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The January 24 meeting scheduled by the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education has been cancelled. The Board's next meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, February 14.

What an ideal place to have a fire . . . right in front of the Lowell Fire Barn. That's the action that took place last Wednesday afternoon, January 12, at 12:10 p.m., when the city's garbage disposal pulled up in front of the fire station with black smoke billowing out the back. Firemen "quick" on the scene, found that the refuse was smoldering, probably started from hot coals picked up earlier in the morning.

The 63rd District Traffic Bureau, where area residents can pay traffic tickets for running violations, has been moved from the offices of the Grand Valley Ledger to the Lowell City Clerk's office, 301 East Main Street. They are open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Renovation of the premises at 119 East Main Street has provided a larger seating capacity for Luchessi's Pizza Parlor.

Give yourself a chance . . . tired of the devil weed having control of your life? Beginning February 7 and running until February 11, there will be a "Five Day Smoking Clinic," at the Lowell YMCA facility on West Main Street. These sessions will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each of the five days. Those interested in the clinic can register at 7 p.m. on February 7.

Mrs. Joan Homer who has managed the Transue Realty firm on West Main Street for the past four and a half years, has taken over the ownership of the firm. Grand opening festivities will be held this Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with free coffee and donuts being served.

Injured in a three car collision at Main and Hudson Streets last Sunday at 10:45 a.m. were John Gleason of Alto and his 11-year-old passenger. Gleason's car ran the red light at the intersection and was hit by a car driven by Edward Lowry of Lowell. The impact sent Gleason's car spinning into a third vehicle driven by Gerald Kehoe of Ada.

Issued appearance violation citations for open containers of alcohol in a vehicle were Ernest Weeks and David Conger, both of Freeport. Both will appear in Kent County's 63rd District Court this week to answer to charges.

Taken into custody by the Lowell Police and lodged at the Kent County Juvenile Home in Grand Rapids last Tuesday was a run-away from Lansing. Two other juvenile run-aways were also apprehended by the Lowell authorities last week.

Stanley Kulakowski of Alto was arraigned in Kent County's 63rd District Court last Monday on charges of larceny from a vehicle (CB radios). His bond, set by Judge Joseph B. White, was \$1,500. Also arraigned last Monday by Lowell officers was Michael Harrison on a charge of drunk and disorderly. He was sentenced to six days in the County Jail and placed on probation for one year.

The Youth For Understanding exchange students at Lowell High School will serve a pre-basketball supper this Friday night, January 21, beginning at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The menu will include chili, barbecues, hot dogs, hot ham and cheese, tacos and homemade pies. On Sunday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the YFU will be serving a pancake breakfast, at Keiser's Kitchen on West Main Street. Both events are open to the public.

Kenneth Anderson, Clerk of Ada Township, has been elected first vice-president of the Michigan Townships Association, the largest local government organization in the state. Anderson has been a member of the Ada Township Board for 16 years, ten of which he has served as clerk.

A full schedule of winter classes, from hair care to interior design, sponsored by the Lowell YMCA, can be found elsewhere in this edition.

Another heart catheterization was performed at the Cleveland Clinic last Friday on Lowell businessman Cary P. Stiff. This week, a decision will be made on whether or not he will have to undergo surgery.

Residents of the City of Lowell, interested in attending the monthly meetings of the Council, can find a complete schedule of meetings in this publication of the City of Lowell Council Proceedings. The Council meets the first and third Monday of each month, except when said Mondays are recognized as Holidays.

County Halts Map Printing

The Kent County Road Commission will not have 1977 county maps published. So says Donald R. Schofield, KCRC engineer-manager, who points out there is a surplus of 40,000 of the Bicentennial maps.

He states the Road Commission ordered 50,000 maps printed a year ago, but then ordered another 50,000 when plans were made to have a KCRC exhibit at the Kent County Bicentennial Air Show last June.

"We expected requests for the maps at the exhibit would be great," he says. "Our expectations fell short."

"We found we had enough maps left over for 1977 and so

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While looking through a 1925 Lowell Ledger recently, I noticed an item in an ad placed by Beebec's Market, "COFFEE . . . 38 cents per lb. I paid more than that for a cup just a week ago.

Mark Thompson Killed in Two-Car Crash

Two teenage drivers were killed Sunday (January 16) around 3:30 a.m. when their cars were involved in a head-on collision in Cannon Township.



Mark A. Thompson, 19, a 1976 graduate of Lowell High School, was killed in a two-car head-on collision Sunday morning in Cannon Township.

Dead at the scene of multiple fractures, head and internal injuries were Mark A. Thompson of Rockford, formerly of Lowell, and Marvin L. Milner, jr., 18 of Grand Rapids.

Rockford State Police Troopers attribute slippery road conditions as the probable cause, when Milner's car crossed the centerline of Belding Road and struck the Thompson vehicle head-on.

Thompson who was born in Lowell and lived here most of his life, was a 1976 graduate of Lowell Senior High School. He was employed as a hoist operator for a tool and die company in Saranac.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, January 19, at two o'clock at the Rothgerst Funeral Home of Lowell. Burial to be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

He leaves his father, Joseph Thompson of Saranac, his mother, Mrs. Craig (A. Jeanne) Starkweather of Rockford; a brother, Joseph Eric of Rockford; a sister, Janet, of Lowell; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Thompson of Saranac and Mrs. Beatrice Cole of Grand Rapids.

Board Votes Down Proposed Estates

At the meeting of the Ada Township Board the proposed plan for development of a housing complex to be called Ada Estates was unanimously turned down by the Board with one abstaining vote.

The proposed site of the thirty-eight acre development was to be located on Vergennes Road. Ed Zaagman, Inc., the builder was requesting the Ada Township officials to change the current zoning from A-3 to R-3, for the purpose of building the complex of homes at this location.

Mr. Zaagman was present at the meeting, as was his attorney Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Van Laar of Excel Engineering Company. The meeting was well attended by residents of the immediate area that would be affected.

Officials of the board read a letter presented to them by the Ada Township Planning Commission. It was very critical of the

ADA TOWNSHIP GETS '76 BUILDING REPORT

Building Inspector Fred Clancy at the Ada Township Board meeting presented the annual report for building activities within the township.

Total permits issued during January 1, 1976 and thru December 31, 1976, were 179. Permits for residential, single family totaled 72, with an average price of \$34,347 per home.

Although Clancy reports that building in Ada is down for 1976, he feels that 1977 will be a very busy year.

NEW PHONE NUMBER — Yoder's Livestock Service. 374-8430. Lake Odessa. p10

ROSE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Roasted Sausages, 69c. Sunday Morning Special: Pancakes, coffee and juice, \$1.00, includes tax. Family Night, Tuesday Night, Burger Night, Wednesday Night, Chicken Night, \$1.50; Saturday Night, 4 oz. Steaks, \$1.79. c10

An Unending Calling



"You clear your walks, The snow keeps falling; And keeping it off is an unending calling."

With leaves to rake in the summer and snow to shovel in the winter, nature has ways to help us get exercise and stay fit year 'round.

One Lowell resident who enjoys keeping his walks clear is George Story of 223 N. Hudson. George is one of many good citizens who keep their walks clear and safe during the snowy weather.

