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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



THE PERIOD for applying for utility bill refunds for eligible persons over 65 has been extended to August 22. Information and applications are available at the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center, 214 E. Main Street, 897-5250.

THERE WILL BE a special meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education on Monday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Choir Room. This public meeting will be the Annual Budget Hearing.

PAUL ERICKSON, owner of Paul's Family Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street, has his painting, cleaning, decorating and yard done and now projects that he will be doing the cooking at the restaurant during the evening dining hours.

A WARM WELCOME to the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair was extended this week by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. A spokesman for the Chamber said "we hope your visit is an enjoyable one."

SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR and Senior players will be starting their practice schedule for the forthcoming football season on Saturday, August 20, at 9 a.m. at Burch Field in Recreation Park. Equipment will be issued after this conditioning session. A full practice schedule for all Lowell High School Varsity and Junior Varsity players starts Monday, August 22, at 8 a.m.; freshmen 9 a.m.

DR. R. E. REAGAN, D.D.S., of Lowell has been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association to fill the vacancy created by the death of Harold F. Jefferies.

THOSE WISHING to register for the Lowell "Punt, Pass & Kick" competition may do so beginning this Friday, August 19, at Harold Zeigler Ford. The competition is open to boys and girls ages eight through thirteen. The contest is sponsored by Harold Zeigler Ford and The Lowell Area Jaycees.

LOWELL'S SOFTBALL teams made a good showing in the YMCA Tournament held last weekend. Lowell Beer Store and Bristol's All-Stars won second and third place trophies in the tournament won by Orwain's Party Store of Grand Rapids. Softball fans were treated to some great action during the tournament in which some 32 games were played to determine the winner.

A WORKING BEE will be held at the Bushnell Elementary School Saturday, August 27, starting at 8 a.m. to install new playground equipment. Bring the whole family, there's something for everyone to do.

INJURED LAST Wednesday in a three-car accident on North Hudson Street, near Spring, was Mrs. Peggy McCaul and a 9-year-old passenger in her car. The mishap occurred when Mrs. McCaul hit a parked car and then veered into the left lane, hitting a car driven by Dorothy Wickerham of Clarksville.

RETAIL MERCHANTS and banks are being alerted to watch for bogus money floating through Kent County. According to Secret Service officials, the counterfeit bills are \$10 Federal Reserve Notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. They have a "B" in the seal with the "2" in the four corners. The serial number is B 38057620 B, series 1963A. Persons seeing such bills are asked to call the Secret Service at 456-2276.

LORNA KRUM Bargwell remembers her family subscribing to the Ledger when they bought a house on Hudson Street in 1910. She relates that at that time, F.M. Johnson was the Ledger editor and publisher. Since then, she has received the Ledger weekly at her home. She now resides at 936 S. Ottilia Street, S.E., Grand Rapids.

A WALKAWAY from the Ionia Reformatory was arrested by Lowell Police officers last Tuesday, as he was hitchhiking along M-21. Apprehended was Larry Dawson.

A CUSTOMER'S CAR parked in the lot behind Keiser's Kitchen on West Main Street, was stolen Saturday evening. Kent County Deputies recovered the vehicle, when it went out of control on M-21 near Trapp's Sport Shop in Ada, striking a sign and several cement blocks. The suspect fled on foot from the scene.

INJURED IN A two-car collision August 8 on East Main Street, near Washington was a 9-year-old passenger in a car driven by Karen Wheeler of Kentwood. The Wheeler vehicle struck the rear end of a car driven by Dannie Bolder of Grand Rapids, when he slammed on his brakes to avoid hitting a car driven by Grace Kutchev of Belding, who was making an improper left turn.

Shriner's Parade

It was brought to our attention that the Ledger made no mention of the Shriner's parade here in Lowell on Tuesday, July 26, during Showboat Week. To all those involved with the parade, we respectfully apologize for our oversight.

There was an apparent lack of communication somewhere along the line as the Ledger received a news release from the Showboat stating that the Shriners would be in Monday night's parade. Those of you who saw the Monday night parade probably noticed their absence. However, the Shriners did march the following night. There was a small turnout because of the mixup and consequent lack of advance publicity.

To recap the Shriner's parade, there were four very

impressive units involved. Leading was a shriner band playing typical march music, followed by a large marching unit of shriners dressed in the Shriner's traditional garb, third was a precision motorcycle riding team and fourth unit was a Scottish band playing drums and bagpipes, and wearing kilts.

Hopefully the Shriners will return to Lowell next year for Showboat Week and the problems that arose this year will be corrected.

STILL TIME — To book an appointment for your senior portrait before school starts. Modern Photographics, 104 W. Main St., Lowell, 897-5606. c40

Board Approves Partial Programs

The Board of Education of the Lowell Area Schools has given its approval for proceeding with a partial activity program for the students of the school district. This approval comes as a result of the excellent progress made by the Citizens for Extracurricular Activities campaign.

The Citizens Committee members have raised over \$12,000 in cash and have pledged for another \$10,000, putting them over the \$22,000 mark. The Board appreciates the hard work of this group and is authorizing activities to proceed because of the good faith it has in the Committee's ability to raise the rest of the \$30,000 through the activities it has scheduled. The \$30,000 will allow the operation of all activities on a limited basis.

