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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



THE DEADLINE for passenger car owners to have their 1977 license plate tabs on their vehicles is Friday, April 1. To obtain a Bicentennial license plate tab, motorists must present either the prepared renewal form from the Department of State, the 1976 registration or the certificate of vehicle title, plus proof of public liability and property damage insurance.

FISHERMAN in boats and along the banks of the Grand and Flat Rivers found the steelhead running good over the weekend. A heavy winter and a lack of water has made the run late this year.

LOWELL POLICE officers, March 14, picked up and returned to school three run-away boys and arrested one subject for harboring a run-away. All three subjects have been referred to the Kent County Juvenile Court at a later date.

REGISTERED VOTERS who wish to cast their ballots in the March 28 School Millage Election by absentee ballot can secure the same at the office of the Superintendent of Schools in the Bushnell Elementary School. The office will be open this Saturday until two o'clock in the afternoon.

ARRESTED AND given a summons to appear in Kent County's 63rd District Court for shoplifting was John Whaley, when he was allegedly caught on Monday, March 14.

THE REOPENING of the Lowell Bakery on East Main Street has caused many good comments to the new owner Dan Courser, who is striving to serve all of the baked goods needs of this area. Dan, who will have his shop open seven days a week, had his telephone installed last week, and orders can be placed by calling 897-5387.

ONE SURE SIGN of Spring's arrival is the annual opening of the Softee Creme Shop on East Main Street. Over the week end, despite the snowy cold weather, shop owners Harold and Rose Ball, greeted waiting lines of customers.

TURNED OVER to their parents after being apprehended by Kent County and City of Lowell Police officials were three juveniles, in connection with the arson of the old hydro-electric plant at the dam on the Flat River Sunday evening.

A BUS TRIP to the Welsh Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids to see country-western singer Johnny Cash on Tuesday, April 19, is being organized by Howard Clark of Lowell. Any senior citizens interested in going should contact Mr. Clark for reservations.

AT THE ANNUAL School election to be held June 13, one seat on the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will be open. Any persons wishing to seek this seat, should have their petitions filed by Monday, April 11. Petitions are available at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

ROBERT REYBURN of Lowellview Avenue, Lowell, has been arrested and charged with the March 18 shooting incident at the Riverview Inn at the east city limits of Lowell, during which Dale Marshall of 1188 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, was wounded in the left arm.

INVOLVED IN A property damage accident last Saturday was Brian Duckett, when he lost control of his car on Suffolk Street, near Hudson, striking a parked vehicle.

Students Make 'Buying' Trip To New York

New York City recently became a classroom for 16 Ferris State College students interested in retailing careers.

The simulated buying trip to New York City is a credit course offered annually at FSC during the week-long spring quarter break. Arrangements were made by Robert J. Rock, who heads the Department of Marketing in the FSC School of Business and who accompanied the students. Stokette's—a Michigan department store chain-made its New York buying office facilities available for the trip.

Taking advantage of the opportunity to view the New York market first-hand were: Drew Condon and Susanna Condon from Lowell.

While in New York City, the students had a busy and varied schedule. They visited the central offices of the J. C. Penney Co., Inc., toured the showroom of Vera, Inc., were given a factory tour at Eagles Clothes and the General Offices of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

One of the days was spent in the New York markets, with each student assigned to a market representative. Other scheduled tours were conducted at Thomas Textiles' offices and design studio; Dan River, Inc.; Butte Knit (a Division of Jonathon Logan); designer Bill Atkinson; Cohoma; Frederick Atkinson, Inc.; and B. Altman & Co. on Fifth Avenue.

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It All Boils Down To Something 'Sweet'



Making maple syrup is a learning experience, for the students at Lowell Middle School.

Some eighth grade students at Lowell Middle School are in the middle of a pretty sweet subject. Students are involved in tapping maple trees for the sap which is boiled down to syrup.

Buckets have been borrowed from Frank Ryder of 11075 Bailey Drive, and the trees are tapped on the woodlots owned by Dave Yeiter, 4376 Alden Nash, and Bob Boersma, 10259 36th Street. Tapping and collecting is supervised by George Stegmier, 8th grade science and math teacher, and Steve Harrington, School Naturalist.

Once the sap is collected it is boiled down at the log cabin at the Walden Pond Nature Study Area. Students learn how the sap is gathered, and prepared to produce the sweet syrup. Students also learn of the economic

importance of maple syrup production and which states are the leading producers and why.

Science skills are involved with the project as students learn the function of the sap and how the plant produces it. Participants apply math skills by keeping track of various data and reporting their findings. Age, height, location, average sugar content of sap and other information is gathered and recorded.

As the sap is boiled down students learn that the sugar present in the sap is concentrated as the solution nears the sweet syrup stage. Students are anxiously waiting for the completion of the project when they will get a taste of the fruit of their efforts. It can truly be said that Mr. Stegmier has a pretty sweet class these days.

MacPherson To Narrate Films



Monroe MacPherson, owner of Radio Station WION in Ionia, will be the narrator of two films to be shown Tuesday evening, March 29, at the annual Travelogue presented by the Lowell Rotary Club.

This year's presentation, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Lowell High School, will be "Switzerland's Alpine Splendor," and "Monaco and the Riviera."

Travelogue tickets can be purchased at the Grand Valley Ledger office, Lowell Savings and Loan, Harold Ziegler Ford or from any Rotary Club member. A limited number, only, will be sold at the door.

Symphonic Band Is Rated First

Congratulations to the Lowell Senior High Symphonic Band and director, Robert Rice for the excellent exhibition at the District Festival on Saturday, Mar. 5th. The band received first division ratings from all four judges. This is the highest possible.

The three numbers the band performed are "March Lamar" by Clifton Williams, "A Festive Overture" by Alfred Reed, and "Introduction and Fantasia" by Rex Mitchell.

Once again, congratulations for a job well done and good luck at the State Festival. Della Rogers

Spring Arrives! Dressed In White



Although area residents grumbled at the sight of snow on the first day of Spring, March 20, it's blanket of white added a certain picturesque beauty to the country-side.—Photo by Modern Photographics.

Accident Destroys House



A home owned by Ronald Richards at 706 High St., Lowell was completely destroyed recently when it fell into the hole that was to be its new basement. The Ledger was unable to contact anyone who knew anything about the accident but the house had apparently been jacked up and a new basement was being dug under it when the house went down.

More Millage Q's And A's

The Board, in providing the following answers to questions posed by readers of the Grand Valley Ledger, is continuing its efforts to develop lines of open communications between the people of the district and the schools. Several questions, because of their similarity, were combined; others, because of their length, were edited to save space.

Why, with the great increase in assessments, does the school district still ask for more money?

Assessment increases and the property tax levied on them have caused many people to ask this question. First and very important, is that any increase resulting from assessment increases is deducted from State Aid received by the district, the result is no increase in operating monies for the school district.

Secondly, the school district is not in any way responsible for increases in assessments. Increased assessments are determined by the State Legislature and the State Tax Commission. Many interested citizens, legislative committees, and school people have advocated reform in the area of assessing and the property tax. School people are very aware of the feelings felt by property owners, who take out their frustrations by voting no on school millages. They also realize these people should be working with their legislators to reform the system, instead of venting their wrath on the children. The net result of the system is our children have to pay the price for a questionable means of taxation. People voting no in the upcoming election are not in any way affecting the whole process of

assessment, but they are very definitely reducing the quality of education their children will receive.

