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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



Along Main Street
The Lowell Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 30, at the Lowell City Hall at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances, commonly known as the Liquor By-The-Glass Ordinance. Copies of the Ordinance are available at City Hall, 301 East Main Street. The meeting is open to all interested citizens.

After the opening of the 1976-77 school year, on Tuesday, Sept. 7, a full schedule of fall sports activities will get underway in the Lowell Area School System.

On September 7, the cross-country team will meet Ionia, there. September 8, the golf team will play Lakewood, there; and on September 10 the varsity football team will scrimmage with Fremont at Burch Field, and the two school's golf teams will play a match at Deer Run.

Found: Saturday or Sunday... small white Yorkshire pig in the Valley Vista area. Owner can have same by paying for food and identifying the "piggy."
If the lost piglet is yours, contact the Dog Warden at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street.

The Fallsburg Fall Festival will be October 2 and 3 this year at the park pavilion as usual. There will be food and exhibits as well as the wares of the various artists and crafts people.

Thoroughly enjoy the autumn colors, exhilarating weather, and the atmosphere before the winter sets in by attending this two-day event.

The employees at the Village Inn, on West Main Street, today, August 25, will be honoring their employers, Bill and Norma Gardner in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

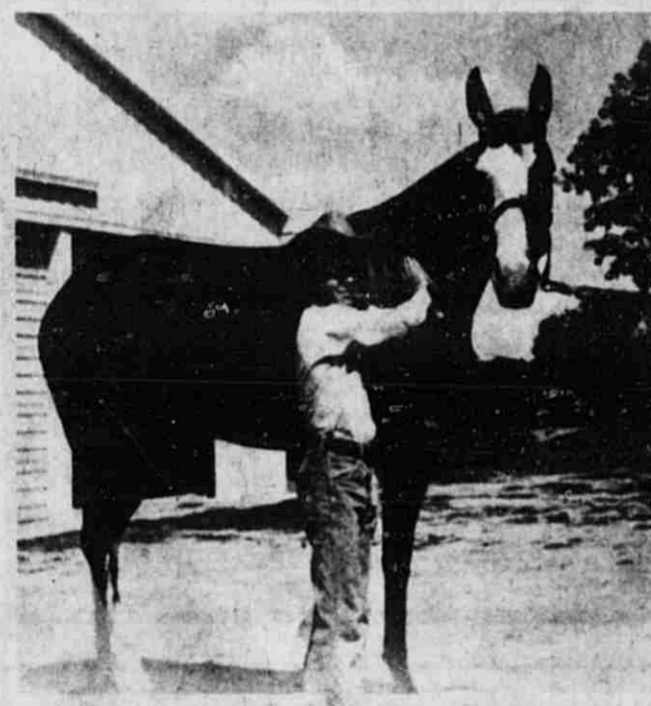
They invite you to stop in and help Bill and Norma celebrate and enjoy light refreshments.

Barbara Vos, Hunt Street, Lowell, director of Special Ed in Eastern and Western Michigan Universities for Pupil Transportation-Training Bus Drivers, will appear on Channel 3's "Input" program this Thursday, August 26, at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Vos will be interviewed on the training of school bus drivers for the unique job of driving the special child... training for wheel chair lift, emergency evacuations, understanding the emotionally disturbed, retarded autistic, deaf, blind and perceptual children.

She will also explain how to give a safe ride for the kids, plus bringing them into school so as to perceive at their greatest potential.

Horse Bathing



Mark Meyers, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Meyers of Saranac, was awarded first place out of nine entries in the Jr. Division of 4-H Horse Demonstrations, August 12, at the Ionia Free Fair.

Mark and his horse "Dana Honcho" demonstrated "How to Bathe a Horse." He received a score of 99 points out of a possible 100.

Mark is a first year member of the Swinging Galts Saddle Club of Muir.

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Above The Board

Hockey Still In Question

Lowell School's athletic department again came in for the lion's share of interest at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

The question of the fair way to go on hockey still went unresolved as spectators and board members vollied the issue back and forth. Board member Roger Kropf reported on a three-hour meeting held Sunday night between himself, Asst. Supt. Don Kelly and Hockey Booster representative Al Baird. Two questions seem paramount; whether Lowell will or will not have hockey on a permanent basis and whether it will or will not be financed entirely by the school system.

It was apparently the three-man committee's recommendation that hockey be treated this year just like any other high school sport with all expenses, except hockey sticks, lumped together in the school's athletic association. The boosters club would then no longer be strictly hockey boosters but, rather, athletic boosters and any deficit at the end of the year of the entire athletic department would be at least partially allayed through the efforts of the boosters.

This would then do away with one major complaint surrounding the ice sport, that of parents saying "I paid so my son plays," or "I couldn't pay so my son sits on the bench."

Joe Vezino commented from the audience that most of the equipment was purchased last year so there shouldn't be much expense this season. However, several items were mentioned that needed replacing.