County Hits Lowell With Tax Increase

City Assessor Al Orlick explained to the Lowell City Council at their January 17 meeting, exactly what the factors that have recently been submitted by the Kent County Board of Equalization, are going to mean to the taxpayers of Lowell.

After making sample appraisals in Lowell, the County's Board of Equalization informed the city that \$2,281,752 in additional assessed value must be generated which means, figuring in a 1.1735 multiplier to local assessments.

The three different assessment categories of residential, commercial and industrial will all be figured with slightly different multipliers so that no one category exceeds the allowed 50% (plus or minus 1%) of real value. The average raise in taxes will fall into the 17% to 18% bracket.

Orlick went on to explain his displeasure with the county's sample assessments and subsequent figure for multiplying, citing several examples. One of the examples concerned the Valley Vista area where the county claims the value of an average lot went from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in only two years.

A city-wide appraisal was last done in 1969. Orlick pointed out that there are many inquiries in current appraisals, high and

low. Across the board increases such as this one only magnify these inequities.

Orlick also reminded the council about a clause in the Tax Relief Act that prohibited people on fixed incomes, such as senior citizens, from being taxed for more than a certain percentage. Percentages vary between different groups of fixed income families. This increase may qualify some Lowell residents for a refund.

Orlick further explained that there is little that can be done to change this year's increase, but recommends that the city follow through with its plans to hire a city-wide reappraisal, so as to have good defensible figures to use next year.

The council was in agreement that they still planned to go ahead with the city-wide reappraisal in 1977.

Sewers To Be Televised
City Manager Ray Quada gave a rather lengthy report on the preliminary work and the bids that have been received so far, to televise Lowell's sewer system.

This televising is the first step in phase two of the city's sewer treatment plant, which will eventually include a pond treatment system. The project is required, and 80% funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

One company of the three that have placed bids, so far, is significantly lower than the other two. Quada laid this to the fact that this company took the time to come to Lowell and assess the situation thoroughly before submitting a bid.

Thawing Causes Fire
In his report, Quada cited an incident that happened recently while city employees were thawing a water line on Center Street by using the city's arc welder. During the process of thawing the water line, a fire broke out in a house across the street.

The State Fire Marshal was called in to investigate. The inspector said that the house fire was probably caused by the electric current from the welder.

Quada said that the city currently has several frozen water lines, and using the welder is the only practical way to thaw them, but thawing operations are currently halted until Lowell Light and Power and the State Fire Marshal's office can help the D.P.W. come up with a safer method of using the welder for thawing purposes.

Public Hearing
A public hearing date of February 7 was set concerning proposed changes in the city's traffic ordinance.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Opens New Ski Trails

Dave Barnes

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. today at the parking area of Seidman Park on Honeycreek Ave. at Two Mile Rd. NE, Ada Township, officially opened about 15 miles of new cross-country ski trails from here to Townsend Park in Cannon Township and connectors to the State Game Area southwest of Townsend Park.

The ribbon, tied to two ski poles at the ski trail sign in the parking area was cut by John J. Oostema, chairman of the Kent County Road and Park Commission.

The additional ski trails, not only for cross-country skiing, but also for snowshoeing and hiking, were laid out in a joint venture by members of the Sierra Club, Michigan Trailfinders, Fountain Street Ski Club, Department of Natural Resources, the KCRPC and Explorer Scouts, says Mrs. Patsy Allen of the Sierra Club, who acted as coordinator of the project that involved getting easements from 20 property owners and marking the trails. These members worked without charge.

Representatives of the above groups and the Kent County Board of Commissioners, which financed the \$20,000 project, attended the ceremony that was followed by the serving of coffee and doughnuts.

There is a total of 28 miles of trails in this expanded system, says Mrs. Allen.

Work on planning and extending the trails and posting the markers started in late October. The new trails are posted with ski trail signs that also serve as markers for those who like snowshoeing and for hikers when there is no snow on the ground.

Maps of the trails are available at no charge at the park office, 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids; West Michigan Tourist Association, 136 East Fulton St., Grand Rapids, and at ski shops, says Don Arnett, Kent County Park Superintendent.

TRAIL USE
Most of the trail is crossing private land. Twenty owners have generously agreed to allow the trail to cross their land in return for a small yearly fee. This fee would not nearly compensate them for the actions of rude or careless skiers.
Therefore:
1. Stay on the marked trail—you are trespassing otherwise.
2. Do not litter.
3. Remember that the hunter or snowmobiler you insult may own the land you are skiing on.
4. Use the parking areas designated on the map.

POTPOURRI

Three students from this area have achieved placement on the fall quarter Dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan, by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. They were, Ronald J. Browner, a freshman majoring

in forest technology, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elson Browner, 6873 Ric Street, Ada; Shawn E. Gary, a freshman majoring in forestry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Gary, 303 Honey Creek, Ada; and Steven P. Nofke, a freshman majoring in engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nofke, 13473 Vergennes Road, Lowell.

Related birthday wishes to Evelyn Powell of Lowell who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Ryder have moved from their home on East Fulton Road, Ada, to 11586 Bailey Drive, Lowell. Their new phone number is 897-7393.

Navy Airman Recruit David R. Organk, brother of Mrs. Jane A. Godfrey of 1224-3 Mile, Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He joined the Navy in October 1976.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Anna Mick
A long-time Clarksville resident, Mrs. Anna Mick, aged 89, of 295 Main Street, passed away Wednesday evening, January 12, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, January 15, at the Clarksville Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Mick is survived by four sons, Alton and Lewis of Clarksville, Wilbur of Saranac, and Burton of Englewood, California; two daughters, Mrs. Leslie (Lewell) Schaefer of Burton, Michigan, and Mrs. Lyle (Rachel) Condon of Clarksville; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cornelius Plantinga
Funeral services for Cornelius Plantinga, a Dutch underground hero during World War II, were held Saturday afternoon, January 15, at the Cascade Christian Reformed Church. Burial followed in Chapel Hill Memorial Park.

Mrs. Plantinga died Wednesday, January 12, when he suffered a heart attack while driving west on Burton Street, S.E., near Cascade Road. He was 60 years old.

At the time of his death, Plantinga was employed as a baker at the Cascade D&W Food Store.

He leaves his wife, Henrietta; four daughters; two brothers and two sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Mae U. Dygert of Alto passed away Monday, January 10, at the age of 84. She had lived in the Alto area most of her life.

She is survived by her children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Melva) LePreze of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Nadia) Dygert of Alto, four brothers, Floyd, Glenn, Donald and Elmer Yeiter, all of Lowell; three sisters, Audie Yeiter of South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Ella Watson of Alto, Mrs. Olive Mosbeck of Florida; a brother-in-law, Charles Dygert of Okemos; and sister-in-law, Leota Dygert of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We would like to congratulate our Lowell Area Jaycees for the great job they have done and continue to do in our community. Through their collective efforts have come about some positive changes in our area.

They have sponsored the Walk-A-Thon for Burns for the past two years, with plans for this next year's well underway, and have raised a great deal of money towards the development of the Western Michigan Burn Unit, which they initiated. They have promoted Burns Awareness in hopes of reducing the number of burn accidents and giving all burn victims a fighting chance. In the past they also promoted an Alcohol Awareness program called Operation Threshold.

