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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



GOW J. RAMJEET has been granted a use variance by the Lowell Township Board of Appeals, which would allow him to construct a Senior Citizen's Village on property owned by him in Section Four of Lowell Township.

LAST TUESDAY afternoon by 4 o'clock, four candidates had filed petitions with the Lowell City Clerk, each seeking one of the three seats open on the Lowell City Council. Names appearing on the November ballot will be Harold F. Jefferies, incumbent, Dean Collins, incumbent, Howard Clark and David E. Carter. There will be no primary.

PAUL'S FAMILY Showboat Restaurant at 700 East Main Street, Lowell, is offering Senior Citizen diners a 15 percent discount. Those eligible must register for their discount card. The offer is being made available until July 1.

THE SAGINAIRES Drum and Bugle Corps will be in Lowell this Friday, June 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. for a three-hour rehearsal at Recreation Park. On Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m. there will be a giant parade in downtown Grand Rapids with the Saginaires participating. The VFW State Championship for Drum and Bugle Corps will be held Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Houseman Field. The Saginaires are three-time defending state champions, and will be looking for their fourth victory. Mike Clark, Lowell High School teacher is an instructor for this group, and invites everyone to watch them practice and compete in the championships.

LOWELL POULTRY FARMS, on 36th Street, owned by Joe Vezino, will be going out of business as of Saturday, June 25, after seven years of service to the Lowell area. The last day of retail sales will be June 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "The patronage that we received while we were in business was greatly appreciated," Mr. Vezino projected, "and we thank you all."

A NEW Department of State field office to serve the Grand Rapids area opened June 16 at 3311 South Division Avenue in Grand Rapids. The office will offer a full range of Secretary of State services including driver licensing, vehicle titles and plates, and personal identification cards. It will also process voter registration applications and watercraft and snowmobile registrations. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE HAROLD ZIEGLER Ford Agency, is offering two tickets to the Lowell Showboat to the first 40 people who test drive a new 1977 Ford Car or Truck at their dealership, 11979 East Fulton (M-21).

Plan Ahead!

It's vacation time... the staff at the Grand Valley Ledger will take their annual summer vacation July 4 through July 10.

This is a reminder to all advertisers and newsstands, that the copy deadline for the July 7 issue will be next Wednesday, June 29, at 12 o'clock noon.

This early deadline will enable the staff to get the July 7 edition ready for the presses early... and get all of the work done before it off to the fun and sun.

In advance, we thank each and every one of you for the cooperation extended towards helping us have a good vacation.

Committee Says 'Welcome'



As a newcomer, Mrs. Ray Davis, center, of 11070 Woodbush Drive, Eastgate, was officially "welcomed" to the Lowell area, last week, by Mrs. Gilbert Wise, left, and Mrs. Brian Nerbury, members of the newly formed Lowell Area Welcoming Committee.

The welcoming committee, a project being supported by the Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell Area Schools and Lowell businessmen, has thus far welcomed 43 new families to the area. Mrs. Davis and her family formerly made their home in the Iowa area.

Group Organizes To Reinstate Activities

A new organization has been formed in the Lowell area called "Citizens for Extracurricular Activities."

The main purpose of this organization is to start raising funds to reinstate all extracurricular activities in the Lowell School System for the 1977-78 school year.

The group is welcoming other organizations and people of different interests to join forces in raising money for this program.

Unless this group is successful in raising the necessary funds, this program will not be available, since there are no school funds for these activities. Goal, \$40,000—reinstate the program.

What can you do?
1. Become an active member. Contact President Charles King, 868-6749 or Vice-President Robert Ellison, 897-8257.

Treated Water July 5

It was decided at the Monday, June 20 meeting of the Lowell City Council that the City's new water treatment plant will be put into service on Tuesday, July 5, 1977. The decision came after Ray Quada, Lowell City Manager announced that the facility would be ready as of June 29. After some discussion, the July 5 date was suggested by Councilman Jefferies because of the possibility of having problems with the new plant and not being able to get any help during the Fourth of July Weekend.

The new 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. parking permit system was reviewed and approved after some revisions by the council. The permit system has been put into effect to help those in the City who have absolutely no place to park their car other than the street during those hours.