If the decision is made to treat hockey just like any other sport for this year, a continuous study could be made throughout the season to determine the financial feasibility of the whole thing, Kropf suggested.

Spectator Jack Butterworth took exception to the booster participation saying, "Why are you picking on sports? Why is it only sports people are supposed to kick in? If the school newspaper runs over budget, the parents of kids on the paper are never asked to contribute."

Kropf replied that he was not picking on anyone; only attempting to find a solution to an expensive problem.

"That's an open issue," Butterworth retorted.

Perhaps a little late to accomplish her purpose, Mrs. Patricia Elzinga brought an architectural drawing of a proposed indoor school swimming pool before the board for consideration regarding the expenditure of the \$250,000 still remaining in the building and site fund. The money is available for new building only (or adding to the furnishings and equipment of the completed buildings from the last bond issue). It was accumulated by investing the borrowed amount while waiting to pay off contractors during the recent building program involving the construction of the Middle School and additions to Alto, Bushnell, and the Senior High School.

If it is not spent within a specified time, it must then be used to pay off the end bonds from 1999 and, financially, this is considered by experts to be unwise.

Mrs. Elzinga explained the drawing saying that although it was separate building, it could be attached to an existing structure and could also house administrative offices behind a sound proof wall.

Remarking that the present pool operated by the local YMCA, is in need of expensive renovation and is not available to all the children in the district because of the fees charged, Mrs. Elzinga stated that a school pool program would be more than worth it if it saved only one child's life. It could also be used in a handicap program, in adult education or just plain to teach every child to swim, she added.

It would cost approximately \$20,000 per year to maintain the pool but the local woman plans to contact the Y, the City and the Townships for joint financial support.

When questioned by the board, Mrs. Elzinga admitted that the drawing she exhibited would cost \$300,000 to build, even without administrative offices in it, but maintained that she told the contractor of the \$250,000 limit and he said that it could be scaled down because "anything could be built within a budget." Board members seemed to feel that it would take a lot of scaling down to meet the figure and asked just how many local residents were actually behind the request.

Mrs. Elzinga said she would return with enough signatures to request that the issue be placed before the public in a special election but time just may run out on her.

Jane Blough, elementary reading consultant, and Betty Yeiter, Middle School reading teacher, gave a joint report on the progress made in all reading areas during the past year.

Still continuing to rise at a rewarding rate, the reading skills of local students are now above the national average but, according to both teachers, still have a long way to go.

Mrs. Yeiter stated that she and her associate, Mrs. B.J. Thompson, were able this past year to take some of the stigma out of remedial reading by conducting Mini classes and exploratory classes that attracted all students who simply wanted to improve their skill and comprehension.

Dick Brennan, high school teacher and coach, was denied a leave of absence to go into commercial business for one year, and his letter of resignation was accepted.

Contracts were awarded to the following new teachers: Jeff Brower, Bushnell fifth grade; Mary Ann Dewey, Alto fifth grade; Fred Garcia, Bushnell third grade; Anita Hahn, elementary librarian; George Stamas, senior high and middle school graphic arts; Mary Yost, senior high home economics, and Bonita Zeigler, middle school classroom teacher.

Resignation of Jack Long, middle school science teacher.

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Wire Processing Company Sets Up Operation Here

Michigan Wire Processing Company, Incorporated, specialists in the storage and processing of hot rolled bar coil stock, announced recently that it was establishing its new manufacturing operation in a 15,000 sq. ft. facility in Lowell, 138 Water Street.

The announcement was made by the company president, Donald J. Deitrick, who said his firm will begin operations with six employees. He expects that number to increase to 12 within four months, and to 20 within 14 months, depending on sales.

Michigan Wire Processing was incorporated on May 28, 1976, to service the cold heading industries. Pickling and lime coating of bar coil stock are among the present services offered by the new company.

In the near future, Deitrick expects to add annealing and phosphate coating of bar coil stock to his list of customer services.

"We are in a position to receive and store hot rolled bar coil stock," he said, "and then process it to the customer's requirements. This service greatly reduces the inventory and handling costs of our customers because they no longer will need the large amount of inside storage space previously required."

"We are basically a customer service operation. We service Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois."

Deitrick cited several factors that were instrumental in his firm's decision to locate in the Grand Rapids region.

"First", he said, "the Grand Rapids area offers us a good geographical base for our operations."

Second, the Lowell site gives us a suitable existing building and the assurance of sufficient utilities to meet our current and future requirements.

Third, the Grand Rapids area has an excellent labor climate and good workers.