Our Jaycees collected toys for the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys For Tots" program. They also had an outstanding job during this Christmas season joyous for many children in our community. They also were responsible for seeing that sev-

eral needy families in this area received turkeys for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

The Jaycees have always been community minded. They have worked actively for voter registration, also believing that we can change our own lives, as well as those of the individuals in our society, for the better, by being involved in political decisions—by casting our vote.

To help today's members become tomorrow's leaders, the Jaycees are offered Leadership in Action (L.I.A.) classes. These individuals learn how to handle situations and problems that may plague their community. They learn to step out of the background and become active members of society and the leaders of tomorrow.

They participate in civic projects and community festivities such as the 4th of July celebration and the 4-H Fair, with the Moose Game and the Dunk Tank.

Such "money raisers" have enabled the Jaycees to donate money to very good causes; the ambulance service for the purchase of equipment and future plans for a Life Pak, the Library, and the Head Start program for the purchase of equipment.

The Jaycees have donated many man hours to the city, as well. They were instrumental in the beginning of a home insulation program, and now serve as advisors for the project.

They also run the local Post, Pass, and Kick competition each year, enabling the youths in our community to participate in a program that allows them to show us their athletic skills in a constructive manner.

The Lowell Jaycees have helped us immensely in our projects, with both their financial and moral support. We are thankful that they have also allowed us to help them. For theirs is a good cause—one which deserves the thanks and support of all.

For this, and for so much more, we thank you.

The Lowell Area Jayceettes

Kalamazoo: three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. John Eversole of the Alto-Bowne Center United Methodist Churches officiated at the funeral services held Thursday afternoon, January 13, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. Burial was made in the Bowne Cemetery.

Orville Crowley
Orville E. Crowley, who made his home in Lowell for a short period of time, died Tuesday morning, January 11, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. A resident of Sand Lake, he was 74 years old.

Friday afternoon, January 14, funeral services were conducted at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Crowley leaves his wife, Nellie; one daughter and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Donna) Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Lois) Crowley, all of Grand Rapids, Sheldon West of Wyoming, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Evelyn) West of Lowell; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Anders of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

Completes Navy Recruit Training

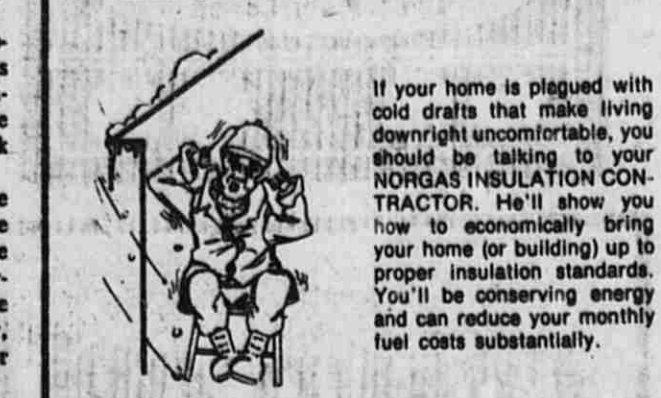
Navy Airman David K. Olmsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olmsted of 4591 Leonard NE, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 65 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. A Northern High School graduate, he joined the Navy in October of 1976.

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Chief Offers Safe Winter Driving Steps

With the holidays in the past and winter just coming into its prime, the outlook is still bleak for persons who don't enjoy winter driving.

And they are many, according to Chief Barry D. Emmons of the Lowell Police Department.

"The two main problems that give drivers the most trouble are reduced visibility and inadequate traction," the chief explained. "The National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards has studied these problems for years, and has learned a lot about them."

The chief listed the following steps to safer winter driving revealed by the Council's winter driving research:

It should be an ingrained habit with all drivers now to get the "feet" of the road (and the car) when starting out, or when conditions change.

The technique referred to is that of accelerating carefully to see if your wheels spin; or of

braking gently to see if they slide. When you find the right point, reduce your speed and extend your following distance accordingly.

Note, also, how your brakes are operating. Water, overnight moisture, or the need for adjustment can cause slipping, grabbing brakes that can throw you out of control.

The chief's recommendation was one of six developed by the National Safety Council's skid testers and endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He cited the others as follows:

Increase following distances when conditions deteriorate. It takes three to nine times as far to stop on snow and ice as on dry pavement.

"Pump" your brakes to slow or stop—don't jam them on. An intermittent pumping action keeps the wheels rolling and helps maintain steering control. Have good tires with good tread. Better yet, use snow tires which provide half again as much pulling power in snow as regular tires. Studded snow tires (used in areas and during times when permitted) offer still more help on icy surfaces.

Always carry reinforced tire chains in the trunk of your car for use during severe show and ice conditions. They provide four to seven times as much grip on snow or ice as regular tires.

Keep your windshield and windows clear at all times. Replace streaking wiper blades gone dead from exposure to sun, wind and road film. Be sure that your windshield washer solution contains adequate anti-freeze.

Chief Emmons concluded with one more vital suggestion: "A driver hold fast to a safety belt and harness can maintain control better under any conditions. If both he and his passengers have this protection, they will be safer from injury in the event an unavoidable crack-up does occur."

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It's from a "midwestern farm recipe book" which is "The Mother Earth Almanac" and is for "two moderately congealed people (or one suffering from an absolutely frightening case of the Cold Blues!)"

Peel and boil two or three medium potatoes. Drain the potatoes when they're done, saving the liquid in which they were boiled. Mash them well, add a little more water if necessary. It should have a thick soup consistency.

Now brown 2 1/2 tablespoons of flour in 2 1/2 tablespoons of butter. Stir the flour and butter constantly and it turns golden without burning. Add this mixture to the potatoes and water and stir, boiling for two to three minutes.

At this point, cut a fairly good hunk of Michigan cheddar cheese into small pieces. There should be enough for two big soup bowls one-third full each. Cover the cheese with the thick potato-butter-flour "ambrosia." dice a quarter slice of onion on top of each serving and sprinkle a few drops of vinegar over all.

Break out the soup spoons and crackers and eat it hot!

The recipe is said to be from a midwestern farm. Looking at the cheese, potatoes, onions and vinegar, I swear it's got to be from Michigan. After all, where else would people know how to change the weather from the inside out?

Spoon out on plate, cover with damp cloth and cool. Knead lightly and roll out on wax paper for cookie cutters or form into balls by shaping by hand. After designs have been allowed to dry from 24-28 hours paint with tempera or water colors. Dry. Coat with clear Shellac or clear finger nail polish. Mount pins or clips with white glue or imbed in object before drying.

The next Leader's meeting will be held February 8, 9-30 a.m. at Betty's. See all of the leaders there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
January 21: Harold Goff, Nick Fong, William Doyle, Dorothy Story, Chaype Avery.
January 22: Eunice Vanderveen, Jacob Speerstra.
January 23: Martha Coops, Glenn Ricker, Rowland Ryder, Mabel Warnick, Jim Bovee.
January 24: Garry McWhinney, Bonnie Koster, Kimberly Coverton, Mabel Jensen.
January 25: Kimberley Bray, James Linton, Norman DeWeerd, Emma Wingeler.
January 26: Kitty Brenk, Bobbi Kietzman.
January 27: Nancy Ellis, Janice Yeiter.

