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## School Museum To Be Highlight Of Fall Festival



Gordon Johnson is shown beside the piece of furniture made at Kopf's Furniture Factory, which operated on a site later owned by Mr. Johnson, near the Daniel Marsac settlement in South Lowell.

The Fallsburg School Museum will be open to all the public during the Fall Festival on October 2 and 3.

There are a number of interesting exhibits donated by various former residents of the area. A grouping of carpenter tools mounted on a peg board by Gordon B. Johnson who has been untiring in his cooperation and help since becoming a member of the Society.

Mr. Johnson has assisted as staff for museum openings, made a sign for the museum, helped prepare an exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum the spring of 1971.

Gordon has made donation receptacles for us and has recently prepared materials for the signs which will direct the public to the Fall Festival at Fallsburg Park October 2 and 3.

Clynis and Ida Bensons have been the curators of the Fallsburg Museum for several years and have prepared the interior of the 109-year-old building with imagination and loving care.

Exhibitors of Arts & Crafts are urged to enter the show on October 2 and 3. Call 897-9936 or 897-9596.

## Kaptain's Korner To Host "Denimachine"



The \$18,000.00 "Denimachine," one of ten to be given away by the Coca-Cola Company, will be displayed in front of Kaptain's Korner, Friday, September 10, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

A big afternoon is planned at Kaptain's Korner this Friday, September 10, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. A "Denimachine," described as the ultimate in highway cruising vans will be on display in front of the store. The van is one of ten in The Coca-Cola Bottling Company's "Denimachine Sweepstakes." In addition, visitors can register to win one of 7,500 articles of Levi clothing, furnished by the Levi Strauss Company. All of this of course is a nation wide drawing but there will also be 50 cartons of Coke and some Levi clothing given away at Kaptain's Korner on Friday.

Grand Rapids Radio station, WLAV will be broadcasting from Kaptain's Korner while the van is at the store. Stop in and tour the "Denimachine" and also register to win one of the many prizes.

Kaptain's Korner is located at 107 W. main Street, Lowell, Mi.

## Survey Shows Preference To Retain Rural Setting

Over 70 percent of Township of Lowell Residents prefer to retain their present "Rural Setting".

The answers received from the Lowell Township attitude survey have been accumulated. The resulting percentages applied to the questions as answered will provide the Township Development and Planning Commission with an excellent base for proceeding with a Master Land Use Plan.

Supervisor Robert Leasure is grateful for the large response from local citizens. A 35 percent return was enjoyed from Township residents. Normally a first mailing of this type will bring approximately 15 percent return.

Leasure is hopeful a questionnaire of this type will be mailed every two years. This in turn

will enable the Development and Planning Commission to keep their Master Land Use Plan reasonably in tune with the citizens' wishes.

Prior to adoption, the proposed plan will be published with a general meeting to follow. The project could be completed within the coming ten months.

With the guidance of West Michigan Region 8 the Township Development and Planning Commission is doing its own work. Their service will result in a savings of from thirteen thousand dollars to twenty-three thousand dollars.

A number of interesting facts can be drawn from the accumulated percentages:

30 percent of our adult residents have some college and/or graduated from college.

6 percent of our heads of

household are full time farmers (general or specialty).

50 percent of our residents live on 10 acres or more.

45 percent of the households own two licensed vehicles or more.

9 percent of our K-12 students attend private schools.

30 percent of our parents indicate that our public school system does not adequately prepare our students for college, trade school, apprenticeships, farming, or employment.

Supervisor Robert Leasure stated arrangements have been completed with the federal government to take a certified federal census this fall. At this time population estimates are running from 4,200 to as high as 4,800 residents in the Township.

Where has the summer gone? It doesn't seem possible that the 1976-77 school year has started and that autumn will officially begin at 5:48 p.m. on September 22. This autumn will start some 18 hours earlier than last year because of the leap year day in February.

Dry weather in the area continues to increase the danger of fires, according to Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker. Even though there has been some rain, it will take considerably more to abate the danger from the extremely dry undergrowth. Residents are asked to be cautious when barbecuing and smoking.

The YMCA Ball Program will need a tractor next summer to drag the ball fields. If you have a tractor you would like to donate (donations to the Y are deductible) call 897-7375.

Here's one explanation of why fire trucks are always painted red: Fire trucks have four wheels and eight men, and four and eight are twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler and Queen Elizabeth is the largest ship in the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin', therefore fire trucks are red.

Area boys, ages 8 through 13, wishing to compete in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick contest co-sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycees and Harold Zeigler Ford Agency have until this Friday, September 10 to sign up.

Registration for participation should be made at the Zeigler Agency, 11979 East Fulton, west of Lowell.

The contest will be held September 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Burch Field in Recreation Park.

The help of motorists in pinpointing dangerous spots on the state's roads is sought by Automobile Club of Michigan, according to an editorial in the September Motor News magazine.

The editorial urges any motorist who notes highway danger spots to drop a note to: Danger-Motor News, Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, Michigan, 48126.

We'll pass the information on to the experts in the club's Safety and Traffic Engineering Department to route to the appropriate state, county or local governmental agency for checking and action, the editorial states.