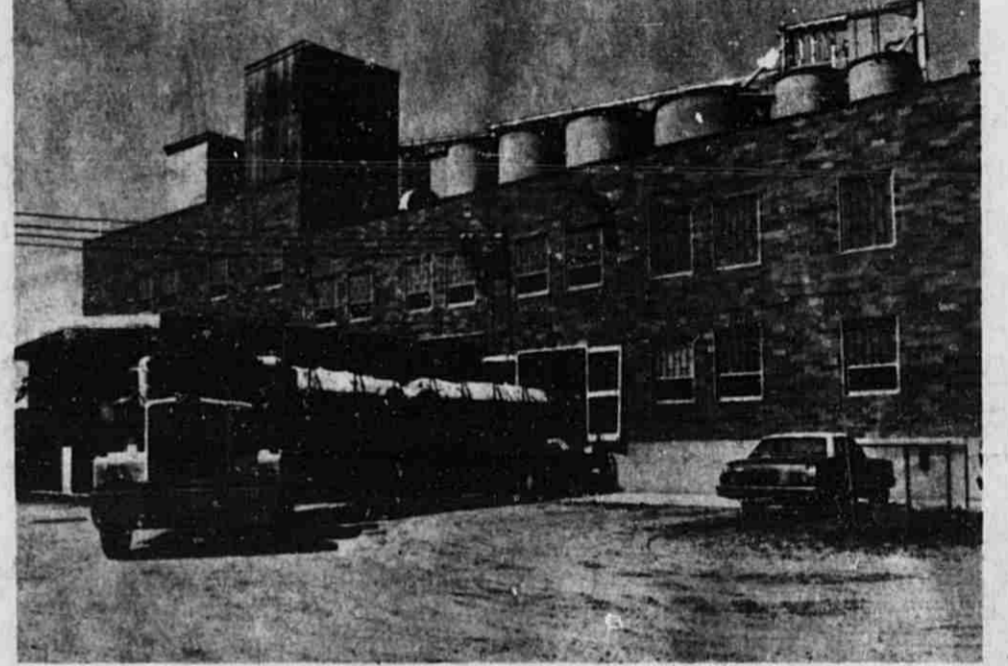
Fourth, we are assured of adequate housing for ourselves and our future employees.

And finally, the cooperation by local officials, and especially the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce played a major role in our decision. Bill Doyle and Tony Jarrett were always ready with the right information when we needed it, and they helped us every step of the way."

William Doyle is vice president of Union Bank and Trust Co. and serves on the Chamber Board. He is also chairman of the Chamber's Metropolitan Area Economic Committee and a past chairman of the Chamber's Business Development Committee.

Anthony Jarrett is director of economic development for the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

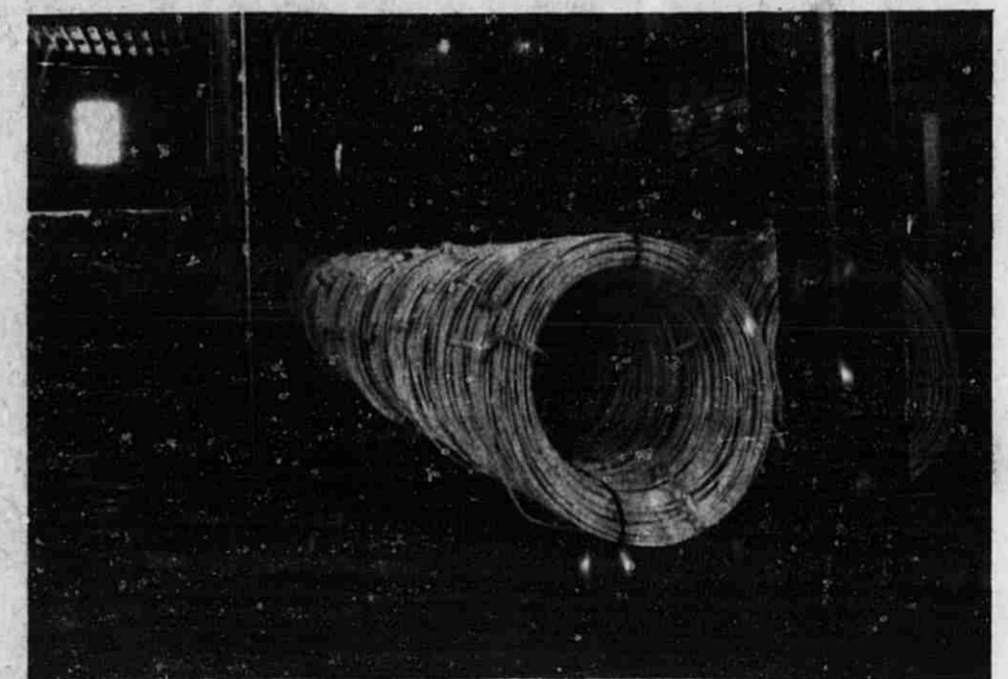
The Chamber's first contact with Michigan Wire was in April, 1976, the firm looked at several sites before selecting Lowell.



Plenty of loading area is available for the Michigan Wire Processing Company at their new Lowell location.



New office facilities have been added to the existing building at 138 Water Street, Lowell.



