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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



Along Main Street

The Red Arrows from Lowell Senior High School will open their 1976 football season this Friday night, September 17, against the Bulldogs from Ionia, there. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

This annual meeting will see both teams playing for the coveted V.F.W. Traveling trophy.

Lowell will open their Tri-River League competition on Friday, September 24, against the Vikings on the field at Lakewood.

This Thursday night, September 16, in the Council Chambers at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, an organizational meeting for the preparation of the arrival of the Michigan "Art Train," in Lowell will be held.

The train, according to City officials, is expected to be in Lowell in late November or the early part of December.

All interested persons are urged to attend this preparational meeting.

The Lowell Area Jaycettes along with the Michigan Jaycettes have taken on a project of collecting Gerber Labels so that an Echo Cardiograph Machine may be purchased for the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

More information on the project, or the donation of Gerber Labels, can be secured and made by calling Sue Welks at 897-8955 or Karen Zylstra at 897-5263.

A last call for sign-up in the Annual Lowell YMCA Tennis Tournament to be held this Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19 has been issued.

Pre-sign-ups for this doubles tournament featuring both men's and women's divisions (high school age and up), must be made so matches can be scheduled ahead of time.

Those wishing to enter the tournament should contact the YMCA office by calling 897-7375.

The community of Lowell was well presented at the annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan in Battle Creek, Sept. 10 and 11, by Glenn Parsons, EHP; Kenneth Graham, Scribe; and Gordon Johnson, PHP.

Elected to the line of Grand Chapter officers were I. S. Burnham, D. C. Sanback, O. C. Potter, D. C. Hoihan, O. J. Myers, Rev. P. P. Steele, W. E. Turton, E. M. Millhouse, I. C. Talbot, P. C. Johnson, J. A. Henly, R. G. Shumaker, and J. M. Shinonishi.

All officers were installed to serve until the next annual convocation in September of 1977.

Bob Perry, Athletic Director at Lowell Senior High School, announced Monday that season tickets to all Red Arrow football games are now available (\$5 for adults and \$3 for students).

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mr. Perry's office at the high school, or from any football player.

Repeated complaints to the Lowell Police Department concerning the use of BB guns within the city limits has prompted the following warning from that department.

"According to the ordinance of the City of Lowell, it is illegal to fire any type of weapon (including BB guns) within the City limits of Lowell."

"All children owning BB guns, should be made aware of this law," a department spokesman added.

The thrill of watching fall salmon spawning runs at the Lowell Dam on the Flat River in downtown Lowell or at the Ada Dam on the Thornapple River is described in Automobile Club of Michigan's September Motor News magazine.

At Lowell, spectators can see chinook being caught below the dam off M-21 right in the business district, while at Ada, the dam is 300 yards upstream from a covered bridge. Auto Club's 1.2 million reader-members are told in an article entitled "Salmon Watching in Lower Michigan."

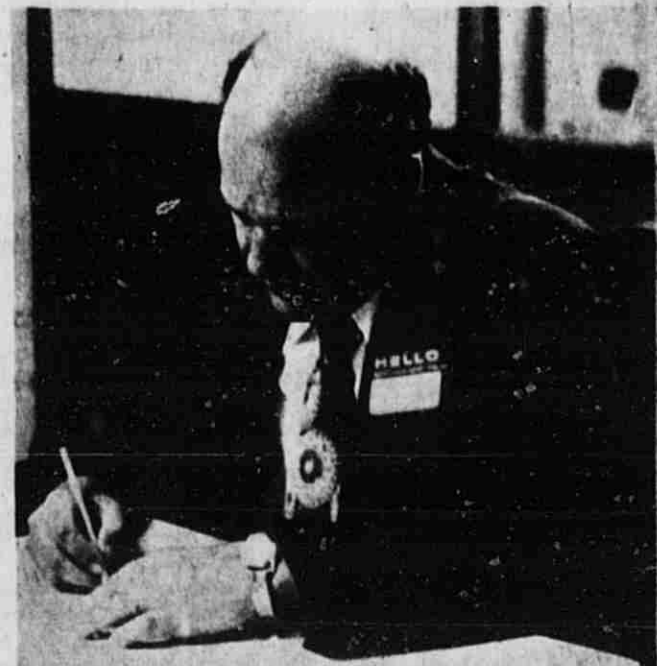
Mid-October to early November is when salmon runs are heaviest, Motor News notes, providing a fascinating spectacle which can be combined with a fall color trip.

Vergennes Township Clerk, Mrs. Irene Osborne was injured last Saturday morning, when she tripped on the steps at the Lowell Post Office and fell into the plate-glass door.

She was taken to Butterworth Hospital where she was treated for a severely cut arm. Released Monday, she is convalescing at home.

Hymn-Sing & Program featuring the Excelsior Male Quartet of Kalamazoo will be presented Sunday, September 19 at 8 p.m. in the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell. Public is invited.

September 17-23 Mayor Proclaims Constitution Week



Lowell City Mayor Robert Christiansen signs Constitution Week Proclamation.

