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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



AN OFFICIAL notification from the Department of Natural Resources, received by Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker Tuesday morning, placed a restriction on the release of any type of burning permit or burning of any type in this area, due to the extremely dry weather conditions. According to Baker, no further permits will be available until we've had sufficient rains.

ALL ARTISTS and would be artists interested in forming an "Artist's Club," in this area, have been invited to attend an organizational meeting this Thursday night, April 14, at the Lowell YMCA on West Main Street at 8 p.m.

NEXT WEEK, joining the columns of the Ledger will be a weekly report of the happenings of the Northeast Kent County area, including southeast Parnell, schools, committees and Grattan Township. This column is being coordinated through the efforts of Mrs. Cassie Berry (691-8878) and Mrs. Bill (Angie) Butts (691-8144 evenings). Anyone in this area with news, should contact either of these ladies.

ACCORDING TO ONE Showboat official, the tickets sales for the 1977 Lowell Showboat starring Pearl Bailey, are being purchased at a steady rate, and if sales thus far are any indication of what to expect... you'd better get your tickets early. Reservations are now being taken, and a handy order-by-mail coupon is available in this week's edition.

TEMPERATURES WERE again expected to bump 80 degrees Tuesday, following an Easter Sunday and Monday in which record-breaking highs were reported. Although it was four degrees cooler than the date's record high in 1930, Sunday's 80 degree mark made conditions the warmest since October of last year.

TAXPAYERS WHO haven't already filed their 1976 Federal Income Tax have until this Friday at midnight to get their forms in the mail. The Internal Revenue Service figures it is short about 20 million income tax returns, with only a few days left until the April 15 deadline. And, millions of taxpayers who got their returns in early made mistakes in part because of changes in the 1976 Tax Reform Act. This year, about 95 percent of the nearly 31 million persons filing 1040 forms by April 1 made mistakes. And, if you expect money back, don't expect it too soon. The wait is now about six weeks, the IRS says.

THE SENIOR CLASS of Lowell High School, hoping to raise funds for a senior class trip, will hold a two-day White Elephant-Rummage Sale at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds (in the big cement building) this Friday, April 15, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

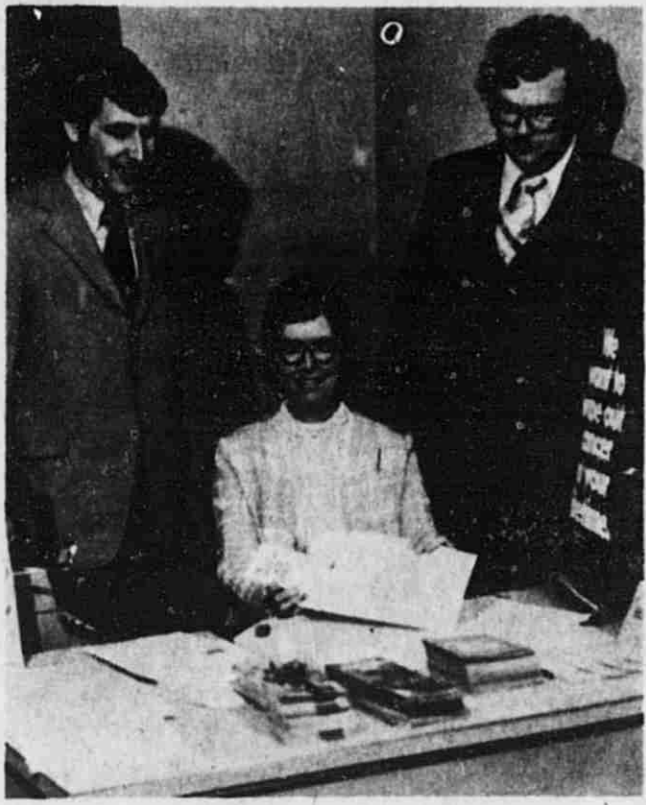
THERE'S STILL time to sign up for several spring classes being offered by the Lowell YMCA. Those interested in painting, golf, tennis for adults, off-loom weaving, crafts and model building for youth, should contact the Y office on West Main Street.

A STEAK DINNER cooked just the way you like it, will be served by the members of Flat River Post 8303, Veterans of Foreign Wars on Saturday, April 16, between 4 and 8 p.m.

ANYONE INTERESTED in taking a "Night Nature Walk" at the South 80 is invited to do so on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Steve Harrington at 897-8471 or 676-9230.

IT'LL BE UP AND down the ladder on three occasions during the month of April for members of the Lowell Area Jaycees as they undertake their new money-making project of washing windows. On April 16, 23 and 30, the Jaycees will be available to wash your windows (20 cents each; 30 cents for multi-paned windows; and 50 cents for picture windows). They're offering a special discount for senior citizens, too! Requests for this service should be made to 897-9104 or 897-5386.