ELIGIBLES CAN SIGN UP NOW FOR MEDICARE
People who didn't sign up for Medicare medical insurance when they first became eligible or who have cancelled the protection once can enroll now through March 31 at any social security office, according to Gail Russell, social security district manager in Grand Rapids.

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Christian Stewardship Program At St. Mary's

This Sunday, January 23, the first phase of a Christian Stewardship Program will take place at St. Mary's Church of Lowell. Each individual in the 250 active families at St. Mary's will be given the opportunity to participate in offering their TIME AND TALENTS for the service of the parish and the community.

Some representatives will be elected later from this group of people to form the basis for a newly elected Parish Council.

The second phase of the Stewardship Program will be the initiation of an annual offertory pledge Sunday to assist in budgeting the yearly financial needs of the church.

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1. Worship: Chairperson of Commission, Altar Society, Youth Liturgy, Calling Committee for Offertory Families, Holy Communion Distributor, Lector, Music, Choir, Musician, etc., Usher, Make Banners, Retreat.
2. Formation: Chairperson of Commission, CCD Member, CCD Worker, CCD Elementary Teacher, CCD High School Teacher.
3. Aid to Parish: Chairperson of Finance, Finance Commission Member, DDF & Annual Pledge Workers, Carpenter, Heating, Plumbing, Electrical, etc., Cemetery consultant, Visitation Officer, Volunteer, Chairperson of Social Commission, Commission Member, Telephone Committee, Parish Picnic, Babysitting for Parish Functions, Dances, Softball Team, Worker for Parish Paper.
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REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
2275 West Main Street
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Jr. High Youth Group 5:45 p.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m.

REV. EARL DECKER — 897-8835

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
7227 Thornapple River Dr. — 878-1032
REV. WILFRED FIET

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL
1151 West Main Street — 897-8841
REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT

Worship Service 10 a.m. & 8 p.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Supervised Nursery During All Services

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
3900 East Fulton
REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS

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

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

EASTMONT BAPTIST CHURCH
3038 Cascade Road, S. E.
REV. ROBERT MCCARTHY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL
(Member United Church of Christ)
North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-9300
DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.

(Cribbery & Nursery Provided)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO
Corner of 60th Street & Bancroft Avenue
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Jr.-Sr. High Young People 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

REV. GEORGE L. COON
Telephone 868-3011 or 868-6912

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
621 E. Main Street — 897-7514

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

"Restoring The Soul"
Isaiah 49: 8-13

DEAN I. BAILEY, MINISTER
Child Care During All Services

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA)
2700 East Fulton Road

Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.

PASTORS
RAYMOND A. HEINE & JOHN D. BLAKEMORE
Nursery Provided

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL
201 North Washington Street
REV. WILLIAM F. HURT

Church School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service Jr., Teens, Adults 7:00 p.m.

Nursery — Come & Worship With Us

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3189 Snow Avenue, S. E. (Between 29th & 36th Streets, East)
REVEREND ED PASSENGER
891-1045 or 891-1383

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Church School 11:00 a.m.

"Serving Ada, Cascade Areas"

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
8147 — 68th St., S. E., Alto, Mich. (Near Whitnysville Rd.) 868-8808
ELDER IVAN STARK, PASTOR

Church School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Fellowship 7:30 p.m.

Nursery Provided
Communion-First Sunday 11:00 a.m.

VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Corner Park Avenue & Bailey Drive
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.

THE REV. PHILLIP CARPENTER

"Little White Church On The Corner"

Religion Major Heads For Further Studies At TCU

A religion major at Bethany College has won up his final days at this West Virginia campus and has left for Fort Worth, Texas, where he begins four years of studies at TCU Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

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Snow Club Holds Monthly Meeting

The Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell held their Regular Monthly meeting Sunday, January 16, at the Jaycees Clubhouse on Burroughs Road, with a potluck dinner.

Discussion was held on the MAES Program and trails and three new members were inducted into the club.

Adult prizes were won by Betty Fugitt, Jane Amble, John Minges and Red Shepard. Children's prize winner was Donald Shepard.

Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23, over 30 club members are going to Lake Isabella for a week end of snowmobiling and fun.

The club's next meeting will be February 20, starting off with a pancake breakfast.

Missionary To Italy Guest Speaker At Clarksville Church

Wayne Nelson, missionary apostolate to Italy, will speak at the Clarksville Bible Church Sunday, January 30, at the 6 p.m. service.

Mr. Nelson was appointed by Greater Europe Mission to serve as a missionary to Italy in June, 1976. His assignment will be to teach Bible and Theology at the Italian Bible Institute, Rome, Italy.

Wayne is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary (1974) and currently resides in Grand Rapids.

Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Kloosterman, 13866 Oberly Dr., Lowell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Suzanne, to Kenneth Mark Haveman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Haveman, of 7140 Linden SE, Cutlerville.

Miss Kloosterman is a graduate of Lowell Senior High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School and attended Grand Rapids Junior College.

An April 22 wedding is being planned.

COMING EVENTS

FRI., FEB. 4: The February Forum of Church Women United of the Grand Rapids area will be held Friday, February 4, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 330 Lakeside, N.E., Grand Rapids (turn south off Michigan Street), beginning at 9:15 p.m. with coffee and registration. The Public is invited.

THURS., JAN. 27: Hooker Chapter No. 73 Royal Arch Masons will hold their regular January convocation at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple, but the customary potluck before will be omitted this month. Annual inspection will be held, and guests from Ionia, Portland and Grand Rapids are expected. Refreshments afterwards will be our Winter Steaks Oysters Yet, that is!

EVERY SATURDAY: CB Coffee Break, 2 p.m. at Key Heights Trailer Park Office.

Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller of Route 2, Saranac, wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Weeks, to Paul Van Bennekum, son of Ruth Van Bennekum and August Van Bennekum, both of Saranac.

The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of Saranac High School and is presently employed at the Atwood Corporation in Lowell. Her fiancé, a 1976 graduate of Saranac High School, has enlisted in the United States Navy.

A May wedding is being planned by the engaged couple.

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Women's Club Views Slides

The Women's Club of Lowell met January 12 in the lounge of the Schneider Manor. Club President Mrs. Rommie Moore opened with the standard business ceremonies. The club gave a gift of money to Girl's Town, and another to Youth for Understanding. Mrs. Johnson introduced her guest, Mrs. Harding Mrs. Sine, program chairman, introduced her "favorite" person—her daughter "Sue," who gave us an outstanding lecture on her trip to Switzerland. All this was well documented by about 100 slides, many of which were beautiful mountain scenes, and all narrated by Sue, herself.

She told us many things about the life of Bern, where she lived with a family of five members. Her Swiss "father" was a professor in one of the schools. There are no school buses, and the students either walk or ride their bikes to school. She attended school about two weeks. She displayed many articles she had brought back with her. And to top all this off, she made every large oblong braided loaf of bread like she ate in Switzerland. We all ate thick slices, spread with butter, and my, was it good.

It was most enjoyable afterwards, shared by 33 ladies, and we all gave Sue a most hearty thanks. The Youth for Understanding are a great bunch of students, and they are all willing to share their experience with us.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Parsons of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Denise, to Brian King Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. King Doyle of Lowell.