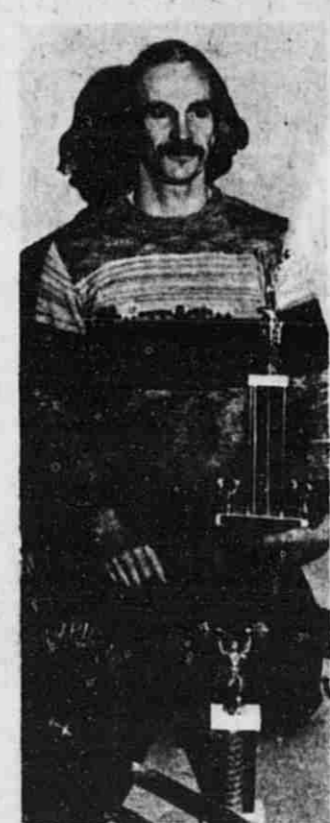
Last summer the Lowell system asked the voters for a continuance of two mills, plus one mill increase. Now, only several months later why are they asking for two mills?

When the millage study committee made their decision to recommend the two mill continuation and one mill additional, they were aware two additional mills were needed. They proposed only one mill with the hope the voters would be more receptive to a small increase

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ROSIE DRIVE INN—800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Roasted Sausage, 69¢. Broasted Chicken To Go, Tuesday, Burger and Fry Night, 30¢ each. Wednesday Night, Chicken Night, \$1.50; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions with Honey Rolls, \$1.50; New Night: Friday Night, Baked Fish Dinner, \$1.50; Saturday Night, Sizzler, 4 oz. Steak, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Grilled Homemade Bread, \$1.79. c19

Fundamentals: Big Part Of Being A Winner



Roger Powers of 5785 Ada Drive, Ada, has been weight lifting for about a year and has won several trophies. Powers took third in his first meet, the

Third Regional Open held in Michigan. Pleased with this effort, he began serious training.

He entered the Cincinnati open in late February. The competition was open to all interested participants. Powers returned with the first place trophy and an even stronger desire to compete on the national level.

In early March, Powers entered the Junior State Championship in Mt. Clemens. He won first place again and his commitment to the sport and his belief that he could compete on the national level strengthened.

Powers, at 165 lbs., does not look like the muscle bound weight lifter many would expect. He is a well-built 26-year-old with an infectious sense of humor. When asked what stimulated his interest in the sport, he replied, "I wanted to suffer the agony of defeat, like the skiers on television." He has not had to suffer this agony, his record indicates, he likes to win.

Roger Powers is a dedicated man who would like to accomplish some "good things" for weight lifting, regardless of his personal endeavors.

Powers feels the lack of recognition in this sport is shameful. "We never do much in the Olympics, mainly because we have no coaching or training to really field a team. We are a strong country and we should be in a position to make a good showing in the Olympics. The only reason the Russians win is training and the support of their countrymen."

Powers would like to dispell the muscle bound overweight image of the weight lifters. "It is an art and requires knowledge, being strong will not make you a winner if you fail with the fundamentals."

Encouraged by his wife, Sue, it is a family affair. Sue is attending a clinic and reading books on the subject to assist Roger with the fundamentals. Another fan who is too young to fully understand, is his daughter, 2-year-old Kim, who lends occasional vocal support.

The next match will be held at Highland, Michigan. The winner will have the title of "The Best In Michigan." With his motto, "No pain, no gain," and his determination, Roger Powers is a young man to watch.

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BURN'T OFFERINGS

Do Not Enter... in this house is a room from which no one has ever returned.

Fri., Mar. 25 thru Mon., Mar. 28

STRAND Theatre

ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8 P. M.

MONDAY IS DOLLAR NIGHT!

DePottay Assigned to Georgia Base

Airman Douglas D. DePottay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. DePottay of 7037 Bridgewater SE, Grand Rapids, has gradu-

ated at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for weapons mechanics.

Millage . . .

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They recommended the other mill be made up in cuts and reduction of operating funds. They realized by not providing the additional mill the board would be using up operating funds and would have to borrow money the following year.

The school district issues two care. Would it not be wise to let employees drive their own cars and pay them mileage?

Leasing vs. mileage has been studied very carefully and from a strictly financial position the district saves several hundred dollars a year by leasing vs. paying mileage (last year the savings was in excess of \$1,200).

How does Lowell's millage compare with other districts in our area?

Lowell's millage is one of the very lowest in the area. Lowell is presently asking for a total of 27 mills. Most other districts have been at 27 mills or more for several years. The Grand Rapids school system presently priding itself for having operated the past six years on 27 mills, the amount Lowell is presently requesting.

The board threatened cuts last summer and backed down. Won't they do the same if the millage falls?

Last summer several hundred voters asked the board to reconsider some of the cuts because they had not been told what they would be or never supported them. After a great deal of deliberation, the board agreed the voters had a legitimate point and about \$40,000 of the proposed \$110,000 in cuts was restored. This election the board no longer is in a financial position whereby they can restore programs outlined in proposed cuts. (For a complete list of cuts, see the February 17 issue of the Ledger or the February issue of the Measuring Stick).

'OMELET KING' FEATURED AT FARMERS' WEEK

The 'Omelet King,' American Egg Board representative Howard Helmer, will be a featured performer during Michigan State University Farmers' Week.

Helmer who will appear during the popular luncheon Tuesday, March 22, at The Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, set a world's record in 1975 when he made 236 two-egg cheese omelets in 60 minutes.

cozy corner

By Roger Brown



I probably hold the record for starting hobbies, and then failing to pursue them. This was probably the longest lived of all my hobbies. I collected buffalo nickels furiously for about three months.

I might still be collecting them had not a model kit for a Stuka dive bomber caught my eye in Larry's Dime Store. Thus began my new hobby of model building and Larry had my nickel collection.

Model building didn't last long at all, in fact I don't think the glue was even dry on the Stuka when I took up the trombone. A short stint with the trombone proved that I had little interest in it and more importantly, not an ounce of talent.

The trombone was followed in rapid succession by rock collecting, erector sets, slot car racing, leaf collecting, more coin collecting and on and on. You name it and I probably dabbled in it.

Well, as I grew a little older, my frantic pursuit of a hobby was interrupted by high school, sports, girlfriends, motorcycles, college and the Army. At last I was married and settled back down into something of a routine. And my endless search for a hobby began again.

In the past few years I have started no less than a score of new hobbies. Oriental cooking was probably the most short-lived of any of them.

At my request, I received a magnificent \$9.95 oriental cookbook for Christmas. The bamboo shoots and other necessities were purchased, they're still in the pantry and my wife is yet to enjoy one of my long promised culinary delights from the Orient.

I have a \$8.95 book on building reproductions of Colonial American furniture. A quick inspection of our furniture will reveal Bryhill, Bassett, and J.C. Penney labels but not a single Roger Brown original.