Those needing a permit must file at the Lowell Police Department and all applications will be reviewed by the City Manager and the Chief of Police. There will be a \$5 filing fee and a charge of \$1 per month for the permits. It was stressed by the council that these permits will be granted only in cases where the need for on-street parking is an absolute necessity.

The City Manager was authorized to seek bids on installing a new electrical service at City Hall. The old service which is very antiquated is considered to be unsafe and inadequate.

The council authorized the City Manager to apply for five CETA funded positions through the county. Positions are being considered for repairing sidewalks, and handling code violations.

The low bid of \$8,851.35 was accepted for laboratory equipment to be used in the new water treatment plant.

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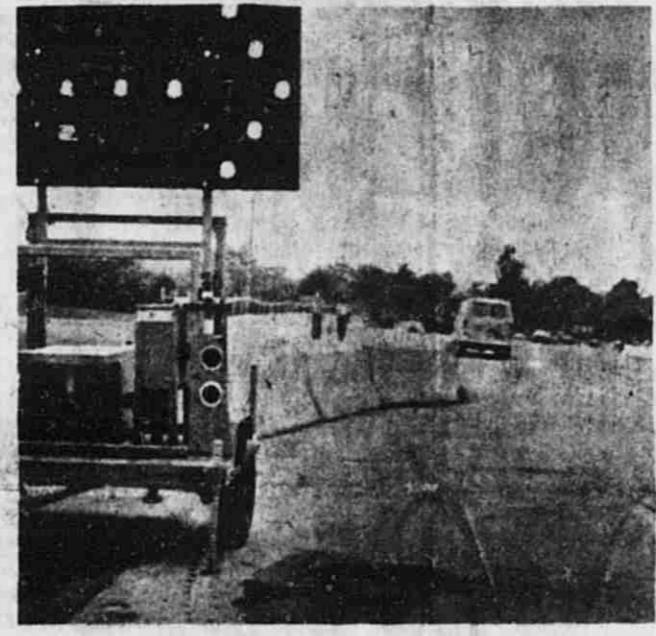
Lowell School Board Meeting

In the Middle School Choir Room on Monday evening, June 27, at 7:30 p.m., the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet.

Thus far, the following four items have been placed on the agenda:

1. Report on 1971 Bond Issue and the School Bond Loan program.
2. Election results as certified by the Kent County Board of Canvassers.
3. Update on legislation of School Breakfast program.
4. Hiring of School Social Worker.

Concrete Barriers For Greater Safety



The new concrete barrier, center right for background by two men is on the south side of Cascade Road at Int. 96. The "barrier" in 3-foot sections, center, is temporary, offers safety to the construction crew and will be removed when the project is completed. These sections can be used over and over for similar jobs.

Concrete barriers for greater safety are being built on seven bridges in the freeway system in Kent County, two of them in the Lowell area, at a total cost of about \$930,000 by Midwest Bridge Company of Williams- ton, Mich.

They are replacing the aluminum railing and post guardrails at the Cascade Road interchange of Int. 96, on the Forest Hills Avenue overpass over Int. 96 south of Cascade Road, and on five other bridges at interchanges in the North Park area, says Charles Chisholm, project engineer for the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation.

Cost of the projects includes resurfacing the five overpasses in the North Park area, but not

at the Cascade Road and Forest Hill Avenue sites which don't need this improvement.

The new barriers will prevent out-of-control vehicles from plunging to the freeway below and the new type of barrier requires much less maintenance than the former style, Chisholm says.

"The new type is strengthened with heavy steel rods," he adds.