The Sophie deMarsac Campau Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, requested the mayor of the City of Lowell, his honorable Robert Christiansen, to sign the proclamation for "Constitution Week," Sept. 17 through September 23, 1976.

The proclamation, signed by Christiansen, which will be on display at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, and in the Lowell Area Schools, is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America gives us the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life for every citizen, but each generation, in time, must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties we have enjoyed may vanish; and

WHEREAS, It is of the greatest consequence that the citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution of the United States of America in order to be able to support it properly as "The greatest document for human liberty in two thousand years of recorded history;" and

WHEREAS, The people of the United States should be deeply grateful to their Founding Fathers for the wisdom and foresight they displayed in writing and adopting the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The independence granted to the American people to enjoy such freedom and liberty, unknown to any other country, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as designated by Proclamation of the President of the United States in accordance with Public Law No. 915.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Robert Christiansen in virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lowell in the State of Michigan do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 1976, as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of Lowell, and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American Citizenship.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed at Lowell this 7th day in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy six and the independence of the United States of America, the two hundredth.

Signed: Robert Christiansen
Seal Attest: Nancy J. Wood
Deputy Clerk

Above The Board Use Of Building & Site Fund Monies Is Approved By Board

The overflow crowds of the past few Board of Education meetings dwindled down Monday night to a few hockey parents who heard the board re-establish hockey as a high school sport on a one year basis. Athletic Director Bob Perry was instructed to allocate only the available athletic funds to the pucksters.

While the Booster Group has agreed to assist Perry in every way possible, board members made it plain that they will turn a deaf ear to any financial deficit at the end of the season.

To Build . . .

The controversial issue of a separate administration building for Lowell Schools' superintendent's office was settled Monday when the school board voted to use \$125,000 of the \$250,000 building fund excess, to add on to the Middle School to provide the necessary administrative space.

Also approved was the construction of six tennis courts (\$45,000) and an experimental greenhouse (\$8,300.00) to be attached to the Senior High. The tennis courts will be located in an area between the Middle School and Senior High School buildings. In addition, approximately \$15,000 will be divided among existing buildings to purchase new equipment and the remaining \$56,700 will be used for bond retirement.

Although unanimously passed by the board, the expenditures must still be approved by the State Department of Education.

Policy governing the use of school facilities outside of school hours by school related and community groups, will remain the same this year as last, but building principals were instructed to come up with a total savings of approximately \$1,000 by adhering strictly to board requirements for outside groups and carefully scheduling events so that they tend to concurrent building use and at times when custodians are normally on duty.

Disagreement . . .

A disagreement between the United States Post Office and the local school reached the legal stage during Monday night's meeting when the board agreed that the school attorney should appeal a recent ruling that a letter mailed to residents of the school district preceding the election last June did not come under the school's bulk mailing permit.

The mailing was made at the direction of the board and contained a correction in an earlier "Measuring Stick" article, the date of the election, polling places, and the issues to be voted upon. In addition, a letter was printed on the opposite side and signed by former Board President Dr. Robert Reagan urging voters to get out and vote. It was the latter that

Hastings Man Drowns in Thornapple

Kent County officials report that Calvin Salzwedel, 26, of 4777 Barber Road, Hastings, drowned Sunday afternoon, September 12, in the Thornapple River in the village of Cascade.

According to the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Salzwedel was attempting to retrieve a small remote control boat he and some friends and relatives were sailing on the Thornapple.

The boat became trapped out in the river and Salzwedel went out to retrieve it and apparently suffered a cramp.

Attempts to rescue him failed and he went under in about 15 feet of water near the Camel Back Bridge about 3:15 p.m., according to the report.

The body was taken to the Sullivan Funeral Home in Grand Rapids.

Ada To Host State's Largest Shooting Tourney

More than 1,500 marksmen will compete in the state's largest shooting tournament when the Michigan United Conservation Clubs 28th annual state shoot is held on September 18 and 19.

Competition is scheduled in skeet, trap, pistol, rifle, muzzle loader and archery events.

The shoot will be hosted by the Kent County Conservation League at its grounds near Ada. Five new trap fields and a new pistol range were installed in preparation for the event.

Up to 150 trap teams and 100 skeet teams from throughout the state are expected to be entered in the shoot, which is restricted to members of MUCCL, the state's largest sportsmen's and conservation organization.

State Police Endorse Area's REACT Team

The Sky Hi REACT team of the Lowell-Alto areas, has been endorsed by the Michigan State Police and is working closely with all law enforcement agencies.

The agreement provides for state police personnel to supervise training of REACT members in emergency broadcasting techniques.

The novel feature of the agreement is that it will provide formal instruction for each person who signs up.

The training coordinated by Trooper George Willoughby, will consist of familiarization with call procedures and descriptions of accidents.

For example a CB'er would be encouraged to stop at an accident scene and relay as much information as possible on channel 9 to a monitoring state police base station or to a REACT base. Due to incapacities of the state police CB units the Sky Hi REACT team has been given authorization to answer callers.