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"We wanted to set up operations as quickly as possible," Deitrick said, "and that required an existing building."

The plant occupies 15,000 sq. ft., with 100,000 sq. ft. of outside storage area surrounding it.

Principals in the new firm and their credentials are: Donald J. Deitrick: President, Bachelor of Chemical Engineering Degree.

University of Detroit; Master of Science in Metallurgical Engineering, University of Michigan; 7 years experience as Plant Metallurgist, 21 years Manager of a large Commercial Heat Treating operation which included facilities for annealing, pickling, lime coating and phosphate coating of bar coil stock.

Donald R. Fizer: Vice President and Plant Manager, 8 years experience as Superintendent of

Cold Extrusion operation, including coating line, 6 years Manager of a phosphate coating and plating plant.

Jarrett noted that Doyle was very active and involved with this project.

"He was the major facilitator in the project," Jarrett said, "and he deserves much of the credit for assisting this new company."

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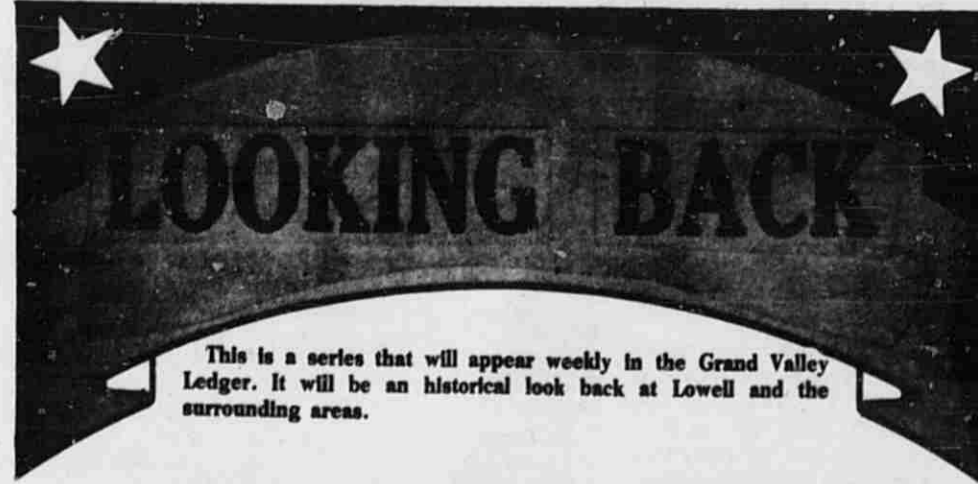
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Ada Church Dates Back To 1871

The history of the Ada Community Reformed Church dates back to the year 1871 when it was constructed by John Hopkins. The Methodist Episcopal denomination built the church and it was under the leadership that services were held in the community. The membership in 1881 was 80 members. It seems that during 1900 the attendance dropped off so the Methodist Church was discontinued.



In 1901 several families of Dutch descent desired to have services, so they met in the town hall at Cascade for three or four Sundays. Students from Western Theological Seminary served this group. Student Mr. John Menning started his work here as stated supply. In June 1903 they began talking about building their own church and they bought a lot to build on and in the same month decided to build a church.

In May 1903 Rev. S. J. English service once a month. At this time the V.M.B. Society made the church a gift of \$600 toward the cost of the parsonage. It was during this time that several families left the church and organized the Ada Christian Reformed Church.

Early in 1922 a parsonage was purchased, located at 7125 Bronson in Ada, the old parsonage having been sold. This home was replaced with a new parsonage constructed adjacent to the church in 1927. Our present church facility was constructed in 1969, with the first service being held in October 24, 1969. The congregation presently has a membership of 120 families. Rev. Wilfred Fiet is the Pastor.

Today, we celebrate the 200th birthday of our nation. We look forward to October 1977 when we can celebrate our 75th anniversary.

The Reformed Church of Ada was then organized in October 1902 by a committee of the Classis of Grand River at the fall session in Muskegon. The installation of elected Elders and Deacons took place on November 16, 1902. Mr. Adrian Bogert and Mr. F. Antonides being elders and Mr. T. Kroese deacons. On November 27, 1902 they held their first consistory meeting. During the summer of 1902 student James Weyer had worked and preached in Ada. The services were held in this church which was at this time a Methodist church.

In July of that year they decided to purchase a parsonage and bought the house of Rev. Menning. Up to this time services were held in the Holland language but in January 1908 it was decided to have an English service once a month.

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Cascade Township

Cascade Township, on the Thornapple River, had two practical advantages for pioneering: the river itself and the only north-south road in the county. The Gull Trail, an old Indian path, came up from the south through Kalamazoo, along the present Whitneyville Road. The trail ran north to Ada and then west, ending at the Indian Council Tree on the rapids of the Grand River.