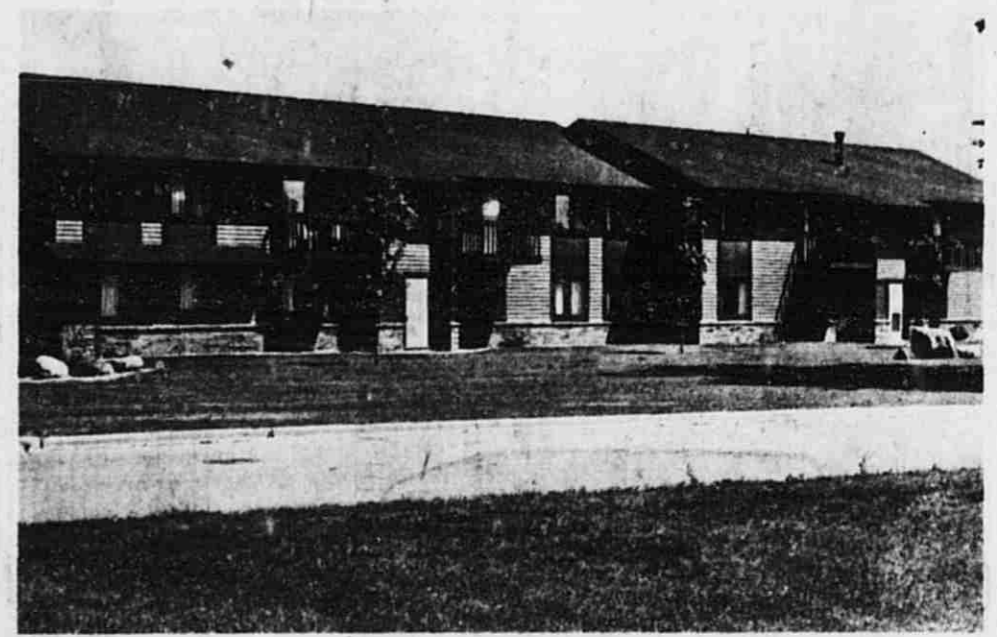
Cascade Road and Forest Hills Avenue spans will be completed in about two weeks, says the project engineer, and the other five near North Park will be finished in a couple of months if there are no delays.

Similar concrete barriers were built on US-131 in Grand Rapids a couple of years ago.



Forms for the barrier on the north side of Cascade Road, are ready for the pouring of concrete. Another temporary barrier is above right.

Birchwood Garden Apts. Now Complete & Renting



The newly completed Birchwood Garden Apartments feature privacy, spaciousness, good management and low rent.

Birchwood Garden Apartments is a development of 34 one and two bedroom Garden Apartments located at 759 Hunt Street, Lowell.

The complex was uniquely financed by the Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration. A low interest loan was made available to the development's owner, William Antisdale, for this type of rural, small town housing. By having a reduced interest loan a very beautiful, well equipped apartment unit can be rented well below current marketplace prices.

The rural community setting, reduced rental rates and proper on site management has made this typical housing very appealing to elderly, retired and fixed income persons.

The complex is richly landscaped with new trees, flowers and shrubs. It is also evident that many major trees were saved during construction which increases the beauty and the pleasure of countryside living.

Privacy is a key to living at Birchwood Garden. Each apartment provides sizeable living space as well as the privacy desired by so many tenants today.

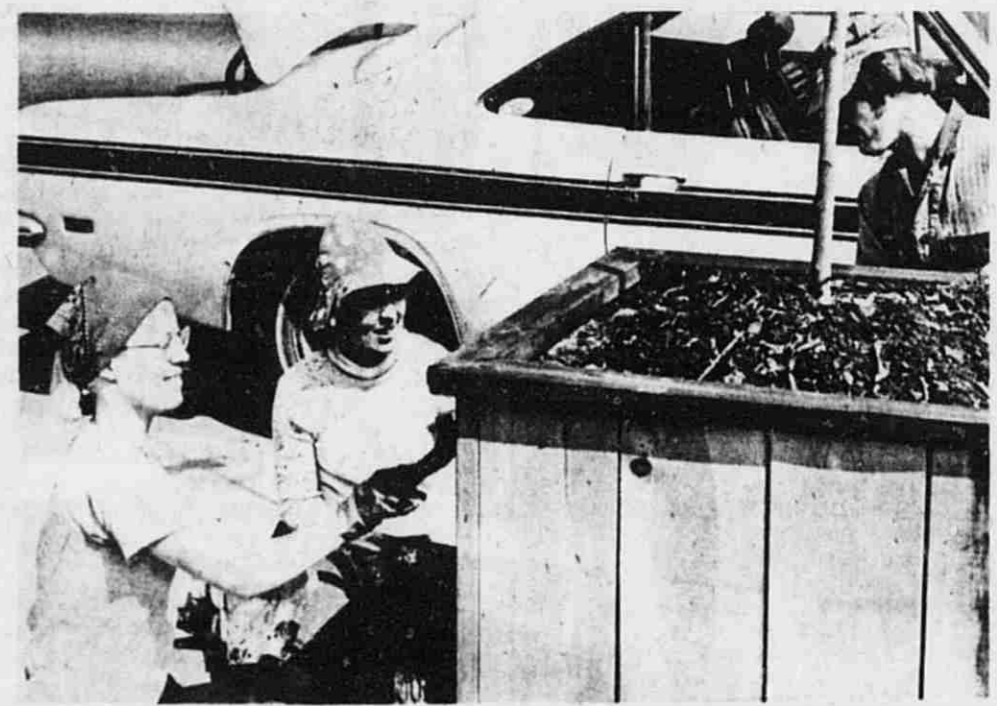
The development will be managed by Medallion Management, Inc., 3307 E. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo. They are experienced in all types of housing management.