April, Cancer Month



In preparation for the coming American Cancer Society Crusade Fund Drive, area chairman Mrs. Lance Molander of 7237 Cascade Road, S.E., reviews campaign materials with General Crusade Chairman John S. Jockobice and Rural Crusade Chairman Aubrey Rogers. The 1977 Campaign, with a county-wide goal of \$250,000, centers around the theme: "We're working to wipe out cancer in your lifetime—this year your extra dollar could make the difference."

Assisting Mrs. Molander during April, Cancer Month, will be Mrs. David Wurl, Ada Township; Mrs. Edward Boyd and Mrs. Edward Laux, Lowell City; Mrs. Raymond Carey, Cascade; Mrs. James Nash, Cascade; Mrs. J. A. Butler, Vergennes; and Mrs. Lance Molander will cover Lowell Township and Paris.

All who are interested in assisting as neighborhood volunteers in the drive are asked to contact Mrs. Molander at 458-1204.

Class Reunions

A lot of reminiscing will be done this year during the months of May, June and July, as several classes from Lowell High School will be gathering for class reunions.

Lowell High School's Class of 1927 will hold their 50th reunion on May 21, and they would like to see teachers and classmates of their high school years in attendance.

Information on this 50th reunion can be secured by calling or writing John Winks at 210 Brook Street, Lowell.

Final details will be mailed soon on the 40th reunion being planned by the Class of 1937. The reunion is scheduled to be held on June 18.

Any graduates of the Class of 1937 wishing additional information should contact Mrs. Vivian Collins at 420 Riverside Drive, Lowell.

The Lowell High School Class of 1947 is planning a 30th year reunion for July 23, and are seeking help in locating the following, who were either graduates or were at one time during the four years a member of this class:

June Finch, Pauline Kirchen, Mary Lint, Charles Williams, Robert Bird, Alice Graham, Jack Smith, Arthur Monroe, Alfred Roth, David Zwiers, Beatrice Evans and Leonard Blossom.

If you have any information on their whereabouts, contact either Donna at 868-6155 or Pat at 897-5751 evening; 897-9277 days.

On Saturday, June 25, the Class of 1957 will be hosting a 20th reunion get-together at the Hoffman House in Grand Rapids. All students who attended LHS during the 1950's have been invited to join the class on this occasion.

The deadline for reservations is May 15, and can be made with Allan and Judy Baird at 13738 3 Mile Road, N.E., Lowell, Chuck and Sandy Dykhuizen at 12620 Grand River Drive, Lowell or Lyle and Errolyn Weeks at 1282 Biggs, N.E., Lowell.

Dads Invited To Dinner

Lowell Camp Fire Girls have invited their fathers to be their guests at their annual Dad-Daughter Dinner, to be held at 6:15 p.m., Monday, April 18, in the all-purpose room of the Runciman School.

Each Blue Bird, Adventure, and Discovery Club has planned its own potluck and prepared table decorations.

In keeping with the chosen theme of "Roots," which is to emphasize family and community heritage, the members of the 5th grade Discovery Club will present a skit on "How To Grow a Camp Fire Girl," and Heather Palmer, director of the resident summer camp, will show slides taken last year at Camp Keewano.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LOWELL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association will be held at its office at 217 West Main Street on Monday, April 18, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of electing three directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

David F. Coons, Secretary

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Fri., Apr. 15 thru Mon., Apr. 18

STRAND Theatre

One Show Each Night At 8 P. M.

MONDAY IS DOLLAR NIGHT

Starring Peter Sellers... Rated PG

Woolworth Ends Fight With School

Gilbert Woolworth, fired in July of 1974 by the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education from his history teaching job, has decided to drop the fight against the school following the decision handed down last week by the State Tenure Commission, which upheld the school's action.

Woolworth, a retired 20-year veteran of the Navy, lost his job after the board determined he was incompetent, couldn't control his students, and refused to follow orders or discuss ways to correct his deficiencies.

The two-year battle to regain his job ended following the commission's decision, when Woolworth made it known that he wanted the suit dropped.

The Tenure Commission, in rejecting Woolworth's appeal, termed his teaching methods severely inadequate. "The evidence presented discloses lack of classroom discipline, disrespect for appellant (Woolworth) by the students and an inability on the part of Mr. Woolworth to maintain a classroom atmosphere that could be conducive to learning," reads the commission's report.

Woolworth, 56, who resides in Greenville, contends that his problem stemmed from his attempts at classroom innovation.

Youth Killed When Auto Hits Bridge

An 18-year-old Cascade Township youth, Jeffrey S. Roe, was killed and a friend injured early Friday morning, April 8, when their compact car hit a concrete abutment of the Camel Back bridge over the Thornapple River, between Cascade and Ada.

Roe, of 8520-52nd Street, S.E., Ada, was pronounced dead on arrival at Blodgett Memorial Hospital. He suffered extensive head injuries.

His passenger, Judy B. Johnson, 18, of 1433 Riverton Avenue, S.E., is listed in fair condition at Blodgett with multiple injuries.

Deputies from the Kent County Sheriff's Department reported that the pair were southbound on Thornapple River Drive, S.E., about 2:45 a.m. when their car slammed into the abutment.