The earliest white settlers chose the land west of the Thornapple. They were of two sorts: early New England families who came by way of Western New York, and Irishmen driven from their homes by the potato famine. Almost all were farmers who wanted a better chance for themselves and their families. Lewis Cook from Seneca County, New York, built the first house in the township at the corner of Patterson Road and 28th Street. The Irish families clustered in the township's southwest corner on land which is now part of the Kent County Airport.

Peter Whitney built the first house east of the river on the Gull Trail, which by now had regular stagecoaches running over it. The township was organized at Whitney's house in 1848, when it separated from Ada. The new town board voted \$100 for the coming year's expenses and a like amount to build a bridge across the Thornapple River at Cascade.

Cascade Village was begun in 1845 when D. S. T. Weller built the Perry House, later known as the Cascade Hotel, on the northeast corner of Cascade and River Streets. A ferry—rather tippy—actually crossed the river above the present bridge. The town developed with a store, post office, and doctor's office all opening in Cascade.

Later, the large three-story Cascade Mineral Springs Hotel was built at the magnetic springs on the east bank of the Thornapple about a mile below the village. People came from a distance to drink the waters and bathe in them. Then the fad for spas diminished and Cascade was quiet again for many years.

Since World War II, Cascade Township has seen rapid growth as a largely residential community.

Lowell ... 1976

About one hundred and fifty years ago, a hardy adventurer and Indian trader, halted in his travels near the junctions of the Flat and Grand Rivers. This man was Daniel Marsac. Entranced by the beauty of the area, then known as Segwun, he decided to build a Trading Post on the south side of Grand river at the mouth of Kops Creek, which soon became a popular meeting place for both the Indian and the early white settlers.

Soon Marsac married an Indian maiden named Janette and a year or so later marked the arrival of a daughter. Business thrived for the Marsac's until an early age this child was stricken by an unknown disease.

This was a heart breaker for the Marsacs and a few months later Marsac deserted Janette and married a young white girl.

In the meantime Marsac had acquired much additional land in what is now Lowell.

The Indians were quite disturbed by Marsac's treatment of Janette and refused to deal with him.

Marsac and his wife decided to sell his holdings in what is now Lowell and return to Detroit, by now an important trading center.

It was at this time that Abel Avery arrived in Lowell from New York State and purchased all Marsac's land on the north side of Grand River and east of Flat river, north to Lowell's present city limits. This land is still known as Avery's plat on all deeds and abstracts in Lowell's East side city limits.

Abel Avery gave the land where the Lowell Methodist Church is now located and also where the White Central High School building stood for many years. He was also the great-grandfather of Norton and Harvey Avery.

Lowell and Lowell Township played an important role in the early history of Kent County. Lowell is one of the oldest lumbering towns in Michigan. At that time Fallsburg, located on Flat river a few miles north of Lowell was a thriving village consisting mostly of white settlers from New York State. When the Grand Trunk Railroad was built through Lowell in around 1850, Lowell's future was assured, but not so good for Fallsburg.

Do You Remember?



It was early in the 1960's that this group of Lowell Citizens assembled at the Lowell Library building on West Main to form a Senior Citizens Club. In this bi-centennial year, the Club is still in existence, carrying the name of the Golden Swingers. How many of those residents do you remember?

At Freeport In 1890's



The Lowell and Hastings Railroad on the Coldwater River Bridge at Freeport in the 1890's.

Reunion Honors Ruby Avery

Twenty-five attended the 4th annual Star School reunion of former pupils of Ruby Willette Avery at the Lawrence Bier home on Saturday August 7.

The guests consisted of those who attended the Star School in Bowne Township during the years of September, 1913 through May of 1916. The group partook of a picnic dinner following grace by Norton Avery at tables arranged on the pleasant lawn overlooking the Flat River.

The guests came from Indiana, Northern Michigan, and Holland and Grand Rapids, Michigan besides many nearby areas. The afternoon was spent reminiscing about the days at school and viewing pictures and clippings which were brought to share with one another.

A letter from a former pupil, Protus Kauffman who has lived in Florida for thirty years was read. He inquired about former school friends and wondered if his former teacher, Miss Ruby Willette was still among the living. His letter contained many reminders of events that took place during his school days at Star. This letter furnished more material for further discussion.

A cake prepared by the hostess in honor of the Avery's recent 59th anniversary was served to all present. In the late afternoon all departed reluctantly to their homes after enjoying such a happy occasion with the promise of returning for a fifth reunion on the first Saturday in August, 1977.

The Annual Church School Picnic of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8147-68th Street, Alto, will be held this Saturday, August 28, at Fallsburg Park.

The picnic will be held from 12 noon to 6 p.m. On Sunday, August 29, at 7 p.m. the Church School will hold an open house during which class promotions will be made. This program will replace the regular Sunday evening service.

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'HAPPY BIRTHDAY'

AUGUST 27: Velma Minges, Mark Smith, Jean Kelly, Vincent Gretchner.

AUGUST 28: Leland Kornell, Charles Ridgway, Jon Monroe, Marva Casler.