Now managing 1,407 units in Southwestern Michigan with another 411 units under construction, it's been their experience that Farmers Home Administration funded units benefit senior citizens more than any other age group because they are on a fixed income.

The units are furnished with General Electric Stoves and Refrigerators, curtain rods, carpeting throughout except for the kitchen and bath, smoke detectors, access to a coin operated laundry facility, additional storage space, and gas hot water heat. The 1 bedrooms rents for as low as \$130 per month and the twos for as low as \$145.

Medallion was successful in hiring a very good husband and wife team to live on site and be responsible for on-site duties. They still have some one and two bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy and if you are interested in further information or a personal interview contact Andy Bisig at Medallion Management, Inc., 1-381-0350.

Arts Council Stains Planters



Marne Borgerson, Mary Ellen Biernacki and Mitch McMahon, members of the Lowell Area Arts Council, apply a coat of stain to the new decorative planters along Lowell's Main Street.

Members of the Lowell Area Arts Council gathered last week to stain the planters recently placed along Main Street by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Arts Council donated the stain and the manpower, while Gurney Hahn, owner of Hahn Hardware, donated the brushes, plastic gloves, and stirring sticks.

Participating in the three-day project were Arts Council members Naomi Blohm, Marne Borgerson, Jerry and Mary Ellen Biernacki, Bob Garcia, Peggy Idema, Jan Johnson, Ellen Kinnewbrew, Mitch McMahon, and Chris and Jill Van Antwerp.

The purpose of the newly-formed Arts Council, which is incorporated as a non-profit organization, is to sponsor cultural, educational, and area beautification activities, and to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts by citizens in Lowell and the surrounding areas.

The next regular meeting will be held in August or September, and all interested persons are invited to attend. Watch the Ledger for further information regarding date, time, and location of the meeting.

Figures Are In

The figures are in and the total American Cancer Society Rural Crusade has brought in over \$4,000 more than last year. This is approximately a 10% increase over last year.

Under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Lance Molander Ada, Paris, Lowell, Cascade, and Vergennes raised a total of \$10,259, up from \$8,827.55 in 1976.

Funds contributed to the American Cancer Society are used for direct services to Cancer patients; Public Education; Professional Education; Research and Community Services. This year the local American Cancer Society offered Senior Citizens FREE Hemocult

tests as a Community Service. To date, over 800 Senior Citizens have participated, from around the County, in this life-saving program.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. This Week's Special: Reuben Dogs & Slaw Dogs, 39c ea. Yogurt Cones, 40c. Broasted Chicken To Go. Tuesday, Burger & Fry Night, 30c each; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night, \$1.50; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions with Honey Rolls, \$1.50; Saturday Night, Sizzler, 4 oz. Steak, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Grilled Homemade Bread, \$1.79. c32

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Darky Assigned

To Keesler Base Airman Robert W. Darky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Darky of 7227 Cascade Road, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Missouri after completing Air Force basic training.

Commissioned . . .

Terry M. Fairman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Fairman of 10645 Five Mile Road, Ada, has been commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and awarded a B.S. degree in electrical engineering at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

FACES CHARGES OF MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION

Ralph J. VanDette, Jr., 36, of Lowell, appearing in Kent County's 63rd District Court last week, demanded examination on a charge of malicious destruction.