The impact drove the engine of the small Datsun auto into the passenger's compartment. The victims were freed by rescue workers from the Cascade Fire Department.

Roe, a senior at Forest Hills Central High School and a student at the Kent Skills Center, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roe; four brothers, Dennis, Allen, and Ronald at home and Terry Lee of Austin, Texas; a sister, Patricia Ann, at home; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Maude Handy of Ravenna.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home in Cascade with the Rev. Royle Bailard of the Whiteville Old Time Methodist Church officiating. Interment was made in Whiteville Cemetery.

DARKROOM—Chemicals, papers and supplies, Kodak and others. Now at Modern Photographics, 104 W. Main St., Phone 897-5606. c-22

LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS!

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Senior Class Trip Approved

The Lowell Area School Board recently approved the Lowell Senior Class Trip to the Double JJ Resort-Ranch in Rothbury. As total funding for this trip must be paid by the individuals, the class is holding a gigantic 2 day white sale to try to ease the financial burden.

If you have any items that you don't use any more and would be willing to donate, they would be greatly appreciated. For a free pick-up of any items, please call Sue Thompson, 897-7492, Lori Canfield, 897-9090, or Donna Truax, 868-6101. Also, items can be dropped off at Gerald Merdith's home located at 222 N. Jackson, Lowell.

The sale will be held at the big cement 4-H building in Lowell. The dates and times are Friday, April 15, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come where the bargains are, come to this sale.

Alto Man Pulled From Burning Truck

Gerrit Snider, 56, of 8850 100th Street, S.E., Alto, was pulled from his burning truck, by a passing motorist, Wednesday night, April 6, following an accident near the Kent County International Airport.

Snider was listed in good condition at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital with multiple injuries. His truck collided with an auto driven by Shelly Zoet, 17, of Grand Rapids. Miss Zoet was listed in stable condition with a broken hand and possible back injuries.

A report by the Kentwood police, showed that Snider was southbound on Patterson Avenue about 11 p.m. when his truck collided with the Zoet car, westbound on 44th Street, S.E. The impact flipped Snider's pickup on its top and the vehicle burst into flames.

Gary Parker, a Veteran's Cab driver, passing the scene, pulled Snider from the burning truck.

A Tornado; What To Do

The tornado season is not over yet and can last from March until the middle of August.

Should a tornado be forecast for your area, the following tips should be followed:

Doors and windows should be opened to prevent further damage to your home.

Go to the north or northeast corner of the basement and keep a battery operated radio available for further instructions and information.

If there is no basement in the home stay on the first floor of the home in the north or northeast corner.

If a tornado has been reported or sighted in the area, move under the basement steps or a heavy table for protection.

Stay away from windows to avoid flying glass and outer walls of the basement because of falling blocks.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Hot Dogs, 29c. Broasted Chicken To Go, Tuesday, Burger and Fry Night, 30c each. Wednesday Night, Chicken Night, \$1.50; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions with Honey Rolls, \$1.50; Friday Night, Baked Fish Dinner, \$1.50; Saturday Night, Sizzler, 4 oz. Steak, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Grilled Homemade Bread, \$1.79. c22

Above The Board

Unknowns Make Answers Difficult

A large turn-out at Monday night's Board of Education meeting seemed to have two things in mind - exactly and precisely what is going to happen in the next school year and just what is the status of Supt. Leonard Sinke.

One group, headed by Mrs. Robert Elzinga, informed the board that they are going to attempt to get enough signatures to petition for another try at the two-mill increase in the June election.

Mrs. Elzinga sought help from the board for answers to questions her group feels will be asked of them as they seek their goal of 1300 signatures. She wanted to know exactly what the cuts would be so she could, for example, say there definitely will be no football, no basketball, no drama, no middle school music or whatever.

To pin the board down at this point to a hard and fast schedule for next year is, apparently, impossible. There will be sweeping cuts and they will come from the areas already made public. However, there are too many unknowns at this point to give a firmly committal answer, board members indicated. Just exactly what will be left from this year's budget to add on to next is not known. If some funds remain, just where to use the remaining money to reinstate a previously cut program cannot be determined until the amount of money is known.

Other considerations are also involved. For example, Lowell's Headstart pre-school program is set to be abolished. However, the local program is considered to be one of the best in state and when the Grand Rapids Headstart office was approached by Bushnell Principal Dave Burdette and pre-school teacher Fran Hoag to see if there were additional funds to give 100 percent federal support to the program, they were told that it certainly was a possibility. Although no definite decision has been reached, it is possible that the program could run next year with strictly federal funding.

All these "unknowns" make it understandably difficult for the board to give definite answers. About the only thing that is known is that, at this point, next year's budget will be \$250,000 short of keeping the present program intact and many things will have to go.

Several individuals attending Monday night's meeting also spoke in behalf of Supt. Sinke and what they termed the hasty action of the board in failing to renew his contract.