Both are 1976 graduates of Lowell High School. Cheryl is a student at Western Michigan University, and Brian attends Kansas State University. The couple are planning an August 12th wedding.

OPEN LETTER from DAVID GERST

Dear Friends,

Can one acquire integrity? Perhaps the first step is to discipline oneself to practice absolute honesty in little things; not evading the inconvenience of the truth when a tiny lie would be so much easier; not spreading that choice bit of gossip that is probably untrue. These disciplines may sound trivial but when one honestly seeks integrity and begins to find it, it creates a power that sweeps one along.

Respectfully,
David Gerst
ROTH-GERST FUNERAL HOME
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

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INTERIOR DESIGN: Get your home brightened up for spring. All the basic fundamentals of "Interior Design" - Room grouping, accessory decorating, best floor design. Class will meet in the YMCA Office on Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m. Class will begin on Friday, January 28 and continue through March 4.

BASIC HAIR CARE AND MAKE-UP APPLICATION: Learn the latest techniques of blow-drying your hair and how to apply make-up the proper way. Class meets on Tuesday nights in the Lowell Senior High School Room 12 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 25, and continuing through March 15, taught by a licensed cosmetologist.

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE BUTTER LESSENS: Learn to play the guitar or improve your ability. Both classes will be offered at the YMCA Office Monday nights beginning Monday, January 24 and continuing through March 14. Beginners will meet 8 to 9 p.m. and there will be an intermediate class from 9 to 10 p.m.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT AT 8 PM: Exercise, diet help, toning-up, gymnastics, volleyball. Meet on Tuesday nights in the Middle School Gym, beginning January 18 and continuing through May. Free to YMCA Members or a weekly fee of \$1 which can be applied to a YMCA Membership.

Fun On The Ice

Despite the cold weather, some 45 fathers, sons and daughters attended the YMCA Indian Guides and Princess Ice skating party Saturday, January 15, at the ice rink, outdoors by the Alto Lake Club. The dads and their children had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship together.

ROTARY NOTES

SCHOOL BOARD

PROCEEDINGS

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan, Board of Education Meeting December 13, 1976.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Roberts. Roll Call—Members Present: Roberts, Metternick, Miller, Thaler, Kropf, Jansma, Dowling, Pfalter. Members Absent: None.

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 1976. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Metternick, to approve payment of a building and site bill. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kropf, to approve payment of general fund bills as listed. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Metternick, seconded by Thaler, to approve the agenda, as amended. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

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2. Southkent Community Ed. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Thaler, to permit the Southkent Community Education to conduct Adult Basic Education classes in the Lowell Area School District. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

3. Coaching Contract. Motion by Dowling, seconded by Miller, to authorize Mr. Sinke to notify Mr. Rowe that his contract for football coaching would not be renewed, together with the reasons for same. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

4. Teaching Contract. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Jansma, to offer a teaching contract to Ned Henley (drafting, senior high school). Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

5. Assessment Program. Don Kelly reported that our Assessment Program again shows good progress. The program has been expanded to include the kindergarten and tenth grade. Meetings have been held to share results with parents. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

6. Keweenaw House. Mr. Sinke reported that the Cahoons are picking up the option on the lease-purchase agreement that they have with them on the Keweenaw house and that the business office is completing the sale. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

7. Meetings. Board members were reminded of: A. Conference scheduled by M.A.S.B., January 14, 15 in Lansing on millages. B. Meeting at Fingers on December 16—Ned S. Hubbard. C. State Reports. Mr. Sinke reported that we have received a new list of the many educational reports required by the various state agencies. Of the 186 reports, we file 107.

8. KIDS School Board. Board members were reminded of a recent Intermediate Association of School Boards meeting on January 20, 1977, "Visiting with Your Legislators."

9. Title IV-B Monies. Superintendent Sinke reported that the administrative staff has decided to use Title IV-B monies in the middle school and use the 1977-78 funds as a part of the REMCE-8 educational computer. This computer will provide a terminal in our senior high school for use in math, science, and career education programs. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

10. Board-Administrators. The Board-Administrator get-together will be held on December 17, 1976. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

11. Meeting Cancellation. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Dowling, to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for December 27, 1976. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

12. Alto Lions Club Request. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Thaler, to approve the request of the Alto Lions Club to construct a shelter and light pole at the Alto School skating rink. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

13. Property Purchase. Mr. Miller reported that the Kent County Road Commission is disposing of a small piece of property adjacent to school property on Alden Nash. Motion by Miller, seconded by Thaler, to give the Building and Site Committee authorization to investigate and power to purchase a decision on this purchase. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

14. Membership Count. Mr. Sinke stated that we have received our audit on the Adult Education Program, and our student count stands at 3,201, including 106 full-time memberships in Adult Ed. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

15. Audience Recognition. The audience was recognized. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted, David Miller, Secretary

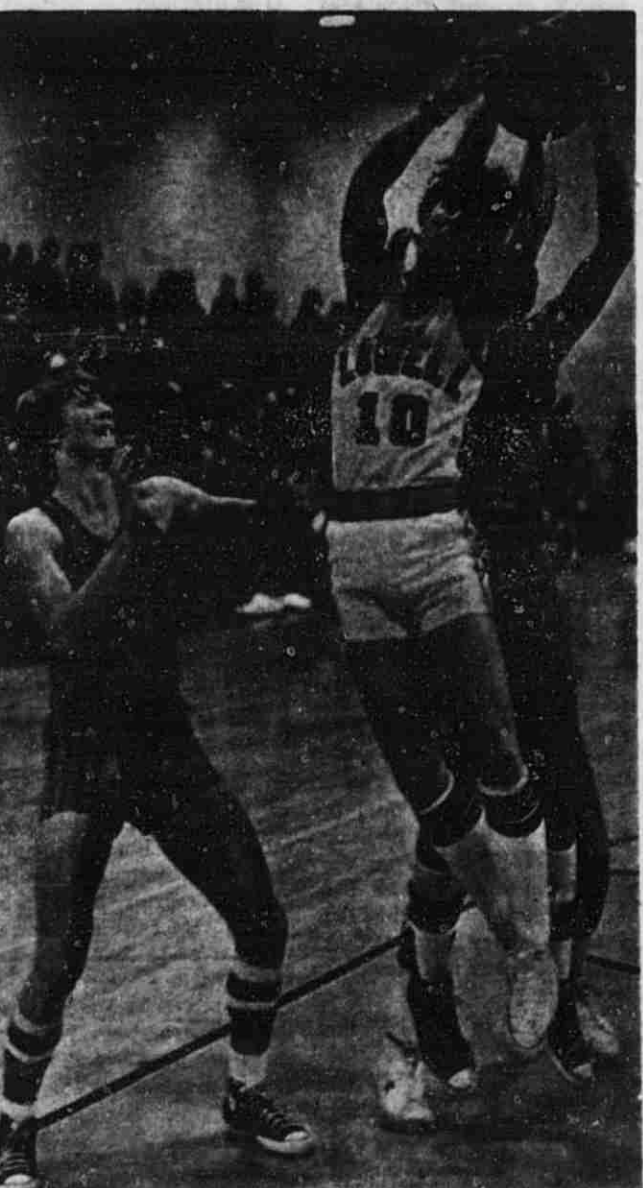
Pre-School Story Time

The winter session of the Pre-school story time at the library will begin on Tuesday, January 25 at 11 o'clock in the morning and continue for the next eight weeks. There is no charge for this program and children 3 1/2 years old and older are invited. If you think your child would enjoy 45 minutes devoted to stories, finger plays, games, movies and other such activities, the librarian invites you to call 868-4031 or stop in at the library on Linfield Avenue in Alto and register your child.