Communications received which include the sender's name and address will be answered by Auto Club's Safety and Traffic Engineering Department, with a report on action taken, Motor News adds.

Issued an appearance citation for simple larceny was Aimee Bridgeman of Grand Rapids in connection with a shoplifting incident last Tuesday evening at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street.

Jane Sister and Valdy Walker were the drivers of two vehicles involved in a property damage accident at Kent and Jackson Streets, last week, when the Sister vehicle failed to yield at the marked intersection.

Two juvenile runaways were picked up by Lowell Police last week and turned over to the custody of their parents.

Lowell Police officers received a total of nine accident complaints during the month of August. Two of these mishaps involved personal injuries.

This was the safety month, accident wise, for the City of Lowell, thus far this year.

## Velma Austin Retires . . .



Velma Austin, Kyser Road, Saranac, on September 1st retired from Universal Division, Leigh Products, Inc., in Saranac after 28 years of service.

She began working in 1948 in Universal's Sprayer Department and has continued her career in that area.

Roger Hattem, Personnel Manager, presented Velma with a gift certificate and her first retirement check in honor of the occasion. Following the presentation she was joined by her co-workers for coffee and cake.

## Rulings Irk Farmers

Farmers are getting prepared to "storm the citadel" of the Michigan Department of Labor on September 13 to voice their opposition to what they call an "unjustifiable" proposal. MI-OSHA has decided that farmers in this state should be required to retrofit (build guards for all the old equipment they have on the farm) even though this same proposal was turned down at the federal level because of the resulting economic impact, nationwide, could not be justified.

Right now, farmers are checking the machinery on their farms that have moving parts which would have to be covered under the standard and figuring the costs involved - if, that is, it could be done at all. On some equipment, there's no place to attach a guard; dealers are refusing to fabricate the needed parts because of product liability; and, should the farmer decide to build a guard shield himself, he could be liable for improper manufacturing of a part if someone gets hurt as the result of his "do-it-yourself" project. Consequently, if the standard goes through, a lot of older equipment will simply have to be junked.

What concerns Michigan farmers even more than the economics involved (costs of retrofit are estimated to be about \$1,300 for the average farm) is their conviction that it would be a setback for safety. Any law that would allow a government bureau more police powers, more punitive powers, and more control over private businesses, creates a resentment between farmers and OSHA. The result is resistance - and destruction of a climate in which farmers and OSHA could work together toward a common goal. In this kind of situation, safety - which should be the primary concern, loses top priority, sort of like the girl who is forgotten while two rivals fight it out.

Farmers' fights against retrofit is not a fight against safety. Basically, it's a fight against an every-growing government bureaucracy which has bred a vast

army of bureaucrats with the power, one way or another, to reach into every home in America.

Farmers would like to be able to look to OSHA for safety education, for assistance in making their farms safe places to work. But when a bureau has the power to regulate every activity on their farms, fine them, or even put them in jail, it becomes an enemy rather than a helpful friend. . . . And a setback for safety.

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## Park Has New Look

Chief Hazy Cloud Park along the Grand River north of the village of Ada has taken on a new look, following the completion of ripping the embankment with huge blocks of concrete, to stop erosion when the level of the river is high.

Major improvements include mowing and trimming, elimination and relocation of part of the park road, a new picnic area, a parking area, seeding of bare spots, construction of a jetty of broken concrete and turnaround area for cars, says Donald Arnott, Kent County park superintendent.

The road at the north end of the park has been eliminated and transformed into a picnic area. Also, part of the road near the north end of the park has been relocated about 75 feet to the east, to direct traffic away from the old part which was eroded by the high level and fast current of the river in the spring of 1975 and after prolonged heavy rains, last year, he says.

Seeding has been done in the new picnic area, the former road section, tracks made by the bulldozer used for ripping and on miscellaneous spots in the entire park.

Part of the chunks of concrete was used to make a 20-foot-long, flat-topped jetty that deflects the water from part of the

park, to help stop erosion, Arnott states.

"Already, it has become a favorite fishing spot by one man," he says. "Almost every day, he brings a chair, set it down near the end of the jetty, sits down and throws out his line."

"It's a comfortable way to fish and he, obviously, does not have to cast his bait too far to reach the fish."

## Board Meets September 13

Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet on Monday evening, September 13, in the KIVA room at the Bushnell Elementary School.

The meeting, open to the public, will commence at 7:30 p.m. The following five items have been placed on the agenda:

1. Hockey Program
2. Contract for new teacher.
3. Audit Report
4. Tuition Policies.
5. State Aid for Debt Retirement

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## Reedy Real Estate Celebrates 5th Birthday

Reedy Real Estate of Lowell is celebrating five years of very successful operation this month. Owner, broker, salesman; Don Reedy, is extremely proud of his business, and rightfully so. In five short years his company has tallied somewhere around twelve million dollars in sales, expanded into many fields related to real estate and currently has a team of seven top-notch salesmen.



Don Reedy of Reedy Real Estate.

Don explains that for a medium-size company, Reedy Real Estate offers many services that are found only in large firms,

yet maintains the personal relationship with the person buying or selling real estate. Says Don, "anyone doing business with this company, has a direct line to me". Some of the company services that Reedy Real Estate provides are listings through the Grand Rapids Multiple Listing System, property management, appraisals needed for estate and divorce settlements, etc., notary service, collection of land contracts, building, financing and of course the buying and selling of all types of properties.