Dr. Robert Reagan, summed up the general feeling when he cited the "tremendous job" that Sinke has done for the local school system with a "five and one-half million dollar building program, improved and expanded curriculum resulting in better test results, evaluation of staff and instituting teachers in-service programs, and general

upgrading in all departments." Reagan, a former board of education president, also said, "We as a nation do a poor job of selling the value and need of an education when compared to other products and needs... our progress during the past 10 years has been steadily improving and I feel that there are a large number of people in our district who are not aware of where we were educationally 10 years ago and where we are now."

Board members themselves ran into an internal problem when at least one refused to approve the minutes of the March 30-31 meeting as read. The approval was finally tabled to seek legal counsel since it involved the manner in which the superintendent and business manager were released.

With all the harassing problems facing the board today, three district residents still indicated their willingness to serve and filed their petitions to run against Harold Metternick, whose term expires this year, in the June 13 election. Metternick, Thomas Burger and Lloyd Miller of Alto, and Allan Baird of Lowell will vie for the lone, and, at times, lonely seat.

ALTO MOTHER'S CLUB—Annual Style Show, Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. c22

SUBSCRIBE—To the Grand Valley Ledger. Phone 897-9261.

ALTO LIONS READY...

The Lions Clubs of Michigan, 30,000 strong will roar their way across the state during the annual drive for support of Lions White Cane Week, April 25-May 1.

According to John J. Haggai, a representative of the Alto Lions, "The public has always responded to the street sales of miniature White Canes, all of these monies being utilized to support and alleviate one of the most humanitarian as well as crucial social and health problems."

Haggai announced that a petite, 19-year-old blond, Christine Smith, from Flushing, has been chosen to reign over the Michigan Lions White Cane Week. She will symbolize the week-long drive by making TV and radio appearances, as well as visiting as many communities as possible to help create public awareness of the total Lions White Cane program.

"People reacting to the Lions White Cane appeal will help support the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. Welcome Home for the Blind, built to fill the needs of the aged sightless, The Michigan Lions Eye Bank, which assists in the restoration of sight to the unsighted, the Lions Care program, and many local community services performed by the Alto Lions Club," Haggai explained.

Any handicapped person can receive help and throughout the year the Lions Clubs provide aid through Leader Dogs, White Canes, Braille watches, glasses, eye examinations, sight mobiles and transplants at no charge.

In 1936, the movement was brought to the attention of the state legislature. The White Cane Ordinance was drawn up

and passed, giving the blind person with a White Cane or Leader Dog in harness the right-of-way.

Haggai explained "a prime purpose of the Lions White Cane Week is an educational one... working towards the day when all citizens will know and recognize the White Cane as a symbol of blindness and give understanding and courteous assistance to the bearers of white canes."

"The Lions' program also includes acquainting the public with two laws (1) which require motorists to stop ten feet from the visually handicapped with a Leader Dog or carrying a white cane, and (2) that all public facilities must permit a blind person with a Leader Dog to enter or use their accommodations."

"All contributions made during the Alto Lion's door-to-door campaign," Haggai concluded, "will greatly be appreciated."

ADA HISTORICAL GROUP TO MEET APRIL 18

An organizational meeting of the Ada Historical Society will be held on Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting, to which all Ada area residents have been invited to attend, will be held in the Ada Township Hall at 555 Ada Drive.

In Brief...

"The power to tax involves the power to destroy."

—John Marshall
Fourth Chief Justice of the U.S.

DO IT LIKE A PRO!—With hairstyling appliances from Man's World Hairstyling. Blow Dryers, Curling Irons & Styling Brushes. c22

MODERN PHOTOGRAPHICS—Now has two-day color film processing. You get a replacement roll of Kodak film with every roll sent in for processing. 104 W. Main St., 897-5606. c-22

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan, Board of Education Regular Meeting, March 14, 1977.
Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Roberts. Roll Call—Members Present: Roberts, Metternick, Thaler, Kropf, Dowling, Jansma, Pfaler. Members Absent: Miller.
Motion by Metternick, seconded by Thaler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 1977. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
Motion by Kropf, seconded by Dowling, to approve payment of General Fund bills as listed. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
Motion by Jansma, seconded by Thaler, to approve the agenda, as amended. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbitration Hearing. 1. Superintendent Sinke reported that the arbitration hearing involving Rivers et al has been held. Representatives of the Board and Lowell Education Association were to file briefs with the arbitrator by April 1, and we should have the decision in approximately 45 days.

Communications Committee. 2. Mrs. Jansma reported that the Communications Committee has the following subcommittees functioning: a welcome wagon; legislation; millage survey; brochures, and a listening bureau. She also asked for comments on any additional areas of need where the committee might be of assistance.

Election. 3. March 28, 1977 Special Election.
A. Election Workers Precinct 1 — Clara Wingeler, Chairperson; Judy Baird; Bernadette Norton, Sue Phillips; Evelyn, Wittenbach, Precinct 2 — Gladys Benedict, Chairperson; Kitty Dintman; Alice Slater.
B. Dave Miller has been designated to swear in the election workers at Precinct 1: Harold Metternick, Precinct 2.