I have a \$10.95 book about training Labrador Retrievers and two \$100 Labrador retrievers that don't know a pintail from a parakeet. As a well traveled vagabond of the hobby world, my advice to anyone with a hobby would be to stick with it. It may seem expensive at times, but take my word for it, pursuing one hobby has got to be cheaper and more relaxing than trying a new one every week.

Wednesday, Mar. 30: No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Thursday, Mar. 31: Pizza on a Bun, Garden Salad, Buttered Corn, Chilled Peaches or Applesauce, Milk.

Friday, Apr. 1: Assorted Sandwiches, Pickles and Potato Chips, Soup or Vegetable, Cookies and Choice of Fruit, Milk.

HAVE A NICE SPRING VACATION.

Tuesday, Mar. 29: Cheeseburgers with Pickles, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Buttered Peas, Cookies and Fruit, Milk.

VFW NOTES

Post #303, Lowell

This month's Coachmen Drum & Bugle Corps Benefit Dance will be held at the West side complex in Grand Rapids. For more information call Maury Lillis at 531-1523. Let's get out and support this youth organization!

Some names of the M.I.A.'s from the Vietnam War are available. President Carter has sent a Task Force to North Vietnam to check on M.I.A.'s. Though the list is small, the number of still unaccounted men is numerous. The members of Flat River Post #303 are

We would like to remind our members that Election of Post Officers will be held at the next regular meeting April 5, 8 p.m. Sharp!

God and the soldier we adore In time of danger, not before The danger passes, and all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier laid.

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pleased to see the M.I.A.'s

being accounted for. Our next Steak Dinner will be Saturday, April 9—Serving Sizzlers and T-Bones from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Public Welcome.

John Siebert, Ph.D. has been appointed to the position of Director of Research and Development at the Amway Corporation in Ada. Dr. Siebert replaces Robert T. Hunter who was promoted to Executive Vice President of Nutrilite Products, Inc., an Amway subsidiary in Buena Park, California.

Two Forest Hills area students were candidates for degrees at winter term commencement exercises March 12 at Michigan State University. Receiving a BS degree in Dietetics was Susan Hufford of 4549 Braeburn, S.E. Alan Burlingham of 7228 Thornapple River Drive received his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

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POTPOURRI

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seeley of Cascade Road—Genevieve Folkert and family of Addison, Michigan, Mrs. Virginia Hendricks and family of Sand Lake, and Mrs. Marjorie Rudolph of Williamsport, Maryland—gave a surprise party and dinner for Mrs. Seeley (Lula) Sunday, March 20, at the Community

Center in Cedar Springs. Her birthday was Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Over 50 relatives attended the dinner-party which included a presentation of special music.

Mrs. Roberta Black portrayed Mary Magdalene in the original dramatic dialog, a part of the mid-week Lenten service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton St., March 23.

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City Of Lowell

Oakwood Cemetery

SPRING CLEAN-UP

April 4 - 8

Spring clean-up time at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell, will be April 4-8, 1977.

During this week all winter flowers, artificial arrangements, etc., will be removed and disposed of.

Any person who would like to preserve these for future use should remove their flowers before April 4, 1977. Please notify out-of-town friends and relatives of this notice.

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OBITUARIES

RAISON—L. D. Raison of 8697 McArthur Road, Saranac, aged 57, died Monday evening, March 14, at Blogett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Raison is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his mother, Mrs. Mary Shugh; seven sons, Dennis of Ionia, William of Portland, Richard of North Carolina, Benjamin of Florida, Charles and Timothy of Saranac and Larry of California; a daughter, Judy Raison of Ionia; and nine grandchildren.

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Alto, was a resident of the Developmental Center in Muskegon. Funeral services for Cameron were conducted Friday afternoon at the Jack R. Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Caledonia with the Rev. Raymond Gaylord of the Cascade Christian Church officiating. Burial was made in Pine Hill Cemetery, Kentwood.

Besides his devoted parents, he leaves two brothers, Eric Lee and Shawn Edward; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary DeArmond of Byron Center, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Graham of Cedar Springs; and several aunts and uncles.

CLARKE—Charles O. Clarke, aged 81 of 1037 Park Street in Grand Haven passed for the purchase of a much needed restitutor.

SAYLES—A former Lowell area resident, Mrs. Pearl M. Sayles passed away Sunday, March 13, in her sleep at the 208 Bellevue, S.W., Wyoming.

Interment was made in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery Thursday afternoon, following services at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, The Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating.

Mrs. Sayles is survived by a son, Robert and three grandchildren.

FARMLAND VALUE CONTINUES TO INCREASE
Farmland values increased 17 percent last year, according to a report issued by USDA's economic research service.

In 1976 an average acre of farmland was worth \$330, now the same acre is valued at \$445.

THE CHILDREN OF LOWELL—Area are counting on YOU March 28. Vote YES.

They farmed in the Freepoint area until 1922 when they moved to Grand Rapids. In 1932, they moved to Freepoint, where she resided until entering the Medical Facility in September of 1974. Her husband preceded her in death in 1949.

Mrs. Wieland was a member of the Hope Church of the Brethren and the WCTU Jolly Workers.

She leaves two sons, Raymond of Hastings and Lawrence of North Manchester, Indiana; four daughters, Mrs. Iris Livingston of Clarksville, Mrs. Wilma Pavlich of Hastings, Mrs. Lola Posthumus of Alto and Mrs. Darlene VanderWood of Hastings; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

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Interment was made in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery Thursday afternoon, following services at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, The Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating.

Mrs. Sayles is survived by a son, Robert and three grandchildren.

FARMLAND VALUE CONTINUES TO INCREASE
Farmland values increased 17 percent last year, according to a report issued by USDA's economic research service.

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RAISON—L. D. Raison

of 8697 McArthur Road, Saranac, aged 57, died Monday evening, March 14, at Blogett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Raison is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his mother, Mrs. Mary Shugh; seven sons, Dennis of Ionia, William of Portland, Richard of North Carolina, Benjamin of Florida, Charles and Timothy of Saranac and Larry of California; a daughter, Judy Raison of Ionia; and nine grandchildren.

The Rev. James Frank con-

ducted the funeral services held Thursday afternoon, March 17, at the Gallivan Baptist Church in Saranac; arrangements by the Roetman Funeral Home of Saranac. He was laid to rest in Saranac Cemetery.

MANKEL—Ninety-two-year-old Fred L. Mankel of 4800 Grand River Drive, Ada, passed away Thursday morning, March 17, at Butterworth Hospital.

Services were held Saturday morning at the Alto Mortuary in Grand Rapids with burial being made in Fairplains Cemetery.

Mr. Mankel, a retired electrical belt carrier employee, leaves two sons, Kenneth and Richard; two daughters, Roselle Bier and Mrs. Joseph King; 27 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sally Mankel; and a paternal niece, Mrs. Oscar Platkin.

DEVIRES—Richard DeVries, sr., aged 83, of Rockford, passed away Thursday evening, March 17, at Blogett Hospital in Grand Rapids following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel in Grand Rapids, with burial following in Garfield Park Cemetery.