Don says that good sales personnel have been one of the big reasons for Reedy Real Estate's success. Dick Eldridge is one of them, having a farm background and being highly educated in real estate sales, he has put together several large farm sales. Wilma Miedema is a specialist in the sale of dairy farms and Don says that he is very proud of some of the packages that she has put together. Cheryl Butcher is currently kept very busy with her chores as receptionist and secretary for the company but has had a good record of sales in her five years with the Reedy Real Estate Company. Opal Sweet resides in

Saranac, knows the Saranac and Ionia area very well, and specializes in sales in that vicinity. Keith Greenhoe is retired from twenty-two years of operating his own oil business in Ionia. Don describes Keith as being extremely dependable. Tony Myers has been with Reedy Real Estate only six months but is already proving himself as a successful salesman.

Another big reason for Reedy's success is of course its clients and customers. Their past patronage is greatly appreciated by the people at Reedy Real Estate.

Don is quick to point out his two son's interest in the business. Don, Jr., 18, is attending Grand Rapids Junior College and hopes to obtain his real estate salesman license soon. Thomas, 16, is a student at Lowell High School. Both boys actively work in the office, cleaning, filing and putting up signs.

Don says that Reedy Real Estate is just getting started and that he is looking forward to expanding in many directions, and is now looking for at least two more sales people.

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# LOOKING BACK

This is a series that will appear weekly in the Grand Valley Ledger. It will be a historical look back at Lowell and the surrounding areas.

## How It Began

The story of the Great Lakes area began hundreds of millions of years ago. In that age the land was drenched with molten lava, boiling up from the earth's core.

This was the Pre-Cambrian Era which impressed the earth from the beginning of history until around five hundred million years ago. When this volcanic age finally relinquished its hold, it left behind the foundation of the Great Lakes.

Present day reminders of the Pre-Cambrian days may be found along Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the tortured and broken rocks of the Canadian Shield. This rock is among the oldest on earth. Most of today's rich mineral deposits of iron and copper are products of the Canadian Shield.

Glacial ice sheets made their first appearance some one million years ago. The advancing mountains of ice, some two hundred feet high and three hundred miles wide, gouged their way south at about twelve miles a day, crushing everything in their path as far west as Kansas and Nebraska and as far south as the Ohio River. As they passed over the Great Lakes region, their enormous weight chisled great gorges into the earth, which later became our lakes and rivers; surrounded by rugged rock shores and huge sand dunes.

As the ice sheets receded for the last time, animal and plant life came to the Great Lakes region. Michigan's huge beds of rock salt, oil and gas deposits were formed during this period. (about this time man made his appearance).

This, then, is how the Great Lakes began. To the harsh influx of rock and ice, we owe their enormous wealth and rugged beauty, much of which is still visible along the banks of the Grand and Flat Rivers.

The future destiny of our great land now is the responsibility of man and the coming generations. In this Bicentennial year of 1976 we should give serious thought to the preservation of our great natural resources: water, air, trees, plant and animal life; if this nation is to survive. The threats are increasing daily and the results depend on you, and you, and you.

Please give this some serious thought and in the meantime, get out and enjoy the natural beauty of our great State of Michigan.

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**HUGE IRON ORE DEPOSITS DISCOVERED IN UPPER PENINSULA**  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MI., SEPT. 19, 1844—Huge deposits of iron ore have been discovered in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan by U.S. Deputy Surveyor William A. Burd. Setting off excited speculations about the future development of this wilderness region.

The deposits were discovered near Teal Lake in Marquette County as Burd was surveying this region to draw township property lines. While taking readings with his magnetic compass along a section south of the lake, he noted sharp fluctuations in his compass needle. In some areas, Burd reports, the pull of the iron ore deposits on the needle was so strong that it didn't move in any direction at all, but instead dipped to the bottom of the box.

LAND BOOM HERE EVER  
FITZES IN 1836  
DETROIT, MICH., DEC. 15, 1836—Michigan's land rush hit a fever pitch this year as thousands of settlers from New England and western New York swarmed into the Territory.

Tent cities have mushroomed around Federal land office towns and exude a carnival atmosphere. Prices skyrocket as food and drink run scarce for the thousands doing land office business.

Land speculation runs wild, especially in the two-week period between the posting of the land for sale and the final auction. Prairie lands bring in the highest prices, since they don't have to be cleared of the mighty oak trees covering most of lower Michigan.

The late Ralph Auble, who in 1954 lived on the farm his father Andrew carved from the woods in 1865, a mile down the road from the old town hall, once recalled the township meetings in the blacksmith shop, and many since in the "new" town hall. He was Township Treasurer for a time and served on the Board of Review.

The "new hall" was built in 1898, all right, but exactly by whom and at what cost is vague. The records were burned in Gorham's home. Auble remembered some builders nam-



A section of Lowell's East Main Street was destroyed in a fire on January 2, 1958. Among the structures burned down, the only one to rebuild at the site was Wagon Clothing and Shoes.

## Fire!

The white frame building on Thornapple River SE, just off US-16 at Cascade, bears a round window in its face, high near the steep gables and over the stooping porch roof.