Riverview Treatment Facility. 4. Mr. Sinke reported that school representatives have met with the director of the Riverview Treatment Facility and some progress has been made in the handling of these youngsters and how they placed in special education programs.

North Central Evaluation. 5. Middle School principal, John Gabriel, reported that the visitation by representatives of the North Central Association has been completed. The visitation seemed to go well, and in the next few weeks we will receive a written evaluation from the team.

KIASB Meeting. 6. Board members were surveyed on attendance at the March 17 Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards meeting.

Board Policies. 7. Proposed board policies for the implementation of Open Meetings and Freedom of Records were presented.

Millage Committee. 8. In the absence of the Millage Committee chairman, Mrs. Jansma gave a brief report on the activities of this committee.

MASB Conference. 9. Mr. Thaler, Mr. Roberts, and Mrs. Jansma reported on the Michigan Association of School Boards Mid-Winter Conference. The meetings were excellent and concerned topics of "fish bowl" bargaining; the Open Records Act; back to basics; team management, and public relations on a small budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Conference. 1. Parent-Teacher Conference Day is March 30, 1977.

Request for Policy Exception. 2. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Jansma, to request the request of Amy Sutherland for an exception to Board Policy 3545.3.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Unfair Labor Complaint. 3. Mr. Sinke reported that the school district has received notification there will be a hearing on May 25, 1977, in Lansing by the Employment Relations Commission on an unfair labor complaint filed by the Lowell Education Association.

Crim Proposal. 4. Mr. Sinke gave the Board a brief outline of the proposal of House Speaker Crim for 1977-78 state aid. It appears that it will encourage reduction of millages by local districts, and therefore board members were encouraged to be well informed and support the proposal.

Smoking Area. 5. Following considerable debate among board members, student congress representatives, and city council representatives, the following motion was made:
Motion by Metternick, seconded by Dowling, to table the student congress proposal for a student smoking area.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Board members will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 30 at the senior high school site to look over the area being considered.

Senior Class Trip. 6. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Jansma, to waive board policies 5130 and 5131 and accept the senior class proposal for an overnight trip as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Railroad Crossing. 7. Superintendent Sinke reported on the problems involved concerning the railroad crossing between Bushnell School and Valley Vista. The matter was referred to the Transportation Committee for recommendation at the next board meeting.

Petitions. 8. April 11 is the last day for filing nominating petitions for the one position open in the Board of Education. The annual election will be held June 13, 1977.

Next Meeting. 9. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Dowling to cancel the March 28 meeting and reschedule it for Wednesday, March 30, 1977.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Partitions. 10. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Jansma, to approve the middle school request for partitions for Quad 1, at a cost of \$3,841.16.

Roll Call Vote: Jansma, Aye; Kropf, Aye; Metternick, Aye; Roberts, Aye; Thaler, Aye; Dowling, Nay. Motion Carried.

Basketball Coaching Resignation. 11. Mr. Sinke informed that the resignation of Gerald Meredith has resigned from his

basketball coaching position at the end of the current season.

Visitors. 12. Visitors were recognized. Several citizens raised questions on the March 28 millage election.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Dowling, to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Orion Thaler, Acting Secretary



Please Pass The Crawlers

They laughed at Ben Franklin. They laughed at Thomas Edison. They laughed at Joe Blump. (They're still laughing at him!) And they laughed at me when I suggested using nightcrawlers in one of my cightrawlers in one of my cightrawlers a few years back—to supplement your food budget! Actually, I was only kidding! At the time, I had suggested using crawlers in casseroles if fishing didn't pan out. You know, just threw it there for a joke. Ha! Ha! Funny! ... Not so funny? Apparently not. There are those around who are beginning to take worms as food seriously!

Worms are now being considered by many as a cheap potential source of protein by a nation hungry for worms. Take for instance, North American Bait Farms, a Canadian firm that markets earthworms. They have been using hard to draw public attention to the "rapidly growing new uses for earthworms."

Earthworms, the Canadian firm says, should be considered for helping "feed the world's population."

To focus public attention on our wriggly friends, North American Bait Farms ran a recipe contest a while back. Ground rules called for entries to have a key ingredient in the prize winning recipe, the "palate pleasing" primevals. Hundreds of dollars were at stake.

They were promptly swamped with over 200 entrants in their monthly watering venture.

One contestant was Patricia M. Howell of West St. Paul. Her entry won \$500 in the cooking contest. She called her creation "Applesauce Surprise Cake."

You know what the "surprise" was!

I can see it now... just after your friends heartily gulp down the cake you graciously served them, you yell, "Surprise!" Just like the T.V. commercial, huh!

"I look for standard recipes that would be more delicious with earthworms," said Mrs. Howell, upon entering the contest. Mrs. Howell substituted dried worms for walnuts in her prize winning recipe. (Upon later questioning, she admitted to not sampling the tasty concoction herself!)