AUGUST 29: Pat Lombardo, Wanda Jantzen, John Jones, Sr., Marian Noware, Shawn Gray, Robert Kolberg.

AUGUST 30: Leland Kornell, Charles Ridgway, Jon Monroe, Michelle Leiter.

SEPTEMBER 1: Ralph Boerma (94), Mark Blocher, Bob King, Paula Buck, Kenneth Jones.

SEPTEMBER 2: Joan Ridgway, Eric Elzinga.

New Buds On The Family Tree. A baby boy was born August 20, 1976, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Gail) Acheson, Jr. of Lowell, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The new arrival, Ronald Howard, weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phillips of Lowell, Howard Acheson of Lowell and Shirley Acheson of rural Lowell.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the bride's

brother-in-law, the Rev. Harold Myers, and the Rev. Doyle Brannon before an altar graced with candelabras entwined with blue and yellow flowers.

The bride entered the sanctuary at the arm of her father, adorned in full-length empire waist gown of quana, fashioned with bell sleeves and a square embroidered neckline. A Camelot headpiece enhanced with seed-pearls secured her veil of illusion and attached flowing train, fashioned and crafted by her mother.

A bridal bouquet of roses, carnations, daisies and baby breath completed her ensemble.

Preceding the bride down the aisle was her maid of honor, Miss Kim Wynyarda and her bridesmaids, Miss Marcia Ailes, Mrs. Sharon Kuipers and Miss Susan Wittenbach. Flower girl was Jennifer Bedell.

Attending the groom as best man was Bob Bewell. Groomsman were Ted Hoeseth, Pat McMahon, Terry Reducki, Rick Seese and Tom Townsend. Ringbearer was Tony Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bedell, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, presided as master and mistress of ceremonies at a reception which followed in the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College Student Center.

After a one-week trip to Northern Michigan and Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Wittenbach will be at home at 313 Hudson Street, Lowell.

The residents of Cherry Creek Nursing Home, celebrating birthdays during the month of July, were honored guests at a party last Thursday afternoon, hosted by the Mary Esther group of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Party guests included Mable Boyce, Della Robinson, Bernice Blackman, Jack Labenthal, Joan Ruffer, James McMahon, Henry Labaczewski, Ruth Cannon, Grace Gail, Dora Jaler, Nella Mae Sterling, Marie McDonald, Fred Watson, Joseph Twork, and Vincent Gretchner.

Mary Johnson Weds Craig A. Wittenbach



The vows of Holy Matrimony were exchanged at one o'clock on Saturday, August 21, by Miss Mary Anne Johnson and Craig A. Wittenbach. The ceremony was performed in Berkley Hills Wesleyan Church, Grand Rapids.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill E. Johnson of Ferris Street, Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wittenbach of Lowell.

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Letsons To Mark 25th

A silver wedding anniversary (25th) celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Letson (nee Betty Johnson) will be held Sunday, August 29, at their home, 375 E. Vermontville Highway, Charlotte, Michigan.

The open house, to be hosted by their children, will be from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. The Letsons were married August 31, 1951. They have five children and one grandson.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Letson's friends, neighbors and relatives are cordially invited to attend. They have requested "no gifts, please."

The dinner hour on Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. will feature barbecued sizzlers. Chicken will be served Sunday between the

St. Robert's Festival This Week End

A "Gala Fall Festival," will be held at St. Robert's Church, Ada Drive, S.E., Ada, this Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

On Saturday, the activities will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 10 p.m.; Sunday the hours will be 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Come to Church

