable to attend these meetings are asked to contact the building principal since this information is vital for school planning.

Free babysitting will be provided at these meetings.

Harrington Announces Candidacy



Donald E. Harrington, Ada Township resident, has announced his candidacy for Third District Kent County Commissioner.

Board Implements Pilot Program On Suspension

High School Principal Dennis McMahon was given the go-ahead Monday night to implement a pilot program regarding suspension and expulsion for the rest of this school year, "as long as it doesn't cost any money."

In his request before school board members, McMahon said that under the present policy, whenever a student is temporarily suspended from school he is sent home where it is up to the parents to determine whether he studies at home or watches television or sleeps all day. In some cases where both parents work it is impossible for them to properly supervise a student on suspension.

McMahon's suggestion is to have the student remain in the high school building but be confined to one area for the entire six hours where he would be expected to study or read. Even his lunch period would be spent in that section.

For the remainder of this year, the suspended students will be confined to one section of the study hall with the study hall supervisor responsible for them.

At this point, the new policy will apply only to students on suspension for infractions of attendance and tardiness rules.

Rough Draft

Mrs. Judy Jansma spoke briefly at the meeting as a representative of the communications study committee and displayed a rough draft of an information brochure to be sent to all residents of the school district and kept on hand at Real Estate offices and the Chamber of Commerce for new residents moving into the community.

Mrs. Jansma explained that the committee's intention was to have the board foot the original cost of approximately \$300, and then, hopefully, Real Estate companies might continue the printing as they needed them. The brochures would contain photos and information about the entire Lowell area, not just school information, although the latter would be a vital part.

Two Trips

The high school ecology club, under the guidance of Steve Harrington, school naturalist, and Bob Garcia, club advisor, was given permission by the

board to go on two worthwhile trips.

Members will backpack in the Pigeon River area the weekend of May 22, and will also spend an entire week at either Beaver Island or Isle Royal in June in backpacking and ecological survey.

Club members are earning the necessary funds by cleaning up the local environment and selling accumulated metal from tin cans, etc.

Extending their ecology study in Middle School, Harrington and a group of sixth grade teachers requested permission of the board for an outdoor camping experience for all sixth grade students next fall. The proposal is for two two-and-one-half day sessions at YMCA's Camp Manitolin on Barlow Lake. Half of the sixth grade would go on the first session and the other half during the second session.

The object of the project is to combine intensive academic and outdoor education together in a natural setting. Board members appeared both interested and impressed by the proposal but delayed their decision to a later meeting.

a spectator speculated during the meeting, we're just all super people in this community."

Last Day

The last day to file a petition to run for one of the two board seats in the coming June election will be Monday, May 17. Twenty signatures of registered voters living in the school district are required.

Millage Meeting

Outdoor Camping

The regular board meeting scheduled for April 26 has been cancelled. There will, however, be a special meeting of the community millage committee on Thursday, April 22. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., it will be held in the Choir Room of the Middle School and is open to all who are interested.

The Council opted to accept a withdrawal from Owens, Ames-Kimball Co. of Grand Rapids, O.A.K. initially submitted the lowest bid but after bids were opened they asked that theirs be withdrawn because of a mistake. They then submitted a new bid. Even though the new bid was still low, the Council felt that to accept it would not be fair to the other bidders because it had been submitted after the bid opening.

The Council voted to give several months notice to the tenants at a home owned by

Teachers Retiring

Resignations of two teachers, Fay Haskins, elementary librarian, and Dorothy Whan, elementary vocal music teacher, were received and accepted with regret. Both Mrs. Haskins and Mrs. Whan are retiring.

Good Rapport

Board members who attended the recent national school board convention in San Francisco gave brief reports, the consensus of which indicated that Lowell doesn't seem to be having all the big problems that are plaguing districts throughout the nation.

This could be due to good rapport between the board and administration, or down through the staff—or maybe, as

Bushnell Carnival Is This Saturday

The second annual Bushnell School Carnival will be held this Saturday, April 24, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the school.

There will be fun for the entire family in the form of games, a country store, a fun house, and refreshments of barbecues and pizza.

The school is located at 700 Elizabeth Street, Lowell.

IT'S THE COMING SUMMER LOOK—The "Dorothy Hamill" or Wedge hair cut. For appointment at Miss's World Hairstyling phone 897-8102.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES — Interested in Photography? We will be offering a class in photography at our studio beginning Wednesday, May 5. The cost will be \$10 and the class will run for 5 weeks. If interested call Modern Photographics, 897-5606 after 3:30.

Contracts Awarded For Lowell's Water Plant

Bids on the four remaining contracts for Lowell's water treatment plant were awarded by the Lowell City Council at their meeting Monday, April 19.

Contract number two was awarded to Triangle Associates, Inc., Grand Rapids at a bid of \$874,000.00. This contract is for the actual construction of the plant.

Contract number three (water transmission mains) went to the Bond Construction Co. of Grand Rapids. Bond was the lowest bidder at \$121,150.61.

Contract number four (wells) went to Riegler Water Well Drilling, Inc. of Muskegon. Riegler was the lowest bidder at \$46,500.00.

Contract number five (ground storage tank) was awarded to Globe Industrial Contractors, Inc. of Henderson, Ky. Globe was the lowest bidder at \$84,448.00.

Other Council action included returning \$25,000.00 that was borrowed from the Michigan Aeronautics Board.