Mr. DeVries is survived by his wife, Gertrude; his children, Court and Bertha Huisman of Ada, John and Florence Vandenburg of Lowell, John and Lee DeVries of Whitehall, Ralph and Jean DeVries of Brien Springs; Richard, jr., and Eleanor DeVries of Kentwood, John and Mary Schopper of Dutton, Mike and Aunne Wielinga of Winter Haven, Florida, Calvin and Hilda TeVelle of Charlotte, and Bernard and Joyce DeVries of Whitehall; 47 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

SILVA—A. Clare Silva, sr., of 4230 East Beltline, passed away early Friday morning, March 18, at Manatee General Hospital in Bradenton, Florida, at the age of 70.

Mr. Silva was a member of Malta Lodge No. 465 F.&A.M. Funeral services were Monday afternoon at the Meyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, with interment being made in Fairplains Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Emma, he leaves two sons and daughters-in-law, A. Clare, jr., and Karen Silva of Ada, Stewart J., and Jacqueline Schroy of Grand Rapids, two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Veda Barnes of Hastings; and three nephews.

LEFEBRE—Robert D. LeFebvre, aged 64, of Livonia, a former Ionia County area resident passed away Thursday, March 17, after a lengthy illness.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two sons, Robert, jr., of Detroit and David of Boston, Massachusetts; two daughters, Lillian Overbeck of Saranac and Laurie Jackson of Evansville, Indiana; and seventeen grandchildren; two brothers, Leo of Detroit and Roland of Nebraska; two sisters, Florence Lind of Eureka, California, and Rose Marie McKimney of Six Lakes.

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The public is invited. No admission charge, but an offering will be received.
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LENTEN BREAKFAST
The Rev. John Stewart, of Westminister Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, will be guest speaker at the Men's Lenten Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church next Tuesday, March 29, 6:45 a.m.
All men and boys are welcome. Phone Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. in.

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Doris Hall, Delightful Speaker

Doris Hall, the third speaker in the current series of Lenten Reviews at the Lowell YMCA, is known to those who have attended the series over the years as a delightful speaker. She and her husband, Chester A. Hall, the former executive director of the Grand Rapids YMCA, made many friends in Lowell through their interest in establishing the local branch of the "Y."

Mrs. Hall has chosen to review "Granny Brand, Her Story," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, which is an amazing saga of determination and perseverance. The author will be remembered for her biographies, "House of Earth," "Dr. Ida," and "Ten Fingers for God," the story of Dr. Paul Brand, the son of Granny Brand. She also has written novels, one of which, "Prince of Egypt," provided the background material for the film "The Ten Commandments."

The biography to be reviewed tells of a young woman who felt impelled to leave her home in London, where she had been protected as only a young woman in the Victorian Age might be, to become a missionary in India. There she married, had two children, and continued to serve the people in the hills of southern India until her death at the age of 85, in 1974.

Mrs. Hall's talk has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30. Coffee and cookies will be served at 9:45 a.m., prior to the review. A luncheon service is available in a room at the south entrance to St. Mary's School, at a cost of fifty cents per child.

There is no admission fee for the review; all are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship and thought-provoking talk.

Missionary To Speak March 30



A Missionary Service will be conducted at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 211 N. Washington Street, on Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. by Miss Lorraine Schultz, Missionary to Mozambique, South Africa. Miss Schultz will show colored slides and have an inspiring message about her work on the mission field. The program is open to the public and all interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Schultz has been on the mission field since 1944, and from here she plans to continue her work for the Lord in Brazil.

Former Pastors Return To St. Mary's

Fifty "senior parishioners" were able to take advantage of the good weather St. Patrick's Day. They came to visit, enjoy each other's stories, and welcome two former pastors at St. Mary's Church, Lowell.

Fr. John Gryboski and Fr. Ben Marcyniuk walked among the tables saying hello to old friends and exchanging the best of old stories. Most of those present agreed it would be well worth getting together two or three times a year. Perhaps some of those absent can add to the good times of St. Pat's Day.

The Mass and luncheon was sponsored by the volunteers for Senior Citizens from the Time and Talent Survey conducted at St. Mary's some time ago. There were twenty-six ladies who served lunch for this luncheon. Members from 192 families have volunteered to assist in various worship, educational, management, and Christian service areas.

Five of the "Seniors" received St. Patrick's Day Planters as door prizes and everyone received the "bonus" of St. Patrick.

Visitor's Nights At Observatory

Twice monthly visitor nights at the James C. Veon Observatory on Kissing Rock Road, Lowell, resume on April 9, and continue on the second Saturday and last Friday of each month through October. There will be telescopic observations when the sky is clear, with periodic tours and audio-visual presentations regardless of weather. Hours are from 8:30 to 11 p.m. and admission is free.

Other upcoming visitor nights in this year's series will be on Friday, April 29, and on Saturday, May 14. For further information, call 456-3985 weekdays between 8 and 5.

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COMING EVENTS
SAT., MAR. 26: Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their annual Friendship Night Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m., at the Lowell Masonic Temple. "Fun Night," public invited.

SUN., MAR. 27: Pancake Breakfast at Kaiser's Kitchie, Lowell, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., served by the Youth for Understanding, this Sunday, March 27. "All you can eat."
MON., MAR. 28: An "oyster stew" supper will be served to the members of Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 on Monday evening, March 28. Business meeting at 7:30; cards and bull session to follow.

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March 26: Sue Greenlee, Margaret Hosts, Art Haydenberg, Cheryl Lint, Janne Sivas, Rosmond Daniels, Robert DeVoung.
March 27: Kelly Jensen, David Jones, Olen Miller III.
March 28: Sally Bieri, Esther Yurkinas, Elmer Taron, Steve Collins, Nellie Shoemaker, Gerald Schaefer, Mary Peabody.
March 29: Evert VanderWal, Susan Smith, Barbara Vos, Helen Cheseman.
March 30: John McCalliard, Lisa Lawrence, Cheryl Braun, James Hagen, Beverly Howard, Craig Stevens, Howard Meraman.
March 31: Jane Rivette, Bradley Fonger, Carrie VanderBilt, Michael Kinnisten.

Rotarians Hear Beahan
Meeting on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, Lowell Rotarians looked quite Irish with the wearing of the green and singing old Irish songs. Father Hugh Michael Beahan, right, being greeted by C.A. Brinkman, left, and John Jones, was the day's guest speaker.



Guests at Lowell Rotary on Wednesday, March 16 were Rich Postma, Dr. Bob Beagan, and J. Rotarian Steve Simmerer and Pat Von Ehr.
Rotarians George Cook and Dick McPherson were reported absent in the hospital.
Bill Doyle reported on his make-up visit at a Rotary Club in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Former Lowell resident, Father Hugh Michael Beahan spoke to the club on the theme of the historical facts behind the crucifixion of Christ. The main fact of what happens in the world is based on the teaching of this Man.

The new arrival has been named Cynthia Elaine. A baby girl was born Monday, March 14, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Karen) Thomas of 224 S. Jefferson Street, Lowell.

NEW BUDS ON THE FAMILY TREE
A baby girl, Angie Rebecca, was born March 9 at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lockhart of Ada.

The proof grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sater of Cascade.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
I would like to present a taxpayer's side on the proposed millage to the Lowell Board of Education and the people of Lowell.

The taxpayer also has increased heating costs, lights and living expenses (food, clothing, insurance, etc.) plus increased assessments on his property, of which he has no choice; so he has to cut expenses where he can.