ACTUAL USE REPORT

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Under Appropriation)	THE GOVERNMENT	GRANT TOWNSHIP
(A) CAPITAL	(B) CAPITAL	(C) GENERAL	(D) CAPITAL
(E) OPERATIONAL	(F) OPERATIONAL	(G) SPECIAL	(H) OPERATIONAL
(I) DEBT SERVICE	(J) DEBT SERVICE	(K) OTHER	(L) OTHER
(M) TOTAL	(N) TOTAL	(O) TOTAL	(P) TOTAL

Lowell Tied For Second



Lowell's Mark Kimball (10), is fouled by a Red Arrow defender in a game last Friday night which saw the Red Arrows defeated by the Redskins.

Campgrounds Great Success

Wabasis Park campgrounds at Wabasis Lake in the northeast part of Kent County continued to be a great success at the end of its second full season in 1976, says Don Arnot, Kent County Park superintendent, in a report to the Park Commission. A total of 811 permits for campers from 18 communities in Kent County, five of them from Lowell and its area, were granted during last year's season from May 1 to Oct. 1; 358 camping permits from 66 Michigan communities, excluding those in Kent County and two communities near Lowell, were issued, and 50 permits were granted campers from 11 states and three cities in Ontario, Canada, according to statistics gathered by the Wabasis campground office personnel. Thirty-three permits were issued to campers from Lowell. The four communities in the Lowell area, from which campground visitors came to Wabasis Park, were Ada with 14 permits; Alto, five; Saranac, five, and Building, 54. Grand Rapids ranked No. 1, with 446 permits issued.

The total number of campground grants let was 1,241. Campground visitors from outside Michigan came from such nearby states as Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Also, besides the visitors from Ontario, some campers came from as far away as Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Arizona. There are 57 campsites each covering 43.50 per night and having electricity. Four sites, at \$4 each night, have sewer, water and electricity. A service building has toilets, showers and laundry facilities at no extra cost. Water for drinking and cooking comes from nearby wells. All campsites are available on a first-come, first served basis and the maximum number of nights campers may stay consecutively is 10, says Arnot. The busiest months are June, July and August. The busiest periods are weekends, including Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day. The park was improved last year in two major ways: Lighting was installed last July at the boat launching ramp to aid fishermen coming in after dark and visitors going out for night fishing, and an addition of 600 cubic yards of sand in November has made the beach better for swimming next summer.

SEIDMAN REAPPOINTED TO COLLEGE BOARD
L. William Seidman of Ada has been reappointed to the Grand Valley State Colleges Board of Control. Seidman, 1615 Buttrick Avenue, S.E., was appointed to the GVSC board to succeed Joel P. Ber Plank of Holland for a term expiring December 31, 1984. A Certified Public Accountant and former Economic Counselor to President Ford, Seidman is a former member and chairman of the Grand Valley Board of Control.

Mike Stuckey with 9. Lowell's J.V.'s also won 58-50 while the freshmen found their second league win when they defeated Building 55-51. Lowell has a home game against Lakewood here Friday night.

Van Franks Makes Early Enlistment

Van Franks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franks, 179 S. Center St., Lowell, has entered the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP). According to Staff Sergeant Ransome Williams, the Air Force recruiter in Grand Rapids, Franks will commence four years active duty in August, undergoing 16-week basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Air Force has guaranteed that Franks, currently a senior at Lowell High School, will then receive Medical Service Specialist training and upon completion be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

SEWING CLASSES BEGIN JAN. 27
Classes providing sewing instruction for spring and summer are slated to begin on Thursday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. The instruction will be given at Lowell Senior High School, Room 512, by the staff at the Lowell YMCA.

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IN AND AROUND SARANAC

with Karen Gregory

A Close Look... Teacher's Salaries

This week's article regarding Saranac's School System will include the teachers' salaries, in accordance with their pay scale and the cost of some of their fringe benefits. The salary base is \$9,546 for Bachelors Degree. Raises: \$365 per yr. up to 12 yrs. for Bachelors; \$409 per year up to 12 years for Bachelors plus 18 hrs.; \$532 per year up to 12 years for Masters; \$532 per year up to 12 years for Masters plus 18 hrs.; Masters plus 18 hours starts at \$10,260. Specialist degree starts at \$10,546. The following is average pay received:

Elementary Teachers (27.55 teachers part-time incl.)	average salary is \$12,777; Range \$9,546-\$16,668.
Secondary teachers (21.2 teachers part-time incl.)	average salary is \$12,747; Range \$9,546-\$16,359.
There are five secretaries with average pay of \$6,018; Range \$5,106-\$7,093. There are seven Custodial employees at average pay of \$8,608.	
The Board will provide full time teachers with medical and health insurance. The Board will pay \$57.67 for full family or \$52.54 for self and spouse or self and child; or \$22.65 for self.	
This totals approximately \$29,497 yearly for teacher's insurance and \$44,857 for teacher retirement (each teacher receives 5%).	

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This total cost includes Sped. Ed., Driver's Ed., Compensatory Ed., Adult Ed., Guidance, Health and Library. Keep in mind that these employees (excluding office help and most Custodial) work approximately nine months out of 12.

Next week the salaries of the Superintendents, Principals and board members will be reviewed along with a full report of the School Board meeting held January 20.

The School Board meetings are open to the public. A comparison study of Saranac, Lowell and Ionia School Systems along with possibly a few other outlying school systems is now underway and the results will be in within the next few weeks.

Lakeview Halts Redskin's Streak

The Saranac Redskins' winning streak came to a halt Tuesday night, January 11, when the Lakeview Wildcats created an upset outscoring their opponent 60-53. Lakeview outscored Saranac in the first quarter by nine points (17-6) but by half time the score was tied up at 25 all. But the third period was cold for the Redskins as they only netted 14 points compared to Lakeview's 19.

That five point difference and a two point difference in the 4th quarter caused the seven point loss. At one time during the last eight minutes Saranac came within two points but that wasn't enough as the Wildcats scored on three free throws to assert the win.

The Junior Varsity came out on top Tuesday night as they overcame Lakeview 58-52. The first quarter score was close at 13-10.

The Junior Redskins rallied to keep the lead in the next quarter by outscoring their opponents 17-10, leaving the halftime score

an impressive 30-20. They continued their rally in the third quarter upping their advantage with a 3rd quarter score of 44-30. The 4th quarter was the best for Lakeview as they came out to Saranac's 14, but overall Saranac's power came through.

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In the first quarter, Saranac was only down by one (12-13) and kept the one point deficit at the half leaving the intermission score 20-21. The Redskins came strong in the 3rd quarter outscoring their opponent 14-9.