The Council voted to give several months notice to the tenants at a home owned by

the City at North Monroe Street.

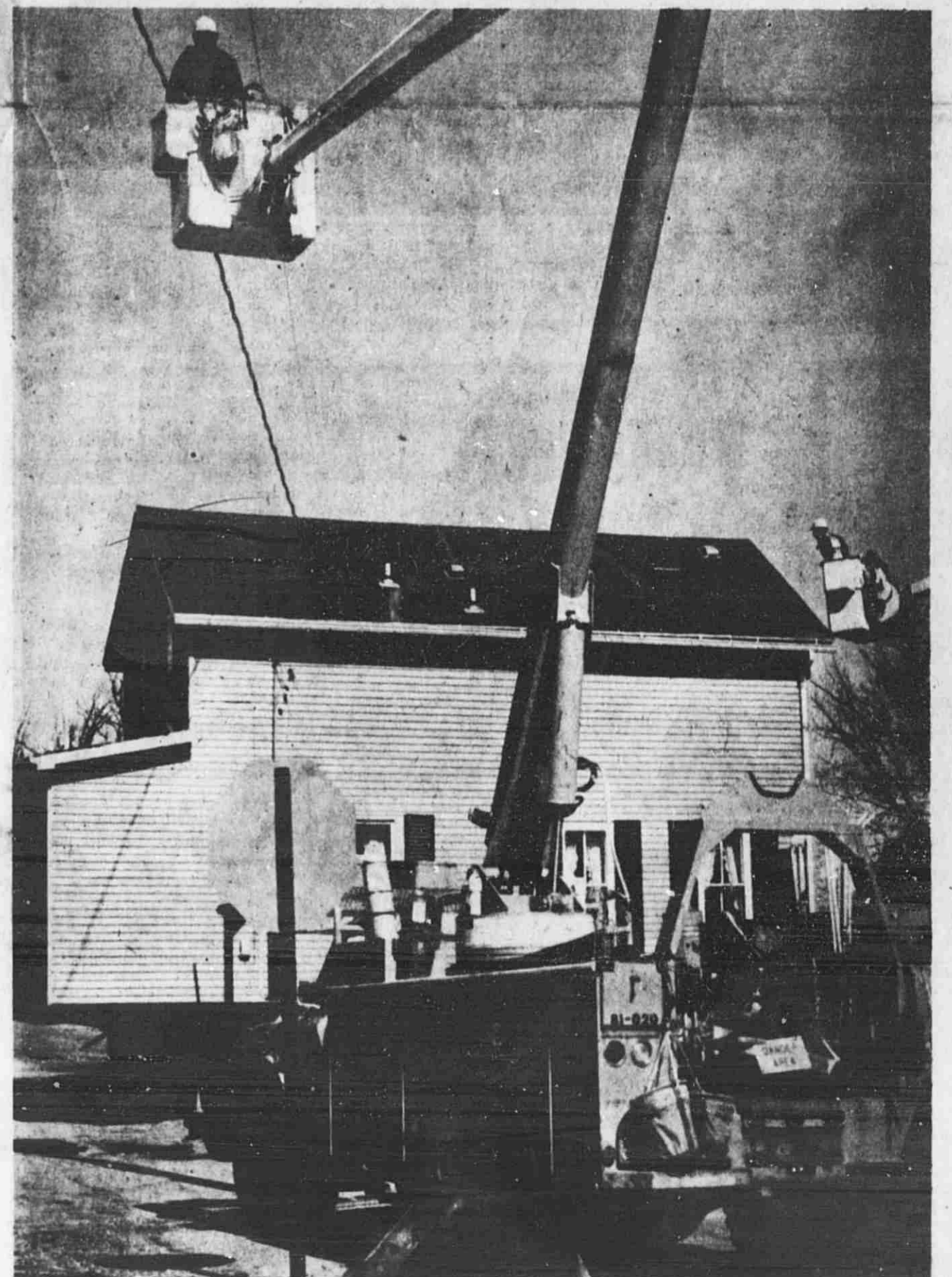
When the tenants have vacated, the building will be demolished and a parking lot will be constructed on the site.

Former Councilman Jim Hall approached the Council to adopt a cat control ordinance. The Council was furnished with sample ordinances from other cities, and the Council plans to act on the matter at their next meeting.

The Council allotted \$240.00 for the purchase of two tons of fertilizer to be used on the runway at the Lowell Airport.

GREAT CURL! Great Condition! Uni-Ferm at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7506. c-23

110 Year Old Mobile Home?



Bob and Ann Redd of Ada have a new address even though they will be living in the same house.

Their home, a 110-year-old landmark, was located at 7336 Thornapple Drive, Ada. Michigan Bell needed this property for expansion, so the Redds sold it to them and moved, house and all. It

was a short move, only two blocks to the new location at 7180 Thornapple Drive.

Mr. Redd stated that the house was moved perfectly intact with the dishes in the cupboards and even the family cat remained inside.

STRAND Theatre
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

FRI., APRIL 23 THRU
MON., APRIL 26

WALT DISNEY
BLACKBEARD'S GHOST

THE
JUSTINOV JONES PLESHETTE
Adults \$2.00
Children \$1.00

ONE SHOW EACH
NIGHT AT 8 P.M.
MONDAY IS DOLLAR NIGHT

PLUS
Special Matinee
Sunday at 3 p.m.