The City of Lowell will have an 18% increase in assessments on local property which is going to increase our taxes considerably. Most people will have enough taxes to pay without an additional 2 mills for schools.

The schools are having difficulty getting the money from the state, but we should not have to subsidize the state for the money they should be sending the schools. They are spending more than they are receiving.

As the Student Congress of Lowell High School, we feel that we should take an affirmative action to get the point of view of the students across to you.

We feel that, as far as students are concerned, there are two main areas that are going to be missing: first, many academic classes; and secondly, our fine athletic programs.

First the class cuts. Art and home economics will be cut in half. Our shop program will be minus a teacher. Our vocal and instrumental programs will suffer dramatic cuts.

Lowell Senior High has an excellent band and choir program; this year our band received an excellent rating at the district festival and qualified for the state competition.

The administration has been forced to "pink-slip" a counselor. Counseling on the high school level is very important. Our counselors handle everything from freshmen blues and confusion to helping upper-classmen fill out college and job applications.

For the people that attend the games, they have seen that our teams improve greatly from year to year; maybe the scores don't always show it, but the spectators and teams know it. Many of our Varsity records also show it, such as:

frills and programs that are not necessary. Let's get back to Reading, Writing, Spelling and Arithmetic and a little discipline.

In regard to the School Millage:
I am at a loss to see why it is needed. The School gets more money every year without a millage increase.

My valuation goes up every year. When I bought 124 acres my tax was a total of \$36.00. I have sold some to two different people. They pay larger taxes on what they have, and I have 35 acres left of which my tax will be \$1,000 next year, without a millage increase.

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How can the State tell us how much our area is worth, where do they get the figures they arrive at? I'd like to know! We get no help from the Board of Review at the township level.

We, as taxpayers, do not intend to continue to pay taxes that we consider unjust. Our property is assessed at more like 100% than 50% of value. We don't mind paying our fair share of taxes at 50% of value, in fact we even went to the expense of having our land appraised by a competent person, only to find out it meant nothing to the appeal board.

I would be willing to take the names of anyone interested in a such a group. Let's band together and see how large a group we can form so that the State will hear our voices, and try to learn the proper way to achieve our goal.

Other communities are trying this approach, with some success. Maybe it could work for us also. Shall we try this method?

Citizens of Lowell area unite and fight the hand that is robbing us of our school tax money in an atrocious manner where will the food be grown in the future? Is there no room in our State for a farming community?

I read in your paper that Rep. Crim was in favor of tax reform to reverse the trend for higher and higher millage. Would you

When I was in the 9th grade, a pizza at the local pizza place was only \$5.30. Slowly but surely over the years that same pizza now costs me \$6.30. This same thing can be multiplied a thousand times over. So if school expenses are up, which we know they are, the Revenue is also up many times more.

Dear Mr. Brown:
The millage election has reminded me of two experiences which perhaps have little or nothing to do with millage. Perhaps they do.

I have had two striking experiences with education in the public schools since I have arrived in Lowell nine months ago. One has been with the students and one with the Board of Administration.

First of all, I have met so many students—in school, at functions, or on the streets—who are friendly, disciplined, and outgoing. I say this against a background of eight years in Grand Rapids schools, both public and private. I just feel lucky to be here to work with kids who they raise them and educate them.

Secondly, I have made two requests of the Board. They were two policy reviews on Released Time for Religious Education which is available to every Church and Shared Time

Programs which would be applicable to private schools. Both policies were reviewed in the light of state legislation. This against a background of how many other problems and requests this year. The administration has been most cooperative in helping in every legal and friendly way to explore all possibilities for us.

We can't all agree on specific needs or approaches. Our circumstances are so varied. I just hope the cooperation and the product never changes. I feel lucky to be here for many reasons. My experience with your students, Board, and Administration is one of the reasons.

Father Dick Lawie
St. Mary's

Make Plans For Easter Egg Hunt
The March meeting of the Flat River Snowmobile Club was held on Sunday, March 20, at the clubhouse on Burroughs Road.

Plans are being made for an Easter Egg Hunt for the children with Julie Condon in charge. Lou Ruskamp, activities chairman, is planning a Spring Dance. The date will be announced later.

West Michigan Snowmobile Council will be having a summer family picnic with more details later.

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SARANAC with Karen Gregory Local Water Bills Not Being Paid

The Saranac Village Council met Wednesday, March 16, with Tullis, Hubbard, Denny, Hoppough, Downs, Chadwick, Wyman and Cuson present. Herbert Pratt was sworn in as new Treasurer.

The minutes of February 14 meeting were read and approved. Among the bills to be paid are one from Williams and Works for \$1,665 storm sewer drainage bill (Pleasant St.).

Mrs. Cuson reported to the Council that the local water bills were not being paid—about 20 payments due. One local business owes two back bills and they were notified that the 31st is their payment deadline.

Also, the bank print out of paid bills inaccurate. Mr. Denny will look into that. Chadwick mentioned approval of Treasurer's report.

Sheriff Bensingler made an appearance at the meeting with the February Police report. He stated 303 complaints followed up and 224 man hours worked.

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can legally pay library bills. New Treasurer Pratt will look into all aspects of library accounts and funding.

Hoppough brought up the fact that right now there are two oil men who rotate at the fire barns supplying fuel. But fire barn in town is not rotated but serviced by one man.

Eighteen regular and 18 outside meters were requested by Mr. Taylor. Ninety-four meters were found to be defective when checking. Downs motioned approval and Hoppough seconded.

Parents Question Unethical Practices

The Saranac School Board met recently with Simpson, Sicklesteel, Jackson, Dausman, Powell, Patrick, Kilde, all administrators and two student representatives present.

The first issue to be brought up at the meeting was presented by parents of a high school student. Just recently, Kip Cady's unethical practices were brought to the board's attention for direct action.

A student asked the board what their plans were regarding a designated student smoking area. This is being worked on by a Student Council committee at the moment and then to be presented by representatives to the Board.

Board resolved and instructed Supt. Cady to notify 14 teachers of lay-off due to financial difficulties pending millage election. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Administration Contracts—Recommendations based on previous talks. Simpson moved to extend Adm. contracts. Jackson seconded. Supt. Cady proceeded to read evaluations of Administrators.

Census—Law states you must establish and enforce compulsory school laws. Cady suggests CETA employees be laid off to take census. Board left census decision up to Cady.

April 7th meeting cancelled. Next meeting April 21. Meeting adjourned. Board went into closed session—Evaluation of Supt. Cady. The board's recommendation will be in next week's paper.

The two board members up for re-election are Fred Powell, secretary and Duane Patrick, President. Mr. Powell plans to run again but Mr. Patrick declined. Petitions for those wishing to be candidates have to be in by April 11.

Informal Afternoon Of Gaiher Music An informal afternoon of Gaiher music is being presented at the Zion United Methodist Church at 123 W. Washington Street, Ionia, Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m.

Land Use Meeting Planned For Farmers The Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service, in cooperation with the Ionia County Farm Bureau, is sponsoring an educational meeting on Public Act 116.

Musical Show Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25, "Club '77" will be presented at the High School Cafeteria by the music department under the direction of Tom

Hagen. There will be about 30 acts ranging in entertainment from singing and dancing to skits and instrumentals. The show starts at 7:30 and tickets are \$1.00.