The window's cracked and peeling paint labeled the building in 1954 as "Cascade's Township Hall, 1898." It's the only town hall Cascade has ever had until a new one was built and the building was turned into a library.

But rather than that date marking the early beginnings of the community, it marked the end of an era which dated back to the first white settlers in the valley of the Thornapple River, 10 miles from Louis Campau's trading post at what was to become Grand Rapids and three miles south of the still-earlier trading post of Rix Robinson at Ada.

There is the legend, for instance, passed on by long-aged early settlers, that every Township Board meeting was prefaced by a horse race from the schoolhouse to the town hall. Quite a few good running and riding horses were in use in the neighborhood and their owners competed actively in the saddle and verbally at the town hall.

There were the hot old political battles among Cascade's legends, too, when Edgar E. Johnson was a leader in the community. Johnson was Supervisor in 1860 and 1861, again in 1869 and 1872 was replaced by Horace Henshaw in 1873, but Johnson was back in the saddle again from 1874 to 1877.

Henry C. Denison took the reins in 1878 but Johnson was Supervisor again from 1879 to 1881. In fact, legend has it that Johnson's influence was still active years later when the township caucus was used to pick candidates, and a Republican caucus was "packed" with Democrats to nominate the late Robert Patterson, then a school teacher, for Supervisor.

This made the Republican voters so mad (still legend talking) that they elected William Watterston on slips. The ballot, in those days, was printed with the office headings, but names were marked by pasting in slips handed out by the candidates.

All this came later, like the Town Hall. The old blacksmith shop remembers the Indians, and the Cascade Magnetic Mineral Springs Hotel which C. F. Holt built on the Thornapple downstream from the present

US-16 bridge. A three-story, 50-room resort hotel it was, costing \$80,000, and "no case of St. Vitus Dance came to drink of the mineral waters but went away cured."

The Ottawas who lived in the Cascade region were gone long before although a sizable settlement existed when Lewis Cook came from New Jersey in 1837 as the village's first white settler, followed closely by his brother-in-law, Hiram Laraway, and then the Toeples, and the Mays, the Farrells, the Eardeys and all the rest.

The late Wm. Thomas, in 1954, one of the Township's constant residents, remembers voting over Cogger's blacksmith shop, because that's where the Township meetings were held before the turn of the century.

But even the old blacksmith shop doesn't recall that. The original cost of this bridge was \$1,500. In January of 1945 the Kent County Road Commission rejected the abatements with concrete and otherwise strengthened the bridge at a cost of \$3,000. It is the only timber bridge in Kent County still being used by vehicular traffic.

Present plans call for a reconstructed mill, a museum, a country school, and craft shops and other authentic attractions to preserve the Heritage of Fallsburg. This could become the outstanding tourist attraction in West Michigan with a potential of many thousands of visitors each year. It is hoped that Lowell and surrounding cities will place highway signs directing interested tourists to Fallsburg.

Fort Flag is raised MACKINAC ISLAND, MI., SEPT. 1, 1796—The hoisting of the stars and bars over Fort Mackinac today makes it official—the Northwest Territory is now indisputably a part of the U.S.

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## COMING EVENTS

- FRI., SEPT. 10:** Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Friday, September 10, at 8 p.m. for a Memorial Service; officers to wear white formal. For the officers desiring to renew their Proficiency Card, there will be a proficiency class that same evening.
- SUN., SEPT. 12:** Lowell Y.M.C.A. Swim Team will close its season with a Family Potluck at Fallsburg Park Pavilion at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 12.
- MON., SEPT. 13:** The Golden Swingers will meet at Schneider Manor on Boves Road, Lowell, Monday evening, September 13, for a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Bring own service and a dish to pass. Good program. Color tour is October 7.
- TUE., SEPT. 14:** The Old-Timers potluck picnic will be held Sunday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. June Fawn.
- WED., SEPT. 15:** The Garden Lore Club will meet at the Marion DeVries residence at 1 p.m., September 15. Marion DeVries is hostess. Bernice Oberg co-hostess. Program to be announced at the meeting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeks were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linzey Leasby, Clarksville, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hod-dinott, Lynchburg, Ohio, and Mrs. Nancy Hick, Blissfield, were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheaton.

Mr. Hillis Tischer was a guest Tuesday afternoon of Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Frost, Garden City, Michigan, were Wednesday afternoon and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeks.

Miss Julie Olson, Lowell, was an over the weekend guest of Katherine Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hatadis, Morrison Lake Gardens, were Labor Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs in Grand Rapids, home for her birthday dinner, Pat Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Kelly, held chores too difficult to handle themselves.

Senior Neighbors will hire two Lowell women to work as Home Help Aides. The women must be over 50, have a car, like elderly persons and have had experience in home-making. Call 241-1066 to apply for these positions.

## OBITUARIES

**Decatur Rowley**  
Decatur H. (Brownie) Rowley passed away August 30 at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home in Lowell at the age of 83. Funeral Mass was said Thursday morning, September 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lowell. The Rev. Father Richard Lawie officiating. Burial was made in Byron, Michigan.