The monitoring REACT base will then relay information to the proper authorities by telephone.

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Lena Peckham Honored At Surprise Party



Helping Mrs. Lena Peckham of Lowell celebrate her 75th birthday are ten of her twelve children—shown, kneeling, front, Dolores Peckham; second row, from left, Frank Peckham, Cora Yeiter, Mrs. Peckham, Bob Peckham, Margie Lowry; back row, Ruth Wester, Hazel Nummer, Bill, Howard and Oscar Peckham.

A surprise party honoring the 75th birthday of Mrs. Lena Peckham of 723 North Washington Street, Lowell, was held Sunday, August 22.

Seventy of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended the special occasion at the home of her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. John (Joan Wester) Lombardo on Emery Drive, S.E.

Lena Ryder was born August 23, 1901, the daughter of Anna and Frank Ryder in Vergennes Township, and has always made her home in the Vergennes-Lowell areas.

Ten of Mrs. Peckham's twelve children were on hand to help her celebrate—Dolores, Frank, Bob, Bill, Howard and Oscar Peckham, Cora Yeiter, Margie Lowry, Ruth Wester, and Hazel Nummer.

The two, unable to attend were Wesley of Lansing and Richard of Florida.

She has 52 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Besides the usual birthday greetings, Mrs. Peckham was bestowed with many gifts and special memories.

A buffet dinner and several birthday cakes were enjoyed by all of those in attendance.

YMCA Groups To Collect Pop Bottles

The Lowell YMCA Jr. Hi-Y and Gra-Y Clubs will be having a pop bottle drive this Saturday, September 18.

The purpose of the drive is to raise money for the club treasury. About forty Jr. Hi-Y and Gra-Y members will be going door-to-door in search of donated returnable bottles.

Each member will be identified with a name-tag and will tour the city's houses between the hours of 4:30 and 7 p.m. Home-owners that will not be home at this time are asked to leave their returnable bottles on the porch or in front of their door.

You may also call Al Eckman, club director, at 897-5455 to have them picked up.

Tri-River League Issues Ticket Policy

The Tri-River league ticket policy is as follows: Effective at all Varsity contests.

K-6: No pre-sale, \$1.00 at the gate. Students must attend with parents, or guardian.

7-12: Pre-sale, \$1.00. Tickets will be sold on the day of the game. If tickets are not purchased then, all tickets will be \$1.50 at the gate.

All students are to remain in stands, other than going to restrooms or concession stand. Loitering will not be allowed. If loitering occurs other than in the stands or bleachers, students will be asked to leave. Pre-sale pertains only to football (varsity) and basketball seasons.

ROSE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Hippy Burgers, 75c. Family Night—Tuesday Night, Burger Night; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night; Saturday Night, Stuzler Night. New Hours: Week Days, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 17 thru Mon., Sept. 20 Paul Newman Give His Finest Performance in 'BUFFALO BILL AND THE INDIANS' ALSO STARRING BURT LANCASTER ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8 P. M. Monday Is Dollar Night



LECTURE SERIES ON BOOK OF MORMON

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are having a Series of Lectures on Book of Mormon



Contemporary Musical At Ada Community Reformed

Sunday evening, September 19, at 8 o'clock the contemporary musical "Come Together" will be given at the Ada Community Reformed Church.

COMING EVENTS

Call the Grand Valley Ledger, 897-9261, or send to Box 128, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

Couple Wed 66 Years

Ernest and Adah VanAlstine of Clearwater, Florida, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary recently with a small party at their home.

Vows Exchanged In Afternoon Ceremony

The couple was married August 10, 1910 in Mrs. VanAlstine's home in Lowell. They have one child, Mary Louise Andersen of Boulder, Colorado.



Miss Teresa A. Hale became the bride of Andrew J. Aickens, Jr., on Saturday, September 4, for her wedding. The bride chose a floor-length gown fashioned with a fitted bodice and V-neckline.

Engaged To Wed



The engagement of Miss Gina Weaver to Tom Hemmings has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mrs. Delores Weaver and Robert Weaver, both of Lowell.

There will be games and door prizes for all ages, plus food, fellowship and fun.

Lowell Women's Club Begins Fall Programs

The Lowell Women's Club met recently in the lounge at Schneider Manor to begin their Fall and winter programs with a planned luncheon.

The luncheon table held an array of colorful salads, and a silver hot dish of chicken casserole, all organized by the luncheon committee of Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sinko, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. DeNof, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Nieveswar, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Gardner.

New Buds On The Family Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Mary) Rottier announce the birth of a son, Michael Joseph, Friday, August 20, 1976, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Welcoming his new brother home was David Louis.



When that special day comes and you need to rent a tux. Save yourself time and money by first stopping off at the Kaptain's Korner.

For more information, call Tom Sibley, Kent County Juvenile Court Foster Home Coordinator, at 774-3752.

107 W. Main St. Lowell, MI. Phone 897-8873

Come to Church

Table listing church services for ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL, ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH, CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL, BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH, EASTMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA), CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL, SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, and VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST.

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