Proceeds will go to the music department for equipment and summer camp. This is something you can't afford to miss.

New Arrivals! Birth—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rudow of Dick Road are the proud parents of son, Eric Scott, born March 14 at Butterworth Hospital.

On the program. It is hoped that Township officials will be present at the meeting. Applications forms are available from your Township Supervisor or the County Clerk's Office.

Obituaries... SMITH—Mrs. Virginia Smith, 54, 534 Main Street, Saranac, died Saturday evening at Butterworth Hospital after being a patient there for a week.

Other News Ionia County Memorial Hospital: Terry Sweet, 133 Vesper; Mrs. Hubert Dixon, 6200 Pottery Road; Clarence Renwick, 5330 Darby Road.

at Saranac Community Church. Rev. George Douma will be the speaker. Nursery provided.

Services were March 22 on Ledick Funeral Home. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A memorial fund has been established for the Ionia County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

UTTER—Nikki Jo Utter, daughter of Ernest and Rebecca Bartlett Utter of Ionia, died one day after birth, Wednesday at Butterworth Hospital.

Surviving are five sons, Floyd of Saranac, Don, Larry and Dale of Lyons, and Gerald of Ionia. Three daughters, Mrs. Harold Werner of Portland, Mrs. Carlene Irwin of Ionia, Mrs. Clarice Fox of Pawnee, a brother, Arthur Steele of Portsmouth, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Doris Smith of Sidney; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Hull Memorial Chapel in Muir with Rev. Richard Harrison of Lyons Baptist Church officiating. Burial in Muir Cemetery. Contributions to the Diabetic Association may be left at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nolan (JoAnne) Williams of Ionia and Mrs. Lewis (Sondra) Ward of Saranac, coordinators urge the general public to attend this free afternoon of inspirational music. Light refreshments will be served in the dining room.

Allocation Requested—18 mills is being requested of the 15 present mills (3 more over present allocation of 15 mills req.) 5.67% increase overall. Moved for approval—Submit this to allocation board.

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Saranac's Wrestling Team—Front row: Lee Jones, Chris Krieger, Steve Rose, David Clark, Charles Benedict, Back row, Mike Coulter, Mark Rhoades, Kevin Willison, Coach Ray Newton, Tim Patrick, Greg Madigan and Scott Krieger.

First Day Of Spring



Three rural Saranac youths—Herald and Leta Smith and Doug Eddy—spend the first day of spring 1977, rolling big snow balls and digging tunnels. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith of Centerline Road.

at Saranac Community Church. Rev. George Douma will be the speaker. Nursery provided. Kenneth Harrington, 20, of Saranac was found guilty as charged of failure to stop before entry from an alleyway. Fines and cost \$43 imposed.

Saranac Library has a newspaper drop box available for clean newspapers located behind the library. Phillip Morrison, 22, 4808 Rev. Dr. Lloyd Walker of LeValley/Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan, Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 14, 1977. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Roberts. Roll Call—Members Present: Roberts, Metternick, Miller, Thaler, Kropf, Dowling, Jansma, Pfalter. Members Absent: None.

Motion by Metternick, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 1977. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Miller, to approve payment of General Fund bills as listed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Jansma, to approve payment of Building and Site bills as listed. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Miller, to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried. OLD BUSINESS 1. Communications Committee. Mrs. Jansma reported that the Citizens' Communications Committee has been

reactivated and has held two meetings so far. 2. M.A.S.B. Conference. Following a brief discussion of "fish bowl negotiations," Orion Thaler, Judy Jansma, and David Miller were appointed the voting delegates to the Michigan Association of School Boards Mid-Winter Conference in Lansing on February 17, 1977.

3. Suit Filed. The board was informed of the suit filed by Irene Collings in the 61st District Court against John Gabriel and the Lowell Schools. This suit is a follow-up of an adverse ruling which Mrs. Collings received in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission hearing.

4. Arbitration Hearing. The arbitration hearing for the grievance filed by Rivers et al will be held on March 2, 1977, in the high school conference room at 10:00 a.m. 5. Board Policies. Board members were reminded to update their board policy books following the recent adoptions.

6. Bus Chassis Bids. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Kropf, to accept the low bid of Harold Zeigler Ford for four 66-passenger bus chassis, at \$8,746.74 each. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

7. Bus Body Bids. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to accept the low bid of the Allied Truck Equipment Company (Ward bodies) for four 66-passenger bus bodies at \$7,463.00 each. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

8. Used Buses. Mr. Kelly reported that one of the four buses was sold for \$1,000; the remaining three will be disposed of through the list of names drawn out of a hat by board members Metternick and Dowling.

9. Priorities. Mrs. Jansma reported on the efforts of the Priorities Committee and presented the committee recommendations, along with minor modifications made by the board and administrators at their session. NON INSTRUCTIONAL—All athletics and after-school activities; public use of buildings; croquet; bus; conference and travel; newsletter; student accident insurance; crossing guard; classroom aides; library aide; non-reimbursable transportation; athletic transportation; field trips; AV-REMC; warehouse. ELEMENTARY—reading consultant; pre-school; counselor; 2 music teachers; custodian; 1 classroom teacher.

MIDDLE SCHOOL—typing; vocal music; counselor; custodian; art; instrumental music; co-op secretary. HIGH SCHOOL—drama; secretary; art; home co; vocal music; counselor; custodian. OTHER—community school aide; central office secretary. Motion by Jansma, seconded by Thaler, to accept the budget reduction priorities as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried. 10. Millage Proposal. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Jansma, that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Special Election on March 28, 1977:

Class Will Be Held Monday Evenings In The Lowell Middle School Gym From 7 to 8:30 P.M., Beginning Monday, April 11, and Continuing Through Monday, May 16.

The Lowell Bakery 216 E. Main—Lowell—897-5387 SPECIAL Cracked Wheat Bread, Baked With Honey (No Sugar) 69¢/loaf

Clark PLUMBING & HEATING 309 E. MAIN ST., LOWELL, MICHIGAN DAY 897-7534 NITE 897-7104

WOMEN'S SPRING TENNIS LESSONS The Lowell Area YMCA Presents

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Now Through The Month Of March! Don't Miss Our One Cent Sale

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Send The Ledger To A Friend, Neighbor Or Relative For Only One Penny

★ If First Subscription Is In Kent Or Ionia County Send \$5.01

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★ SECOND (ONE CENT) SUBSCRIPTION MUST BE IN KENT OR IONIA COUNTY

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Winter's Second Arrival



A storm which dropped nearly eight inches of snow in the area late last Thursday night and early Friday morning was an unhappy ending to a week of ideal pre-spring weather. The snow which fell, just three days prior to the first day of Spring, brought out Russ Kosman and his snow plowing equipment to clear the parking lot adjacent to the YMCA library building on West Main Street.

Grattan Township ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual Township Meeting of the electors of the Township of Grattan will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11689 Old Belding Road, in Grattan, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

At such time, in addition to regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration.