Mr. Rowley is survived by a niece, Mrs. Edward (Addie) McCormick of Ada; a nephew, John Krum of McCords; a sister-in-law, Mrs. George (Eva) Rowley of Durand; and several great-nieces and nephews.

**James Keech**  
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, September 7, at the Hessel Cheslek Funeral Home, Sparta, for James E. Keech.

The Reverend Bill Davis officiated at the services and interment was made in Algoma Cemetery.

Mr. Keech, aged 71, of 143 South Pleasant Street, Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 4, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids, following a lingering illness.

Besides his wife, Norma, Mr. Keech leaves three sons, Robert of Pierson, Harold of Grand Rapids and James, Jr., of Sparta; a daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Norma) May of Sparta; 17 grandchildren; one brother, Frederick of Detroit; and several nieces and nephews.

## POTPOURRI

Mrs. Vern Sturgis is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The Chuck King family on Ouilgite is having a foreign exchange student, Harold Stork, living at their home this school year.

Mrs. Hazel Frazier of Annapolis, Maryland, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hazel Tanner of Lowell. Her Labor Day, Mrs. Frazier joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oom of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Violet Miller of Lowell attended in Belding and visited the Sparta Fica Market. This week, Mrs. Frazier is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Baker of Saranac.

On Labor Day more than 20 relatives called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seeley, Cascade Road, to help Mr. Seeley celebrate his 75th birthday. Out-of-town relatives included those from Maryland and Michigan. Mr. Seeley's close friends and in turn entertained those present with his own act; assisting him was a granddaughter, from Addison, Michigan. All present joined in singing a song to the tune of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" honoring Mr. Seeley; this was read by a nephew from Cedar Springs, Lyle Perry.

A long-time Lowell resident, Mrs. Laura Dawson will celebrate her 95th birthday on Wednesday, September 15. A card shower in her honor is being planned by her friends. She is now a resident of the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, and cards should be forwarded to her there.

A potluck dinner was held at the Lowell Senior Center Tuesday afternoon, August 31, in honor of Howard Clark, former Director of the Center.

Away at College: Diana Keim, Western Michigan University, Ernest Burnham Hall, Room 350, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006; Jeanne Smith, Western Michigan University, Ernest Burnham Hall, Room 350, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006.

Mrs. Susie Beane, 97, passed away Friday evening, September 3, 1976, at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, Lowell. She was a long-time resident of Grand Rapids.

## Fall Program Starts At Lowell Senior Center

Lowell Senior Center, 214 E. Main St., is starting its fall program and welcomes all area senior citizens. In addition to the recreational activities that have been so popular, there will be classes in various crafts, and a Michigan history class which will include trips to points of historical interest. Margaret Dean, coordinator.

Visitors to the Center are asked to check on a questionnaire those activities which have the most appeal to them. An exercise class, designed to maintain cardio-vascular fitness, book reviews, country painting and music appreciation are offered as program choices. No senior citizen in Lowell can complain that he or she has no where to go or nothing to do!

"Seniors, their needs and concerns, are our business—our only business," says Margaret Dean, Center Coordinator. The Center is part of Senior Neighbors, Inc., a Kent County United Way agency.

Among the many services offered senior citizens is home help, providing competent help to the elderly which will enable them to stay in their own homes even though they find household chores too difficult to handle themselves.

Senior Neighbors will hire two Lowell women to work as Home Help Aides. The women must be over 50, have a car, like elderly persons and have had experience in home-making. Call 241-1066 to apply for these positions.

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A long-time Lowell resident, Mrs. Laura Dawson will celebrate her 95th birthday on Wednesday, September 15. A card shower in her honor is being planned by her friends. She is now a resident of the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, and cards should be forwarded to her there.

A potluck dinner was held at the Lowell Senior Center Tuesday afternoon, August 31, in honor of Howard Clark, former Director of the Center.

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<b>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7152 Bradford St., S. E. — 876-1068 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:45 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Evening Service 8:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Hour
<b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. — 876-1032 REV. WILFRED FIET	<b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 1151 West Main Street — 897-8841 REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT
<b>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS	<b>EASTMONT BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5038 Cascade Road, S.E. — 897-8841 REV. ROBERT MCCARTHY
<b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-9309 DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO</b> Corner of 80th Street & Bancroft Avenue 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 821 E. Main Street — 897-7514 REV. F. HURT	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA)</b> 2700 East Fulton Road 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship
<b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL</b> 201 North Washington Street REV. F. HURT	<b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Avenue, S. E. [Between 28th & 36th Streets, East] REV. EREND E. PASSENER 891-1045 or 891-1383
<b>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS</b> 6147 — 88th St., S. E., Alto, Mich. [Near Whitteville Rd.] 888-8610 ELDER IVAN STARK, PASTOR	<b>VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST</b> Corner Parnell Avenue & Bailey Drive 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Church School

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201 North Washington Street  
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8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
9:45 a.m. Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. Nursery — Come & Worship With Us