Maple Valley got revenge though in the fourth quarter as they scored 21 points to Saranac's 17 to tie it up and go into overtime. Unfortunately for the Redskins, overtime proved to be the clincher for the host team as they came out on top by a 7 point margin.

Lead scorer for Maple Valley was D. Schantz with 19 points (10 in 4th quarter and four in overtime) and M. Benton with 16. T. Sprague 16, K. Theisen 13, S. Metternick 11.

The Junior Varsity proved to be powerful again Friday night as they overcame Maple Valley by an impressive 56-36 score. In the first quarter Saranac held their opponent to nearly one third of their outscoring (0-7) and kept the lead at halftime 31-16. Third quarter proved to be a little "cold" for them as they scored only eight points to Maple Valley's 10. But the fourth quarter rally was the

clincher as the Junior Cagers raised 17 points to Maple Valley's 10. B. Tower 24, G. Rainer 17, M. Rainer 17, H. Haskins 17, C. Coulson 8, K. Coulson 8, R. Katanek 1, S. Metternick 1, V. Staburg 1.

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Obituaries
Mrs. Etta Morrison, 75, of Cooperville, passed away Tuesday, January 11 at Glenwood Nursing Home in Lamont. Surviving relatives include a sister, Mrs. Lela (Madeline) Harris of Saranac. Mrs. Morrison was buried from Throp Funeral Home in Cooperville. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mission to Military, Norfolk, Virginia, c/o Rev. James Morrison would be appreciated.

Chris Krieger Comes Home A Champion
Chris Krieger came home a champion from the Cooperville Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday, January 15. Other medal winners were Lee Jones, Tim Patrick, Steve Rose, and Scott Krieger.

Melanie Herbrook, Brian Sherwood Exchange Vows
Melanie Herbrook and Brian Sherwood were united in marriage Saturday, January 8, at the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac. Rev. James Frank performed the candlelight ceremony.

Career Day
Future Business Leaders, a student oriented club, held their annual "Career Day" at Saranac High School Friday morning.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herbrook of Grand River Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherwood of Ainsworth Road. Seventy-five candles and baskets of red and white flowers and palms were displayed on the altar.

Miss Herbrook graced the ceremony wearing a white knit gown with cape and attached hood, all trimmed in maribou. She carried a bouquet of red roses, stephanotis, lily, holy and gardenias.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Kathy Jones, with Diane Herbrook, Nora Hill, Lucinda DeVries and Joni Single serving as bridesmaids. All the bride's attendants wore red dresses trimmed in white maribou and carried white muffs with corsages of holly, ivy, red roses and white streamers.

The groom's attendants were Dennis Posselton, Tom and Brad Sherwood, Terry Herbrook and John Buche. Ushers were Greg Herbruck, brother-in-law of the bride and Frank Bishel, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride's parents hosted a buffet dinner reception at Deer Run Golf Club. Mr. and Mrs. John Beck were master and mistress of ceremonies. Harwood guests were Mrs. Loretta Flowers, the bride's grandmother, and Mrs. Mabel Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lakin, the groom's grandparents.

The newlyweds are living at 5575 Grand River Avenue, Saranac.

Other News Briefs
Gordon M. Keesch of Saranac pleaded no contest to a malicious destruction charge of property less than \$100 and charges of drunk and disorderly were dismissed. Fines and cost of \$85 and \$15 restitution was ordered.

Douglas R. Hunter lost control of his car Sunday, January 9, and struck a road sign on Grand River and South State Road intersection. Drifting snow was reported to be the cause.

Robert L. Leary, 61, Church Street, Saranac, was admitted to Ionia County Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, January 12. (Medical.)

The Most's Club of Saranac will have their dinner Thursday, January 20 in the Community Church parlor.

Leaving for a month's Florida vacation last week were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krieger. Also last week Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haskins headed for the "Southern Sunshine" for a lengthy vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett from Tennessee were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hills Tischer of Saranac.

Five birthdays at Millcreek Meadows will be celebrated January 31, at 7 p.m. A birthday party every month is held for members.

SARANAC LIONS MEET
The Saranac Lions Club held their semi-monthly meeting Monday, January 17. EBI presented the club members in attendance.

IONIA COUNTY POKE PRODUCERS TO MEET
All Ionia County Pork Producers are invited to attend their annual meeting of this association to be held at the Saranac High School on January 24, 7:30 p.m. Reports county agent Duane Patrick.

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Hockey Team Beats Pioneers



The Red Arrow Hockey team from Lowell High School continue to be a threat in the Suburban Ice Hockey League, with their 10-6 win over the Pioneers from East Grand Rapids. Here, a Pioneer ice man (dark suit) makes an attempt to stop Mark Ries of Lowell as he advances down the ice.—Photo by Paul Miller.

LUNCH MENU

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF JANUARY 24
MON., Jan. 24: Chili and Crackers, Choice of Cabbage or Molded Salad, Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Fruit or Jello, Milk.
TUES., Jan. 25: Cheeseburgers, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Buttered Corn, Cookies and

Assorted Fruits, Milk.
WED., Jan. 26: Turkey and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly, Jello with Whip, Milk.
THURS., Jan. 27: Pizza on a Bun, Tossed Salad, Buttered Peas and Carrots, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
FRI., Jan. 28: Fishwiches with Tartar Sauce, Potato Chips and Pickles, Soup or Vegetables, Cookies and Fruit Cocktail, Milk.



Steve Harrington
 Philosophies in forest management have changed greatly in the last few years, and for the most part, this change has benefited wildlife. Foresters have discovered that fire can be one of their most useful tools in producing good timber. The United States Forest Service that once spent much of its time preventing forest fires finds itself managing controlled burns.
 In a mixed age forest, one that has both large and small trees, the fire will kill the smaller trees but will leave the larger trees undamaged. The larger trees are able to with-

stand this fire because of the thick bark which acts as insulation against the heat as well as protects the tree against insect invaders.
 There are several types of forest fires, those that burn away the understory trees and brush as discussed above, those that burn the tops of the trees, and those that burn every plant layer. The fire that burns the tops of the trees is common in the western conifer forests. Only the tops of the trees may be affected although the fire could burn all layers depending upon conditions. Fires that burn all layers are a common type of forest fire and leave the area burned out down to the mineral soil.
 Each type of fire affects the eco-system in a different manner. Fires that are responsible for clearing out the small trees aid in the production of good timber. Fires that burn everything down to the mineral soil are the most destructive and it takes the land a long time to recover. Soil must be rebuilt which may take a hundred years.

Ironically, it is the most destructive fire that is the best for the wildlife. After this type of fire has gone through an area new types of plants invade. These plants are those that are preferred by many types of wildlife. The early stages of plant regrowth were once the primary vegetation cover in the state of Michigan. This was a time when the land was recovering from the great fires in the late 1880's that were caused by the slashings left by the lumbermen. This was also a time when deer and other wildlife populations thrived.

NEW SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE
 A new Department of State field office to serve the Grand Rapids area is scheduled to open January 24, at the Eastbrook Mall, Green Court, 3645 28th Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, under the management of Ford Peppers, Jr.
 The office hours for the new office will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Thank You . . .