I know there are thousands of you homemakers out there in "readerland," just dying to get your hands on Mrs. Howell's recipe. You want to surprise your hubby with this delectable delight. (So he likes wild game, huh! I'll fit him wild game!) Right!

Well, pine no longer. Here it is. Yours for good eating, Mrs. Howell's:

Applesauce Surprise Cake
1/2 cup butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 1/2 cups applesauce
1 cup chopped dried earthworms
1/2 cup chopped nuts

To prepare earthworms: chop coarsely—spread on non-stick cookie sheet—place in 200 degree oven for 15 minutes. Remove and let cool. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Sift dry ingredients together and add to egg mixture. Add applesauce, worms and nuts. Mix well. Pour into well greased 10 inch tube pan and bake at 325 for 50 minutes. (Then gag if you must!)

Umm. Nummy! Although I doubt worms will ever replace the macaroni in my spaghetti and meatballs. I may just have to try these protein packed pleasers some day. (Eh, say a 100 years from now!) But for now, could you, "Please pass the crawlers." I'm going fishing!

Smelt dipping has always been one of the most popular springtime events here in Michigan. And once we start getting along towards the middle of

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hook and line out of the Grand River while fishing for whistlers in the spring!

As you move farther north, success generally picks up from the Manistee River on north to Leelanau County. But, the real top-notch dipping in Lake Michigan takes place across the straits. Up here from the Bay DeNoe region, through Haulover, to the Bridge, you will find some excellent straits. Also good is the region from Escanaba to Menominee.

Lake Huron
Want to hedge your bets on a successful smelt dip? Try Lake Huron. The most famous, and the most heavily dipped regions in Michigan, are on the Huron in the southeastern part of the state around the St. Clair River system on up around the Thumb area. You'll find some excellent dipping. The best dipping in the entire region is found along the shores of Huron, Bay, Arenac and Iosco Counties. Here most of the many small streams and creeks that empty into Lake Huron are jammed with smelt at the height of the dipping season. Probably the most famous of these spots is the Singing Bridge on the Whitney Drain in Arenac County, just south of Tawas City. Thousands of sportsmen jam this area every year causing heavy traffic and assorted problems. State police are urging dippers to avoid the area again this year. Once the park is filled (park will hold 160 cars) all other cars will be turned away.

One of our most reliable bets for a bucket of smelt on Lake Huron is across the straits. Year after year the region from the straits east to Cedarville produces tons of silvery smelt. The most famous names in the area are the Carp River and Nunn's Creek north of St. Ignace.

No smelt dipping guide would be complete without mentioning St. Pelee on the Ontario side of Lake Erie about 40 miles from Windsor. It hosts some heavy runs every spring. But, like the Singing Bridge, the area is heavily used and many special rules and regulations are in force here.

The springtime action usually gets underway first near Grand Mere in Berrien County. Some good runs have been logged here in recent years. From here the activity slowly spreads north.

The warm water channel at Port Sheldon in Ottawa County is a good "calculated bet." I've been there in years past where the smelt ran every bit as heavy as they did in Carp River or Nunn's Creek. I've also been there when six guys chased and fought over a single, scrawny smelt! When it's hot, it's hot! When it's not, it's not!

The Duck Lake channel north of Muskegon in Muskegon County is another one of these hot-n-cold bets. There have been some fantastic runs here during the past several years. There have also been some remarkable flops!

This type of smelt dipping can be found all along the shores of the Berrien, VanBuren, Allegan, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. I've even caught smelt on a

Date Set For Tribal Potlatch
Mike Stewart, Chief of the YMCA Indian Guides and Princesses Tribe, reports that the annual Tribal Potlatch will be Friday, April 22 at Lowell Middle School.

Highlighting the fun will be "Bubbles the Clown" of Ionia. Bubbles has long delighted children in this area with his balloon and magic tricks.

The YMCA Potlatch will be a family affair with the parents, grandparents, and relatives of all Y-Indian Guides and Princesses invited.

Life Support Class

Course On Taking Blood Pressures
The local Red Cross Chapter wants to help you make Kent County a healthier place. So starting in April, the Kent County Red Cross will offer a course, "Vital Signs Module II," "Blood Pressure," a self-paced method for learning how to take blood pressure.

Blood pressure is the amount of force needed to help circulate the blood through the body—a clue to the health of the heart and blood vessels.

Authorized Red Cross volunteer instructors will teach this vital course at the Red Cross Chapter House, 1050 Fuller, N.E.

One class will meet Tuesdays, April 19 and 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A morning session will be offered May 17 and 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An evening class will meet Thursdays, May 12 and 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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focal point

By Jim Meentman & Roger VanVleck

When people begin to comment on your pictures in a favorable way, it is usually because you are arranging your subjects in a more pleasing way. The arranging and selecting of subjects within your picture area (as you learned in last week's column) is known as composition. This week we will continue with more tips on composing your pictures.