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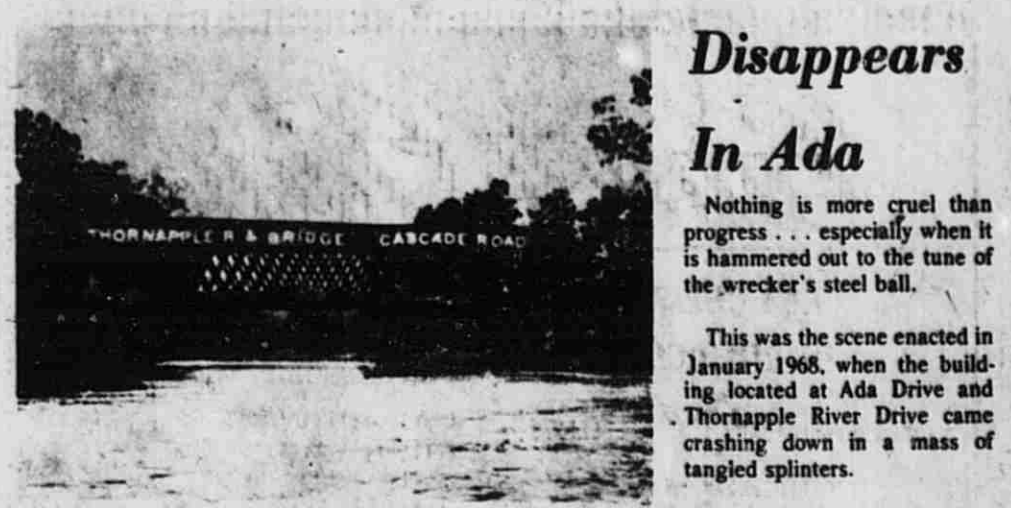
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## US-16 Covered Bridge Landmark Disappears In Ada



Nothing is more cruel than progress . . . especially when it is hammered out to the tune of the wrecker's steel ball.

This was the scene enacted in January 1968, when the building located at Ada Drive and Thornapple River Drive came crashing down in a mass of tangled splinters.

Long a landmark in the community . . . and one of the demolished to make way for a parking lot adjacent to the Ada Hardware.

Only two buildings remain from the original cluster that marked Ada as a community . . . the present Masonic Temple and the Ada Landrum, and both of these have undergone renovations.

Oldtimers recall that the building at one time housed a grocery store and, true to the nature of the times, bills for food often were paid off in exchange for work, such as cutting ice in the mill pond that was located where the backwaters of the Ada Dam now are found.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan, regular council meeting of Monday, August 16, 1976.

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

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Pfalter that the minutes of the August 2 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Collins. Carried.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Pfalter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Warning. Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes General Fund (\$79,899.56), Major Street Fund (44.65), Local Street Fund (32.72), Sewer Fund (880.92), Water Fund (1,672.26), Equipment Fund (413.18), Building and Site Fund (6.63), Water Fund-Construction (22,276.98).

Council discussed the partial payment due for the pipeline installation in conjunction with the Water Treatment Facility. Manager Quada stated that it was about completed.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Pfalter, supported by Councilman Warning and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the partial payment to Bond Construction Co. in the amount of \$94,919.62 for the installation of the pipeline from the Water Treatment well property to the existing water supply pipeline. Yes: Councilmen Collins, Jeffries, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. No: None. Absent: None.

Council then discussed the necessary permit needed to construct a 12 inch water main along M-21 by the Thomet Chevrolet Sales.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Collins, supported by Councilman Pfalter.

RESOLVED, that Williams and Works, Inc. is hereby authorized to make application to the Michigan Department of State Highways on behalf of the City of Lowell in the County of Kent, Michigan for the necessary permit to lay 295 feet of 12" ductile iron water main parallel to Main Street (M-21) at minimum depth of 5'0" from ground surface, 10 feet from the pavement edge (18 feet from R.O.W. line) and connecting to existing 12" water main stub 75+ feet south of Main and Church Street intersection, within the right-of-way of State Trunkline M-21, and that the City of Lowell in the County of Kent, Michigan, will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and will indemnify and save harmless all persons from claims of every kind arising out of operations authorized by this permit as is issued. Carried.

A lengthy discussion then followed on the proposed purchase of a I. B. M. typewriter for the Police Department, and whether it might be too complicated a machine for use by so many different people, as opposed to being used by only one or two people. It was suggested that perhaps a less expensive machine might do just as good a job for the amount of paperwork done by the department. Manager Quada stated that all other machines used by the City Offices are I. B. M. and have a very good service record. Also, the new typewriter would be covered under the service contract for cleaning and repair, along with the others, at no extra cost, (up to 5 machines for the same cost). If a different brand was purchased, another expense would be incurred with a separate service contract.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Pfalter, supported by Councilman Warning and adopted.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell solicited quotes on a new I. B. M. Selectric II Typewriter; and

WHEREAS, the I. B. M. Corporation has submitted a quote of \$585.00; and

WHEREAS, said typewriter is available only through the I. B. M. Corporation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council hereby waives the normal bid requirements and authorizes the City Manager to purchase a new I. B. M. Selectric II typewriter from the I. B. M. Corporation at the above stated purchase price. Yes: Councilmen Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. No: Councilmen Collins and Jeffries. Absent: None.

Under the Manager's Report, Mr. Quada stated that the safety flasher at the Monroe Street crossing was partly installed, however, some brackets had not been included in the shipment of parts for the light, and workmen were waiting for them to arrive.

Under remarks from the audience, Mr. Gordon Hill was present, and made many recommendations for Lowell's plans for the future.