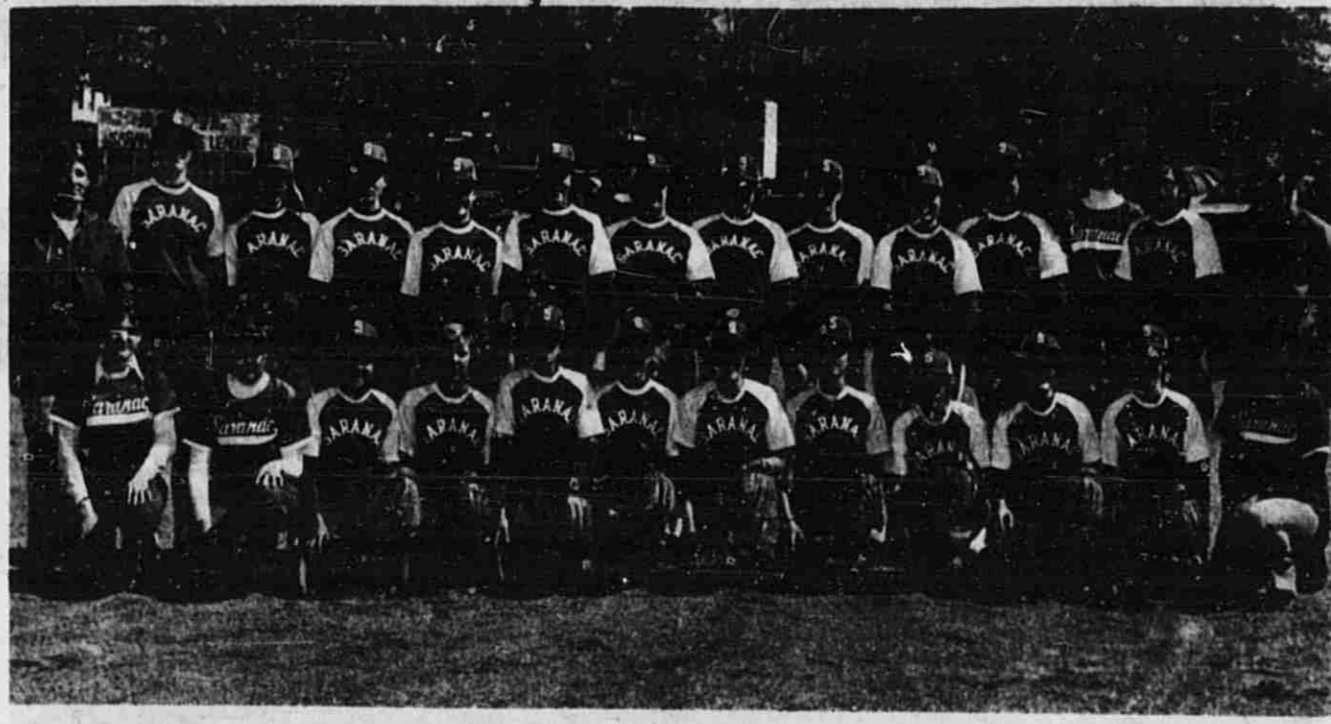
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On And Around SARANAC Mrs. Ralph Weston 642-6136 The Saranac Community Schools will register students...

ton of Hastings, were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs...

Wigh, Crystal. Barbara Walkington had a double birthday party for her sons Mark and Aaron...

Saranac's Girls Varsity Softball Team



Saranac High School's girls' varsity softball team, top row, from left, Mrs. Barb Verlan, Yvonne Sprague, Kathy Meyers, Tammi Frazer, Tracy Hardy, Peggy Grieves, Tracy Butcher, Barb Randall, Durrenda Butcher, Lori Haller, Jodi White, Clara Katanek, Lorraine Willison and Jay Verlan...

All-Conference Players



Tracy Hardy, Teri Frazer and Peggy Grieves.

Three Saranac High softball players received honors from the Tri-County Athletic Association...

Tracy Hardy, a 1976 graduate, was selected as First Team All-Conference catcher...

Teri Frazer was also selected to the First Team. For her first year as a fast-pitch pitcher...

"Life is too short to be small." Benjamin Disraeli

Evelyn Magee Honored



Evelyn Magee was honored Monday, August 16 for her 30 years of service with the Universal Division, Leigh Products, Inc. in Saranac...

City of Lowell

NOTICE

The last day to pay Storm Sewer Installment No. 4, without penalty is Wednesday, September 1, 1976. Beginning September 2, 1976, 1/2% per month penalty will be charged.

Mary Newell Becomes Mrs. Patrick Collier



Miss Mary Elizabeth Newell became the bride of Patrick James Collier on Saturday afternoon, August 7, in the South Boston Bible Church...

The Rev. Earl Cross performed the two'clock double-ring ceremony, with the benediction given by Rev. Peterson. The organist, Ethelyn McClure accompanied the soloist, Valerie Hubble...

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Board Holds Special Meeting

Planned usage of \$250,000.00 in the Lowell Area School's building and site fund was presented by the school board at a special meeting held last Thursday, August 19.

Board member, Dave Miller

detailed the usage to an audience of about sixty.

The proposed usage of the money read as follows: \$20,000 for debt retirement; \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a greenhouse; \$45,000 for six tennis courts;

and \$175,000 for administrative space.

It was emphasized that no final plans have been approved for administration space and the cost may fall well short of the proposed \$175,000.

Many questions were fired at Miller and he, with the help of the board and administrative staff answered them as best they could. Lowell's Mayor Robert Christiansen asked a good share of the questions and seemed to favor using the money to retire bonds.

Miller was asked, who had the final say in how the money is to be spent. He replied that the school board did, but that the purpose of these special meetings was to hear what the people had to say and that all remarks would be taken into consideration by the board before a final decision was reached.

Patty Elzinga again brought up using the money for an indoor pool, but the board did not seem to seriously consider such a project feasible.

The main argument to this is the fact that an indoor pool requires very high maintenance costs and the school is already making cuts because it is short of operating money.

The meeting was very long, many questions were asked, many answers were given. The subject has been very heated at times, but now the final decision rests with the board.