As a picture presents itself, don't start snapping away, start by studying the picture possibilities. Try walking around the subject—looking at all the angles—then select the best angle and click. Shooting from a low angle gives an uncluttered sky background to your outdoor pictures. On overcast days that are gray and quite colorless you may want to shoot from a higher angle to avoid the sky. Overcast skies are normally unappealing. This is also the time to add those white, fluffy clouds against a blue sky.

A nice way to easily improve your everyday pictures is to move in closer. Most of the instant cameras are made with a wide angle lens that take in a lot of subject matter. It is therefore, better to move in closer to a subject to isolate it or to eliminate everything that is not needed or that does not add to the picture. Remember that close-ups add a feeling of intimacy and longer shots airiness and depth. It is much better to crop in the camera even though it can be done later when you have it enlarged. It is not only cheaper but gives your pictures that extra quality that separate them from ordinary snapshots.

In closing, remember to study the picture by looking from all angles and by moving in closer before clicking that shutter. If you follow these simple but effective photo hints your pictures will be more appealing.

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Championship Team

Members of Lowell's championship forensic team performed at the April 6 meeting of the Lowell Rotary Club.

Team members are, back row: Jon Hanson, Judy Hoover, and Laura Day. Front row: Lori Bergy, Mrs. Priscilla Rogers (Team Coach) and Sheila Thompson.

Lowell's Forensic Teams, having won in the District, will compete in the Regional Contest later in April.

Rotary foreign exchange student for a three month period are asked to indicate this to Club President, Dennis McMahon.

Club guests were Fran Neal and Alex McPherson.

Stan Gardner, Roger Roberts, Orion Thaler and Al Hermans admitted to being a year older and a lot wiser and were serenaded by the club members.

Stories so humorous that Bob Hope would have been jealous were related by Charlie Doyle, Gil Wise and Russ Davis.

It was reported that George Cook and Don McPherson are responding well to medical treatment.

Lowell's Championship Forensic team performed, giving a reading entitled "I Am Woman." In introducing Forensic coach, Priscilla Rogers, Club President Dennis McMahon said Lowell High School has one of the best Forensic programs in the state.

"Community Pride Day" was emphasized by Ray Quada. A committee consisting of Charlie Doyle, Wendell Christoff and Ray Quada was appointed to plan for Rotary's participation in this event on May 21.

"Real Estate salesman of the Month" Ed Kiel reported that showboat tickets are selling rapidly and that we should reserve our tickets at once.

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Letters to the Editor

It was near Easter, So, in the manner of the season, the Lowell School Board crucified Leonard Sinke to placate the crowds. The School Board has the final say on any action taken—including millage proposals—thus we must ask: "Whose transgressions is Mr. Sinke paying for?" The shame involved in this action should not fall on Mr. Sinke, but rather on the Board for the undignified and scornful manner in which it conducted itself.

Then there's the matter of the thousands of pieces of silver. The Board and thus as taxpayers are obligated for the last two years of Mr. Sinke's contract and yet the Board has already interviewed a candidate for the Superintendent's position. As a result of the Board's hasty action, do we pay two Superintendents next year. If we have excess silver, wouldn't it be better put to use for our curriculum rather than use it to pay off the Board's Conscience? Well, crowds, are you placated? Or are you going to stay involved and not let our fine school system deteriorate.

Who has spent our money for what? A very concerned taxpayer.
Beverly Spillane

To the Editor:
I would like to call your attention to the article "Taxpayers Are Protesting," Thursday, April 7. In particular, it is stated that I asked Ada Township officials for a copy of their sales study five times and it was not produced.

This is correct. However, the very next sentence, and I quote "She asked for action by the Kent County Board of Commissioners to bring this matter to the state level." is extremely misleading. I have never asked the County to look into Ada Township, and the minutes for every County meeting I have attended and spoken at will bear this fact out.

Speaking for the now 500 citizens of Ada who have signed the petitions being circulated, I have asked the County J.L.T. committee to (a) reconsider the

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Lewis Brothers in Navy

Timothy Lewis
Rodney Lewis

Timothy and Rodney "Keith" Lewis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lewis, formerly of Lowell, are serving in the U.S. Navy.

Keith is specializing in Nuclear Weapons. He is one of 60 sailors stationed at Calicut, New Jersey, among the Marines. Two weeks ago Keith spent a weekend leave in Lowell with his friends.

Timothy is taking his schooling in Norfolk, Virginia. Tim has been on a supplier ship in the Atlantic, and is now waiting for his ship the U.S.S. King to be commissioned. Tim is expected home soon, and will be seeing his friends in Lowell.

Their current addresses are: Rodney Keith Lewis, NAD Earl, Coltnock, New Jersey 07722. S.A. Timothy Lewis 3666058-74, U.S.S. King (DD 641) Pre Com. Detail, Norfolk, Virginia 23511.

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Twenty Candidates For Red Arrow Tennis

Coach Mark Weber's ninth year at the helm of Lowell tennis began four weeks ago in the Middle School gym with twenty young men competing for the ten varsity positions.