Mr. Olin Miller, Jr., representing the V. F. W. asked Council to consider permitting the organization to replace their club sign back to its original position, at a 90 degree angle to the building, explaining that at the time the sign was removed, a verbal agreement had been made with the City for repair of the sign, to be placed back in the same position. When the sign was being put back up, workers were told that the sign would have to be placed flush against the building, or it would not be allowed at all.

A discussion followed, and the letter from the V. F. W. was referred to the Planning Commission for review.

Mrs. Phyllis Lessons was present and made a complaint about the weeds not being taken care of on the traffic dividers on Lincoln Lake Avenue, shrubs being mowed off at the park and the street sweeper leaving a trail of small stones on City streets. She also asked that something be done about the dust on Elm Street, and about the Lowell Mfg. Company being responsible for fencing or landscaping their parking lot next to St. Mary's School, which has never been done, and the yellow lines recently painted on Lincoln Lake Avenue from Chatham to Main Street.

For the second year in a row, ready-made application cards

Mr. Wesley Adriance asked about the Cherry Creek fire near the Newell factory being plugged by debris thrown by children, causing their property to flood. The manager stated that it has been cleaned out by the City in the past, but was controlled by the D. N. R.

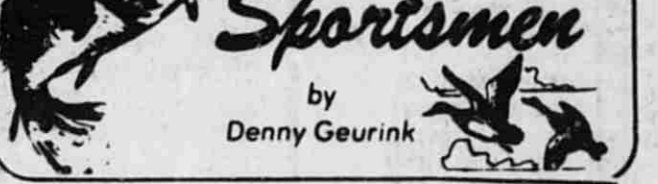
Under Council remarks, Council discussed weed control, grading the boat ramp on the Grand River, the proposed tennis court installation by the Middle School, the City's responsibility for pavement repair on South Hudson Street, tree replacement for some trees that have been removed from City Streets, the storage of the wire rolls at the New Wire Processing Company property on South Broadway Street, the park program, the Artrain being invited to Lowell, and perhaps the availability of as much as 100 percent grant approval of the Countercyclical Funds program.

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY Council Pfalter to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

Approved: September 7, 1976.

Robert Christiansen, Mayor

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk



September Marks Start Of

Fall Hunting Season . . .

It's time to start shifting gears again as another fall hunting season draws nearer. For most sportsmen it's an exciting time. Most of us don't mind trading in our spinning rods for the scattergun or deer rifle, because we happen to like hunting and fishing almost equally well. And why shouldn't we? Look what's coming up!

The 1976 lineup begins (early put-take hunting aside) on the 10th of September when bears again become legal targets in the Upper Peninsula under special bear licenses. The DNR reports the brain to be in good supply this year, offering hunters a variety of big game excitement. Best counties for bagging Mr. Bear, according to latest reports, are in the western portion of the U.P., including Baraga, Iron and Houghton. Crow Island when permits are authorized by this permit as is issued. Carried.

Continuing with September's red-letter lineup we see the start of a limited bear season on the 17th for those with license and permit in northern Lower Michigan. Then on the 25th we have Michigan and National Hunting and Fishing Day activities.

The month's fall lineup ends with a couple of closures on the 28th and 30th. The 28th being the last day of the limited bear season in the northern Lower Peninsula, and the 30th the final day of the general trout fishing season.

Attention Goose Hunters! Just a reminder to those would-be Highbanks goose hunters. You have until the 13th of September to send in your application cards for a permit to hunt in the states seven most heavily used wildlife and game areas this fall. In addition to the Highbanks unit in Allegan County, there are the St. Clair Flats, the Shiawassee State Game Area, Noyahgung Point in Bay County, Crow Island in Saginaw County, Fish Point in Benzie County, and the Maple River State Game Area in Grafton County.

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Clare Stahl To Run Horse Pulling Contest in Mississippi

Clare Stahl, 62, of rural Clarksville, who is known throughout Michigan for his long association with horse pulling contests, is also known in other sections of the nation.

This October, Mr. Stahl will oversee the running of the Mississippi State Horse Pulling Contest at the State Fair in Jackson, Mississippi.

Stahl, who entered horse pulling contests himself for about a quarter of a century, handled the national pulling contest held at the Iowa County Free Fair. There were teams from Mississippi in the national contest, and the owners like the manner in which Stahl conducted the contest.

The Mississippi contestants, upon returning home, related to their state officials Stahl's efficiency in conducting the Michigan contest, and they immediately contacted him.

Stahl will run the Mississippi contest under Michigan and National rules and he will leave October 13 for the southern state, where three divisions of horse pulling will take place—2,800 pounds, 3,200 pounds and the heavyweights.

During the years that Stahl participated in horse pulling contests, he traveled state-wide. One year, while he was pulling, his fine team was entered in 28 fairs and never finished lower than third place. He quit pulling about ten years ago.

Mr. Stahl has been superintendent of the horse pulling activities at the Lake Odessa Fair for 25 years, and at the Iowa Free Fair for the past nine years.

The book indicated that star-nosed moles preferred wet habitats, such as swamps and bogs. How this curious creature found his way to a sandy residential backyard is a puzzle for geologists. Starkey should prove to be an interesting tenant until I find a place more suited for its needs.