Flower Show Wins Club Awards



Mrs. Eugene King and Mrs. William Cook proudly display the ribbon-awards won by the Lowell Showboat Garden Club.

The Lowell Public Library. In Saranac, schedules can be picked up at Dr. Slag's office, Olive's Sport and Bait Shop, and the Library.

POTPOURRI

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bowen of Lowell spent several days last week on a business-pleasure trip to Missouri. They returned home Sunday.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, I would like to share with you the love and thoughtfulness of our younger generation.

MOBILE HOMEOWNERS

Our MOBILE HOMEOWNERS policy has all the kinds of property and family liability protection you're likely to need.

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By Roger Brown An old adage claims that three moves are as good as a fire. I know this statement has a lot of truth to it.

MSU Senior Conducts Band



Harvey Ribbens and Susan Schrottenberger, both of Ada, have been re-elected to the board of the Friends of WGVC.

Special Thursday, Friday & Saturday June 23, 24 & 25 2 Hot Dogs & French Fries \$1.50

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AWARD - for the sycamore plant shown in Richards Park as part of its continuing tree-planting project in the community.

OBITUARIES

STABEL - Lloyd Stahl, 69, of 190 S. Main Street, Clarksville, died Tuesday morning, June 14, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids where he had been a patient since June 3.

VANDEL - Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, at the Ada Christian Reformed Church for Mrs. Nellie (VanderWoode) Vanandel.

WHITE - Memorial services will be held this Sunday, June 26, at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell for Charles B. White.

SPAUDLING - Robert L. Spaulding, 55, of 727 Atwood, N.E., Grand Rapids passed away Saturday morning, June 18, at Butterworth Hospital.

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BYRNE - Mrs. Veronica Byrne, aged 82, of Four Mile Road, Belding, passed away early Monday morning, June 20, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

BECKER - Sarah E. Belcher, 66, of 6320 Centerline Road, Saranac, died Sunday morning at Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Lou Bowen of Saranac, Thelma Lee Hewitt of Ada, and Sylvia Sue Belcher of Lowell; one son, Edward Belcher, jr. of Saranac; one sister, Thelma Hill of Ionia; and six grandchildren.

The 1977 Lowell Showboat - Starring - PEARL BAILEY July 25-30 Showtime: 9 p. m. Nightly. Got Your Tickets Early For A Great Evening With A Great Star! All Seats Reserved!

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Gaylord of the Cascade Christian Church are spending this week in Los Angeles, California, attending the annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the Disciples of Christ.

After about four weeks there, our new home was completed to the point where we could move in. So last Friday, everything was moved again from the rented house to the new house which is its final resting place, at least for a few years.

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Linda Schrock Weds James A. Koetsier Cascade Christian Reformed Church was the setting Saturday, May 7, for the marriage of Miss Linda Kay Schrock and James Alan Koetsier.

Public hearings on administrative rules for special farm vehicles have been scheduled in Lansing for June 30. It was announced by the Michigan Department of State.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Ada Christian School.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Louise Schrock. Bridesmaids were Lora Koetsier and Anna Schrock. Cheryll Kristen was a junior bridesmaid and Sharon Giegerich was the flower girl.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schrock of Clarksville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Koetsier of Grand Rapids.

Linda Schrock Weds James A. Koetsier. Farm Vehicle Hearings Set.

Why in the world would anyone move three times in a month, you might ask? Well, we had a buyer for our old house who wanted possession before our new home would be ready and my thinking was that a buyer in hand is worth two in the bush so we sold and got out.

Not having anywhere to go, all our possessions were moved into the garage of our new home and we lived in my father's camper. We bounced around from pillar to post, mooching meals and showers from understanding relatives. After about a week of this, we located a house that we could rent on a short term basis. It was unfurnished and all our necessities were carried out of the garage and into the rented house.

After about four weeks there, our new home was completed to the point where we could move in. So last Friday, everything was moved again from the rented house to the new house which is its final resting place, at least for a few years.

In between all this moving, my wife and I still had a business to run, two children to care for, and do all the painting, staining, wallpapering and wiring in our new home. Now if this all sounds like our life has been hectic, you are absolutely right. My only problem is that I've gotten used to it and I'm wondering what the withdrawal symptoms are going to be when I can kick my shoes off after supper and play with the kids or watch TV.

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