Patrick Malone, Clerk Grattan Township

Lowell Township ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual Township meeting of the electors of the Township of Lowell will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

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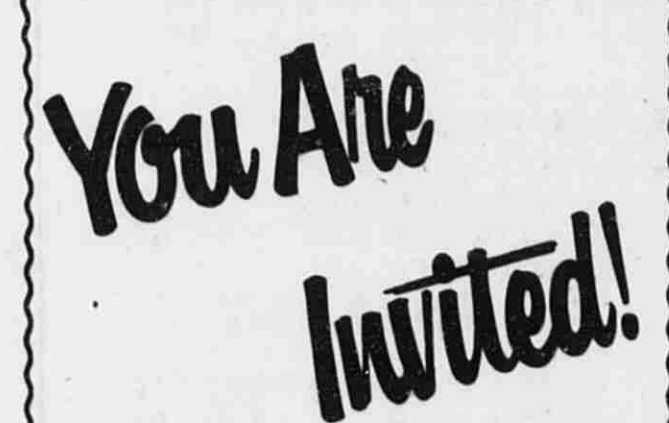
Carol Wells, Clerk Lowell Township

Vergennes Township ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Township Meeting of the electors of the Township of Vergennes will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Parnell Avenue and Bailey Drive, beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

At such time, in addition to regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the township shall be submitted for consideration.

Irene Osborne, Clerk Vergennes Township



The Lowell Showboat Corporation requests the pleasure of your company at the Fourth Annual Showboat Dinner Dance

Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of March nineteen hundred and seventy-seven at seven o'clock

Deer Run Golf Club 13955 Cascade Road, S.E. (Old 16)

Res. by March 22, 1977 Antique Auto Drawing to be held

Clip And Mail With Your Deposit To: Lowell Showboat Corporation, P.O. Box 56, Lowell, MI. 49351

Please respond on or before March 22, 1977

Take Mystery Trip...



More than 40 dads, grandfathers and their sons, daughters or grandchildren attended the YMCA Parent-Child Mystery Trip March 19. Members of the V-J Legion Golden and Providence, April and John Stewart, Robin Sisson and Dave Clark are pictured as they boarded the bus. Long House Chief Mike Stewart drove the bus for a trip that included visits to the Grand Rapids Museum and McDonalds.

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CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Cash Rates: up to 20 words, \$1.00; three cents for each additional word...

DEADLINE TUESDAYS AT NOON CALL 897-9261

FOR SALE

LIQUIDATION HOUSEHOLD - Items including furniture, home appliances, linens, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, tires and many miscellaneous items...

EAT OUT - Sunday, March 27, Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Kester's Kitchen...

DINING ROOM - All wood pine or maple 5 piece suite, floor models now \$118 or \$5 weekly terms...

Power Mac B Automatic The Chain Saw Preferred by Tree Service Pros...

ATTENTION LADIES - Flossie Blocher and Pat Blum Cialer announce the grand opening of the ALTO BEAUTY SALON...

50000 Stop in for a demonstration today at Ada Village Hardware 577 Ada Dr. Ada 676-4811

CLASSIFIED ADS

1973 DODGE CORNET - Station Wagon, 318 V8 with Torque-Fite Transmission, Radio, Vinyl Top, 48,000 Miles...

8 PIECE - Living Room Set, sofa swivel chair, recliner chair, 3 tables, 2 lamps...

PARADISE COVE TRAVEL TRAILER RESORT - Swim, fish, boat, tennis, basketball, shuffleboard...

COLONIAL HOUSEHOLD - Would like responsible person to begin payments in April...

1975 MERCURY COMET - 2 Dr. Sedan, 6 Cylinder with Select-Shift Cruise-Matic...

BUNK BEDS - Mattress, maple complete with mattress, sagre roller, ladder...

ROCK TUMBLERS - SAYS, Grinders, Grits, Polishers, Rough Material, Mountings, Gifts...

SOFASLEEPER - Factory showroom sample list \$349. Now with \$20 down, balance \$187...

CHESTS, CHESTS - 4 drawer factory close out, were \$89.95, now \$28.88...

FACTORY SECOND - 3 piece bedroom suite with \$10 down, balance due \$117 or \$5 weekly payments...

WANTED - To take dog census in Kent County...

ENUMERATORS - To take dog census in Kent County...

24 HOUR SERVICE - Polar Refrigeration and Appliance Service...

BEEF - Processing, cut, wrapped, frozen and labeled...

PARTY PLAN - Demonstrators, Merr-Mac Toy Shows has opening for Supervisors...

EARN EXTRA INCOME - The Amway Way. As little as \$15 gets you started...

WANTED - Woman's 28" Ten Speed Bicycle...

WANTED - Walnut Timber & White Oak. Highest cash prices paid...

HOMEWORKERS - Men, women, students needed for assembling work at home...

HOUSE IN COUNTRY - 4 or 5 bedroom home just off Grand River Ave., two miles from I-96...

BEAUTY CONSULTANTS - Beauty Consultants required for expanding company...

HELP WANTED - CERTIFIED MECHANIC - Certified mechanic preferred but not necessary...

BUSINESS AGENT - Advisor - Investor. Sound business background and financing...

WANTED TO BUY - QUALIFIED LAND CONTRACTS - Call or see us at 217 W. Main Street...

LOWELL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION - LOWELL - 897-4241

BUSINESS SERV - 24 HOUR SERVICE - Polar Refrigeration and Appliance Service...

FOR RENT - SARANAC HARDWARE 89 Bridge St. 642-6115

PERSONAL - PANCAKE SUPPER - on Thursday, March 24, at the First United Methodist Church...

WEDDING INVITATIONS - Large selection, contemporary-traditional-Fast service...

JACKPOT BINGO - Every Friday night, 7:30 p.m. Lowell VFW Hall...

EXPERT CAMERA REPAIR - All makes, reasonable rates. Modern PhotoGraphics, 104 W. Main St.

REAL ESTATE - HOUSE IN COUNTRY - 4 or 5 bedroom home just off Grand River Ave...

Air-Conditioned Jackpot BINGO - Every Sat. 6:30-9 p.m., upstairs at LOWELL MOOSE HALL

SELL UNWANTED ITEMS WITH A CLASSIFIED!

CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan, Regular Meeting of Monday, March 7, 1977.

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.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21 be approved by correcting page 4, paragraph 3, the communications license had been received, only the equipment is needed.

The Mayor opened the second Public Hearing, on a request from C. J. Christoff and Sons, Inc. to establish an Industrial District at 419 Ottawa, their existing plant, and at 1400 Foreman Street to include their proposed new development.

A discussion by Council followed. Councilman Pfalter stated that the district had been a part of the land trade agreement, and was more or less promised if the zoning was approved.

There were no comments from the audience, and the hearing was closed.

WHEREAS, Act No. 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, provides for the establishment of Plant Rehabilitation Districts and Industrial Development Districts in local governmental units...

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the proposed Industrial Development District setting the date of October 4, 1976, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the City of Lowell, Michigan...

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby approve an Industrial Development District to be established as shown on the map attached to this resolution and marked Exhibit A and which district is described as follows:

That part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 6 North, Range 9 West described as commencing on the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, 945 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof, thence West on the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 600 feet thence South 7 degrees 55' East parallel with said line on Goe Drive, 670.6 feet thence North 89 degrees, 53 feet East 600 feet thence North 7 degrees, 55 feet West 660.37 feet to the place of beginning.