Steve Harrington

Forest Hills Club Plans First Event

The first event for the Fall season of the Forest Hills Snowmobile Association will be a dance for members, guests and prospective members Saturday, September 18.

The dance will be held at the Association's Club House located near Egypt Valley on the corner of Knapp and Roanoke Drive, N.E.

There will be live music and refreshments beginning at 8:30 p.m. All snowmobilers in the Northeast part of Grand Rapids that would like to join the club can call President Leroy Smith at 676-1882.

The time is here to think snow, fun is coming soon, so come and join the club at this dance and enjoy yourself.

HUEDEPOHL ABOARD USS SIMON LAKE

Navy Engineer Fireman Apprentice Steven E. Huedepohl, 20, son of Mrs. Norma Dyer of 5967 Knapp, Ada, and George Huedepohl of Grand Rapids, has reported for duty aboard the submarine tender USS Simon Lake, homported in Rota, Spain.

A 1974 graduate of Forest Hills High School, he joined the Navy in January, 1976.

DeVries Tours Assembly Plant

The trip was arranged by the Potter Distributing Company of Grand Rapids, the area wholesale distributor for Quasar home television receivers.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting is available for grades 2 through 8 in the Lowell School area.

Troop meetings will be starting soon. For more information call Mrs. Scheidel, 897-9098.

Lucchesi's Pizza House

Advertisement for Lucchesi's Pizza House, Italian-Style Pizza At Its Best, NOW OPEN TUESDAY THRU SUNDAY 4 p.m. to Midnight, 119 E. Main St., Lowell 897-8711

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Advertisement for Ship'n Shore Sleeveless Blouses, 1/2 PRICE, featuring an illustration of a woman in a blouse.

Advertisement for Captain's Komer, 107 W. Main St., Lowell, MI, Phone 897-8873, THE FORMAL WEAR SPECIALIST

Large advertisement for State Savings Bank, featuring the slogan 'Repair bills give you the impression your car is running you?' and 'State Savings Bank' logo.

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FOR SALE: GARAGE SALE - Sept. 11, 10:5-1:00. 1 mile north of M-44 on Lincoln Lake Road. Air conditioner, snowmobile, kitchen chairs, heavy duty shocks, Volkswagen wheels and tires, toys, and many misc. items.

FOR SALE: 1975 Honda CB 750, 3,800 miles. Phone 868-4701. GARAGE SALE - Antiques, collectibles, household goods, clothing and toys. Thursday, September 9, 9 to 6. Friday, September 10, 9 to 12. 5669 Brookhill Court, SE (Whispering Brook sub-division, Cascade).

FOR SALE: Complete ELECTRICAL Service, WIRING-REPAIR SERVICE, BYRON WEEKS, 1329 Gas Dr., Lowell, 897-8268.

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QUALITY DISCOUNT - Furniture is going out of business on Bridge Street! Living Room sets up to 50% off. Sofa, Chair, 2 end tables, coffee table, 2 decorative lamps, 1/2 price. \$175. Quality Discount Furniture, 443 Bridge St., N.W., 456-9667.

FOR SALE - Eco-Envoy Distributors will have wood burning kit Saturday, September 11. Furnaces, heaters, splitters, chain saws. Reduced prices. Public welcome. 1601 Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - On Bridge St. All bedrooms must go! Beautiful wall, finish, double dresser, mirror, chest of drawers, bed, \$120 complete. Quality Discount Furniture, 443 Bridge St., N.W., 456-9667.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - On Bridge St. All Dining Room inventory, part of \$300.00 sale. 5 piece pine dinette \$140 value, \$70. Quality Discount Furniture, 443 Bridge St., N.W., 456-9667.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - On Bridge St. Bedroom furniture, 5 piece oak with mattress to settle account. Wd \$319, now with \$10 down, balance \$177 or \$5 weekly. King of Discounts, 1100 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids, 456-1787.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - On Bridge St. Hercules Living Room sets, sofa, chair, and love seat, \$299. Original \$500. Quality Discount Furniture, 443 Bridge St., N.W., 456-9667.

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FOR RENT - Unfurnished four room upstairs apartment, downtown Lowell. Heat and utilities paid. \$150 month. Call 897-9884 after five.

REAL ESTATE: FOR SALE - Livonia Feed Co. located 10 miles east of Pauli, Indiana on State Hwy. 56. Includes fertilizer building 50' x 100', main building 100' x 300', all inventory, additional land for future development, storage bins, grinder operated by diesel fuel. \$48,000. Contact Steven R. McCabe, R.R. 2, Campbellburg, Ind. 47108. Phone (812) 755-4183 or (812) 723-2866.

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THANK YOU: CARD OF THANKS: The family of Jesse Cahoon wishes to thank the friends, relatives and neighbors for their kindness during the last few years of his illness.

IN MEMORIAM: HUCKLEBERRY - In memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Nina J. Huckleberry, who went to be with her Lord, 7 years ago today, September 10, 1969.

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WARREN M. HOYT: Warren M. Hoyt was appointed executive director of Michigan Press Association September 1. He succeeds Elmer E. White, MPA executive secretary for 23 years, who retired.

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