The Tri-River League has expanded varsity matches to four singles and three doubles which puts additional strain on the Red Arrows, traditionally short in team depth.

However, Weber has available returning lettermen in seniors, Roger Wilson, Paul Miller, Ted Miller, and Gordon Cannon; junior, Lindsay Fonger; and sophomore, Randy Adams.

Also, expected to give strength to the net cause are juniors, Glenn Bailey and John Hosley, plus sophomores, Joe Butts, Kent Dickerson and freshman, Clifford Mulder.

Assisting coach Weber is William Kline, intern teacher of Michigan State University. Serving as team manager is Aleid Schipper who played first singles on the LHS Women's team last fall.

The squad swings into action in a league encounter with Fremont at the Burch Field courts on Tuesday, April 12, and then hits the road to play Grand

Rapids Central on April 18, Sparta on April 19, and Saranac on April 21. All matches begin at 4 p.m. with no admission charge.

Coach Weber looks for Sparta to be strong in league action with Belding, Fremont, Cedar Spings, and Greenville clustered close in.

The oldest museum in the world is the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, England, built in 1679!



National Library Week



Peter Pan, Edna Schooley, and Wendy, Pat Foehan, will be on hand to welcome children to special programs during National Library Week.

Take a flight of fancy through Kent County Library's Neverland during National Library Week, April 17-23. Lowell and Cascade Libraries will be The Fairy Woods, where that delightful fairy, Tinker Bell, lives.

Alto Library will be Mermaid's Lagoon, also a locale in Neverland from the children's classic, Peter Pan by Sir James Barrie.

Stories, puppet shows, creative dramatics and story theater will be presented at Wendy's Story House in Eastbrook Mall during National Library Week.

These programs for children will be held Monday, April 18, through Friday, April 22, at 11 a.m. and 1 and 7 p.m. Peter Pan (Edna Schooley) and Wendy (Pat Foehan) will be on hand to welcome children to the programs.

Lowell and Cascade Libraries will have a picture of Tinker Bell to color for children and a book list of "Tales From the Fairy Woods." The Alto Library will have paper puppets of a mermaid to give to children and a bibliography of "Fishy Tales From Mermaid's Lagoon."

Lowell Students Receive Awards

Twelve Lowell Senior High School students recently took part in the Grand Rapids Junior College High School Business Department Competition Day.

Carol Scharaswak competed in First-year Accounting; Mitch McNeal, Second-year Accounting; Judy Hoover, Data Processing; Linda Granger, Sales Presentation; Linda Scheidel, Filing; Dave DeNolf, Job Application; Debbie Wilkerson, Short-hand I; Joni Hansen, Short-hand II; Ann Kline, Spelling; Linda Stark, Typing I, and Kris Wynalda, Typing II.

Deb Minor, a student at Lowell represented the Kent Skills Center, competing in Second year Short-hand.

High School Accounting Teacher, Michael Clark, accompanied the group to Grand Rapids Junior College.

Linda Granger, Judy Hoover and Ann Kline, all received honorable mention awards in the competition.

The Business Education Department feels this is an excellent experience for our Lowell students. There were 28 schools represented with 240 students competing.

Municipal League's Annual Meeting

"Grantsmanship for the Smaller Community" will be the first topic for general discussion at the Michigan Municipal League's Region V meeting, in Wyoming on Thursday, April 21.

Attending this annual meeting will be mayors, village presidents, councilmen and other elected and appointed officials from cities and villages within the counties of Ionia, Keht, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa.

Dinner welcoming remarks will be extended by Jack Jelsema, Councilman of Wyoming and the Region's Chairman. The meeting will conclude with the election of new regional officers for 1977-78. The present Region V officers are Wyoming Councilman Jack Jelsema, Chairman; Hart Mayor Harry Lynch, Vice Chairman and Zeeland City Superintendent David Rubinstein, Secretary.

Regional officers serve as a liaison between League headquarters in Ann Arbor and its member municipalities and assist in helping officials make use of League services. Representing 470 member cities and villages throughout Michigan, the Michigan Municipal League

serves to unite members in collectively striving for home rule and promoting higher standards of municipal government.

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 - Tues., April 19: Barbeques & Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Green Beans, Cookies and Applesauce, Milk.
 - Wed., April 20: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly, Sliced Peaches, Milk.
 - Thurs., April 21: Pizza on a Bun, Cabbage Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Apples or Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
 - Fri., April 22: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, Baked Beans or Green Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk.



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The Life Line; A Jaycee Project

The Jaycees have a project going to raise the funds for a heart-monitor/defibrillator. The unit is portable and much needed for emergency use in this area. It is used primarily on heart attack patients but can also be used on other trauma calls.

Approximately two thousand dollars is still needed to pay for this unit, but it should be available for use before the end of April. The company has agreed to let us get it with the monies now available.

Send the following pledge form or check to: Lowell Area Jaycees, Box 245, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information call 897-7559.

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(Heart-monitor/Defibrillator)

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