That part of Block D of Mrs. Snell's Addition to the Village of Lowell described as commencing on the North line of Ottawa Street 146 feet West of the Western line of Hudson Street thence Northerly parallel to Hudson Street 57 feet, thence Easterly parallel to Ottawa Street 8 feet, thence North parallel to Hudson Street 95 feet, to the Southerly line of Ottawa Oakland Railroad Right-of-way, thence West along said right-of-way 140 feet to the Easterly line of Maple Street, thence Southerly along said street line 96 feet to the Northerly line of Ottawa Street, thence Easterly along said street line 126 feet to the beginning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Industrial Development District be designated as the "City of Lowell Christoff Industrial Development District."

es: Councilmen Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. Absent: None.

The third Public Hearing of the evening was then opened by the Mayor. It was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 17 of the Traffic Ordinance.

Manager Quada gave a brief report on the changes, and explained the proposed permit system, allowing property owners a way in which to park on a City Street if absolutely necessary. The permit would be granted for one year, during which time, a solution would be sought to alleviate the parking problem, getting the vehicle off the street.

A discussion by Council followed.

There were no comments from the audience, and the hearing was closed.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that Ordinance No. the amendment to Chapter 17 of the Traffic Ordinance be adopted, supported by Councilman Collins.

es: Councilmen Collins, Jefferies, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. Absent: None.

Notice to the Citizens of Grattan Township. A public hearing will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11669 Old Building Road, in Grattan at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

in conjunction with the Annual Meeting to provide township citizens an opportunity to make written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relation thereof of available general revenue sharing funds. It is proposed that the Grattan Township Board continue to use available general revenue funds for the purpose of Public Transportation (i.e., township road upkeep). It is anticipated these funds will amount to approximately \$17,000.

Patrick Malone, Grattan Township Clerk. Dated: March 1, 1977. JOHN P. STEETEE, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Millage Ballots To Be Cast Monday

With the millage election only four days away, voters up and down Main Street, over the dinner tables, in the farmhouses and in the factories seem to be talking of little else.

For the most part, nobody wants their taxes to rise but, on the other hand, few will disagree that we have an excellent school system which has seen a great deal of progress within the past few years.

Just how good is this school system? It is a fact that the reading level of Lowell students has been and is rising while the national average has been going down. It was reported in the Ledger one year ago that a local board member returning from a national convention said, "I was amazed and felt a surge of pride and satisfaction to discover that my district was already well into the type of reading program that top educators in the nation were just recommending that all schools adopt because of the alarming number of poor readers that are showing up in the nation's schools."

The Lowell teaching staff accepted reading methods four years ago and cared enough to spend a great deal of time outside of school hours to study the problem. It is certainly gratifying to discover that national educators, a few years later, came up with the same solution.

Another indication of the quality and growth of our school system is that our "drop-out" rate has reduced drastically over the past ten years until Lowell now has one of the lowest in the state. Lowell is beginning to be recognized for its academic program as well as its athletic. Staff members started noticing this two years ago when at conventions with teachers they heard the state call the word "Lowell" no longer was followed by the question, "Where is that?" but, rather, remarks like, "I've heard of your new program" or "My principal is going to see if we can observe your system."

Groups of education. A special meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. Six items have been placed on the agenda for the meeting which will be conducted in the Middle School Choir Room. They are:

- 1. Smoking area. 2. Tenured teachers. 3. Probationary Teachers. 4. Administrator contracts. 5. Valley Vista railroad crossing. 6. Election results.

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LEGAL NOTICES. STATE OF MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held at the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on the matter of, "In the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Helen M. Heston, deceased. Said children are mentioned in the provisions of Section 19 of the Juvenile Code (Chapter 212, C.L. of 1948) and asking that parental rights be terminated."

CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT - Vote YES March 28. c19

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LITTON ZENITH RCA SONY. Dick's TV - Corner Lincoln Lake & Vergennes 897-9716.

REEDY. RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL GARAGES FARMS. 210 E. Main, Lowell, 897-9239.

Automotive Parts & Accessories. SHOWBOW AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY. 1450 W. Main St., Lowell 897-9231 or 897-9232.

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GRATTA TOWNSHIP. A public hearing will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11669 Old Building Road, in Grattan at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

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Learn New Values . . .



Over 100 boys and girls learned new values through the game of basketball in the Lowell Area YMCA Lowell Youth Basketball program which is nearing the close of the 1977 season. Also taking part in the program were students from the Lowell High School or the Lowell Middle School Varsity teams who served as student referees, volunteering their time and hard work, to support the LYB program and view the game of basketball from the other side.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Appeals will hold a rehearing on Ronald Blain's request for a use variance which would allow the building on two lots in Section 15 of Lowell Township which do not have sufficient road frontage to comply with the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Township.

This rehearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

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The program is designed to help persons overcome their fear of water. The course meets twice a week for 4 weeks and the sessions are free.

The courses will be offered at: Hospitality Motor Inn, 4041 Cascade S.E.

For more information or to enroll for this learn-to-swim course call the Red Cross Safety Office, a United Way agency, at 456-8661.

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How Will The Farmer Fare This Year

According to the most recent predictions by the Economic Research Service, USDA, the verdict for American agriculture in 1977 is a healthy one.

Predictions indicate there will be ample food and fiber for the nation. Large supplies of commodities seem to be in store, with a record production of livestock probable.

This forecast, of course, was made before the recent "ice age" and record-breaking winter weather records. How this will cut into reserves and affect predictions remains to be seen.

The total harvest for 1977 may be large, according to the economists' predictions. An additional 4 or 5 million acres of soybeans may be planted—above the 50-million mark in 1976. This expansion could conceivably cut down corn and feed-grain plantings.

Little change is expected in wheat acreage.

Livestock production reacts sharply to economic conditions. Strong pork production gains in the last half of 1976 were led by a large increase in pork. This was followed by slower advances in beef, poultry, and milk output.

Cattle feeders placed fewer cattle on feed last summer, setting the stage for a drop in 1977 beef production. A sharp upturn in hog production is predicted to continue through mid-1977.

Broiler and milk output may also gain in early 1977.

For the entire year, livestock production should total close to the 1976 output.

From this overview of crop and livestock production forecasts, it becomes obvious that the supply of farm commodities

greatly influences prices and return to the farmer.

Therefore, the question is, "How will the farmer fare this year?"

Experts predict that farm income will be down during the first half of the year, then pick up during the second half, to reach a level above the second half of 1976.

3 — OPEN HOUSES — 3 Sunday, March 27, 1-4 P.M.



1017 Hazen, S.E., Grand Rapids. Directions: 28th St. to Eastern, North on Eastern to Hazen, East on Hazen to property. 3 bedroom ranch with 2 stall garage. Country kitchen, living room, bath and den. Exceptionally clean. Price just reduced \$1,400. Only \$16,500 with excellent land contract terms. \$2,000 down, \$150 per month at 8% interest. Your host: Bob Videan, 676-9893.



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Thomas Completes Air Force Basic



Airman Daniel M. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Thomas of 155 Division Street, Saranac, has graduated at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, from Air Force basic training.

The airman, who studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations, is remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the education and training field.

Airman Thomas is a 1976 graduate of Saranac High School.

F.F.A. CONVENTION IN EAST LANSING

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