Lowell Woman Files Suit in Circuit Court

The widow of a Lowell Township man, killed in July of 1975, when his motorcycle collided with a semi-trailer truck is seeking an undetermined amount, over \$10,000, in a suit filed in Kent County's Circuit Court.

Mrs. Penny L. Helmer of Lowell has brought suit against Holland Motor Express, Inc., 4600 Clyde Park Avenue, Grand Rapids, with charges that the truck driver, Clayton Smith, was at fault for making a left turn in

Lowell Groups To Receive Community Chest Funds



Mrs. Karen Charon, director of the East Kent Community Center, and Susan Marks, supervisor of the Center's satellite facility, accept the check for \$600 from the Lowell Community Chest Fund.

The Lowell Community Chest Fund has graciously donated funds to the East Kent Community Center's Advisory Board for the past 5 years. This year, the donation was in the amount of \$600.

Through these funds, the Center has been able to assist many families in the area with food and housing costs, under the supervision of the Center's director, Mrs. Karen Charon.

For the past three years,

through the utilization of these funds, the East Kent Center has also been able to sponsor a Summer Parks Youth Program. This year, over 100 kids, daily, took part in the program.

Mrs. Charon this week, issued a special thanks to the Lowell Community Chest for their consideration and generous donation.

Other recipients of Community Chest funds, in the amount of \$25 each, were the Camp Fire Girls, the Girl Scouts, and two Cub Scout Packs.

Layer Taking ROTC Training



Cadet Jordan J. Layer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Layer, 524 E. Main St., Lowell, is receiving practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps advanced camp at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The six-week ROTC advanced camp provides an opportunity for cadets to develop and demonstrate Leadership capabilities in a field training environment.

Most cadets are fulfilling their advanced camp requirements during the summer between their junior and senior years in college. However, there will be a number of graduating seniors who will receive Army commissions at the completion of camp.

Cadet Layer, a student at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, is one of more than 48,000 cadets from colleges and universities across the nation, enrolled in Army ROTC training.

The cadet is a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School.

GASKELL, COMPETES FOR TOP JA HONORS

James Gaskell, a student at Forest Hills Central High School has reached the finals in competition at the National Junior Achievers Conference (NAJAC) being held at the University of Indiana campus.

Gaskell among the top five in the nation is competing as quality control manager.

Board Story

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was also accepted. Long resigned to become a school principal at Newaygo.

The board also agreed to go along with a Grand Valley Intern program regarding a teacher in the Middle School special ed department, under the supervision of Roger Buck. Balking somewhat at first at hiring another teacher, Supt. Leonard Sinke managed to convince the board that not only would they be saving money by the time the year was over but the benefit to the students would be doubled.

Editors Observations,

I really don't have much to add to Olive's story this week. One thing is that the special meetings that have been held concerning the usage of building and site money, seem to have answered a lot of people's questions. Other than Patty Elzinga's proposal to use the money for an indoor pool, there was only one other short comment from the audience on the subject. It must be quite a relief to the board, not to face a capacity crowd that seems to have an endless barrage of questions.

Campaign Raises Funds For Tool

A door-to-door campaign by the volunteers of the Grattan and Cannon Volunteer Fire Departments has raised more than \$5,000 for the purchase of a Hurst power tool.

Now, victims of auto accidents in the northeastern section of Kent County will have a better chance of survival. The Hurst tool is used to pry open a wrecked car without creating sparks to ignite leaking gasoline.

Ward Hacker, a representative of the two fire units, said the tool will be carried in the Cannon Township Rescue Vehicle, and will be the only unit of its kind in the northeast part of the county.

Harry Morris, jr., and William Weeks, fire chiefs of Cannon and Grattan respectively, recently took possession of the tool from the Michigan Fire Rescue, Inc., who conducted a demonstration for the firefighters.

NATURE CENTER OPEN TO VISITORS SUNDAYS

Blandford Nature Center of the Grand Rapids Public Museum is open free of charge to visitors from 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday in September.

As the colorful fall season nears, it is interesting to note the many changes which are taking place in the animal and plant kingdoms.

The Nature Center is located at 1715 Hillburn Avenue, N.W.

ADA MAN FACES FELONY CHARGE

Philip Strong, 22, of Ada, has demanded examination in 63rd District Court on a felony charge.

Strong is charged with aiding and abetting in malicious destruction over \$100 for allegedly shooting up the Lowell Police Department Building, last December.

Wins Bicentennial Quilt



Karen Richard, a very lucky and happy youngster, was the winner of the Kent County 4-H Bicentennial quilt which was given in a drawing at the Heritage tent at the 4-H Youth Fair August 13.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Richard, 13885 Covered Bridge, Lowell. Mrs. Richard is the leader of the Covered Bridge Workers 4-H Club.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your cooperation in publicizing the events of our Showboat Garden Club, especially the flower show held during Showboat week. Its success in the community and area was the result in great part of the publicity.

Your cooperation was greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,
Ruby Leeman, Pres.
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