"Thank you for helping us help others!"
 That's the grateful message voiced by the Saranac Lions who have just completed their most successful Light Bulb Sale in the Club's three-year history.
 Gross sales surpassed the \$1,000 mark and every cent of the proceeds is being channeled into charitable programs.
 President Earl Cady and his "den" of Lions have already authorized the purchase of playground equipment to be installed this spring at the Village Park in Saranac.
 Beautiful poinsettias were also personally presented by the Lions to thirty shut-in senior citizens in time for the Christmas holiday last month. Along with the colorful plant went friendly conversation and lots of good will.
 Sponsors of the Cub Scout program in Saranac, the Lions Club sent several representatives to judge the exciting Pine-Wood Derby at the High School Cafeterium earlier this month.
 Checks have been presented to Leader Dogs for the Blind and Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids.
 Again—the Saranac Lions thank you for helping us to help others.

Polaris SuperSale!



Get \$100-\$150 factory rebate on a 1977

Polaris Colt, Electra, TX, or Colt SS!

Here's the big news from Polaris. When you buy a 1977 Colt, Electra or TX, the Polaris factory will send you a rebate check for \$100. When you buy a 1977 Colt SS, the Polaris factory will send you a rebate check for \$150.

That's big money... but it's just the beginning. We have lowered the prices on every sled we've got in stock. Add our rock-bottom deal to the Polaris factory rebate and you'll save hundreds of dollars... and get the best snowmobile made.

This offer expires January 31, 1977. And when it's gone, it's gone. So come on in today and be riding a new Polaris tomorrow.

Polaris... the only machine for the man who refuses to be second best!

Pleasure Pools by Benjamin

2676 Lincoln Lake Road
 Lowell — 897-7650

JANUARY Specials!

20% OFF Anything from Yarn Department...
 Brunswick Yarn, Patterns, etc.

25% OFF ALL Winter Outerwear... Jackets, Pram Suits, Snow Pants, Infant, Children's, Ladies' sizes

ALL Winter Sleepwear... **25% OFF** Children's and Ladies'

SWITCHMATE SHELLS

Sizes including long sleeves... sizes 38-48

"SPECIAL GROUP" **20% to 40% OFF**

THAT **Special** PLACE

215 W. Main—Lowell

NEW WINTER HOURS — Mon., Tues., Wed., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Thursdays.

RESTRICT SPEARING SEASON NORTH OF HWY. M-46

The Natural Resources Commission at its meeting on August 10, 1973, under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, orders that for a period of four years beginning September 30, 1973, it shall be unlawful during the month of April of each year to take any fish by spearing or bow and arrow north of Highway M-72 in the lower peninsula and from April 1 to April 14, inclusive, of each year between Highways M-46 and M-72 in the lower peninsula.

Adgate's SUPER MARKET SARANAC, MICHIGAN

PRICES EFFECTIVE THRU JANUARY 22, 1977

OPEN 8-9 MON.-SAT. CLOSED SUN

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES.



SPARTAN SKINLESS
HOT DOGS 1 LB. PKG. **69¢**
 SPARTAN SLICED REGULAR & THICK
SLICED BOLOGNA 1 LB. PKG. **69¢**

ROLLED BONELESS CHUCK ROAST
\$1.09
 LB.

SPARTAN SALE

THE PERFECT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!

Cut From Quarter Pork Loin
PORK CHOPS
 9 TO 11 MIXED CHOPS
89¢
 LB.

HOMEMADE LINK PORK
SAUSAGE LB. **1.09**
 KENT MICHIGAN GRADE 1 BULK RING
BOLOGNA LB. **79¢**
 ECKRICH BLENDER SLICED MEATS
LUNCH MEAT 1 OZ. WT. **2/89¢**
 BONELESS BEEF
STEW MEAT LB. **1.19**
 ECKRICH REGULAR, MAPLE, OR BEEF
SMOK-Y LINKS 10 OZ. WT. **79¢**

SPARTAN
SOUPS OR TOMATO SAUCE
 VEGETABLE - 10 OZ. WT.
 CHICKEN NOODLE - 10 OZ. WT.
 MUSHROOM - 10 OZ. WT.
6/51
 MIX OR MATCH

SPARTAN
CORN PEAS
 MIXED VEGETABLES 15 OZ. WT.
 WHOLE OR SLICED POTATOES 15 OZ. WT.
 CUT GREEN BEANS 15 OZ. WT.
5/51
 MIX OR MATCH

SPARTAN
PORK & BEANS
 LIGHT RED OR DARK RED
KIDNEY BEANS
4/88¢
 MIX OR MATCH

SPARTAN
TOMATO CATSUP
APPLE SAUCE
BUTTER BEANS **TOMATOES**
4/51
 MIX OR MATCH

Adgate's **SAVE 66¢**
 COUNTRY FRESH
LOW FAT MILK
 GALLON
79¢
 Limit 1 to \$5.00 purchase or more excluding coupon from beer, wine and cigarettes. Coupon expires Jan. 22, 1977.

SPARTAN
FRUIT COCKTAIL 17 OZ. WT. **3/51**
 SPARTAN
CHUNK LIGHT TUNA 1/2 CANS 2/88¢
 1/2 PEACHES SLICED & HALVES - 21 OZ. WT.
 TOMATO JUICE - 46 FL. OZ.

SPARTAN-ASSORTED VARIETIES 24 OZ. WT.
SANDWICH COOKIES 69¢
 SPARTAN
SALAD DRESSING 32 FL. OZ. **59¢**

Strauberry or Red Raspberry - 18 OZ. WT.
SPARTAN PRESERVES 59¢
 SPARTAN
SALTINES 16 OZ. WT. **39¢**

SINGLE ROLL
JUMBO TOWELS 39¢
 SPARTAN
SHORTENING 48 OZ. WT. **99¢**

Adgate's **SAVE 17¢**
BIG 'G' CHEERIOS
 18 OZ. WT. BOX
46¢
 Limit 1 to \$5.00 purchase or more excluding coupon from beer, wine, and cigarettes. Coupon expires Jan. 22, 1977.

SPARTAN WHITE
JUMBO BREAD
3/\$1.09
 24 OZ. WT. LOAF

SPARTAN 16 OZ. WT. PKG.
MARGARINE 3/87¢
QUARTERS
 SPARTAN ASSORTED VARIETIES
CHUNK CHEESE SALE 88¢

Adgate's **SAVE 16¢**
 REGULAR OR MINT
CREST Toothpaste
 FAMILY SIZE 4 OZ. WT. TUBE
89¢
 Limit 1 to \$5.00 purchase or more excluding coupon from beer, wine, and cigarettes. Coupon expires Jan. 22, 1977.

Adgate's **SAVE 20¢ on one 40¢ on two**
 ORANGE OR GRAPE
Hi-C Fruit Drinks
 46 FL. OZ. CAN
29¢
 Limit 2 to \$5.00 purchase or more excluding coupon from beer, wine and cigarettes. Coupon expires Jan. 22, 1977.

SPARTAN FROZEN
ORANGE JUICE 6 FL. OZ. CANS **7/51**
SPARTAN DINNERS FRESH FROZEN 11 OZ. WT. **39¢**
SPARTAN PIZZA DELUXE COMBINATION 19 OZ. WT. **\$1.29**

WESTERN
WINTER PEARS 3 LBS. **79¢**
RED SALAD ONIONS 1 LB. BAG **39¢**