CECA members are still very hopeful that they can raise the \$40,000 to reinstate the programs as they have been in the past. The Board feels that its present commitment will get activities started and maintain athletic schedules.

The reinstatement of inter-scholastic competition at the

lower levels will be made when and if the additional monies become available, through the CECA's efforts.

The Board emphasizes that this year's activities are being funded entirely from CECA funds and not from the school's general fund.

Emmons Is New Commander



Barry D. Emmons, left, the new Commander of Clark-Elis American Legion Post 152, accepts the gavel of leadership from the retiring Commander Robert Ellis, right.

Post and Auxiliary members to Clark-Elis American Legion Post No. 152 of Lowell will assemble at Fallsburg Park on Monday evening, August 22, for their annual picnic.

The potluck affair will begin at 6:30 p.m. near the park's pavilion. Each member is to bring a dish to pass and their own table service.

Besides the usual fun and games, the picnickers will be introduced to the new officers of Post 152, elected and installed at a recent meeting. They are:

Observatory Open House

The annual open house week at the James C. Veen Observatory will be held this year each evening from Monday, August 22, through Friday, the 26th.

Visitors are invited to visit the facility at 3308 Kissing Rock Road, S.E., Lowell, to see demonstrations of the equipment, and to view an award winning new film from N.A.S.A. entitled "Universe." When the sky is clear, observations will be permitted through the observatory's two large telescopes and also through other instruments set up outside by members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.

There is no charge, and hours are from 8:30 to 11 p.m. each evening. The film will be shown at approximately 8:30, 9:15 and 10.

Escape Serious Injury



An elderly Alto couple escaped serious injury last Thursday morning when the car they were riding in struck the rear-end of a truck parked along the highway. Milton Mishler, 81, of Pratt Lake Road, Alto, and his wife were eastbound on 64th Street, when they hit the parked truck. Meredith Reid of Hastings, driver of the truck, indicated that he had pulled off the highway and had his right turn signal on. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mishler received multiple lacerations.

Band Camp . . .

Marching Band Camp for Lowell High School students will begin at 9 a.m. in the High School band room on Monday, August 22.

Rehearsals will run 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The camp will run Monday, August 22, to Friday, August 26. All members should attend.

Lowell Middle School bandmen are to report for practice on Monday, August 22, 9 a.m., at the Middle School.

Lowell City Council

Undecided About Tax Exemptions

Three public hearings concerning requests for certificates of tax exemption under Act 198 were slated for the Monday, August 15 meeting of the Lowell City Council. The exemption amounts to the City allowing a fifty percent tax break for twelve years to industries expanding and thus creating new jobs in the City.

The requests Monday night came from C. J. Christoff & Sons, Inc., with two of the requests, one for an already constructed warehouse on Ottawa Street and one for their large warehouse being constructed on Foreman Road. The third request was submitted by the King Milling Co. for two new silos.

All of the above-mentioned properties have been established as industrial development districts which is the first phase in qualifying for this tax exemption.

The council did not approve the exemptions Monday night because if they were all approved and added to existing exemptions the total Act 198 exempted property in the City would previously a source of income to

Girl's Basketball

Tryouts August 18

All girls interested in trying out for basketball for the 1977 season are asked to meet this Thursday, August 18, at Lowell Senior High School in Room B-14 at 9 a.m.

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VFW Starts New Year

The last week of June brought several thousand Michigan VFW members to the Grand Rapids area for their State Convention. At the end of that convention the new State Officers are installed. Simultaneously, the new officers of all Michigan VFW Posts assume their duties.

Lowell's Flat River Post 8303 officers for the 1977-78 year are Commander Duane Hendrick, Senior Vice-Commander Charles Melle, Junior Vice-Commander Steve Stephenson, Quartermaster Don Hayward, Surgeon Mike Willard, Judge Advocate Olen Miller. Elected to Trustee for three years was Fred Phelps and the Adjutant is Richard Watter.

For the past five years, the Post Commander has been Olen Miller. Under his fine leadership the Post membership tripled.

Present Commander Hendrick has stated his intention to continue membership growth. VFW National Headquarters recently mailed 1978 dues reminders to each member. Commander Hendrick urges all Post members to return the reminders with their dues immediately. Flat River Post has had 100% of the previous year's membership reported by the Fall Pow-Wow for the last two years. Commander Hendrick has set this year's Pow-Wow as our 100% target date even though the Pow-Wow has been moved from late October to late September.

Organized in September 1946, the Lowell V.F.W. Post has earnestly strived for comradeship through Youth and Community programs. This year will be no exception. The services of the Post are available in any way the citizens of Lowell can use them, within the Post's capabilities. As demands for service increase, so do the needs for increased membership and the support for fund raising projects which support those local programs.

Post meetings are first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 8 p.m. sharp. An active V.F.W. Auxiliary meets every second Thursday. The Post conducts two weekly Bingo Games, one at noon on Thursday and the other at 7 p.m. on Friday.

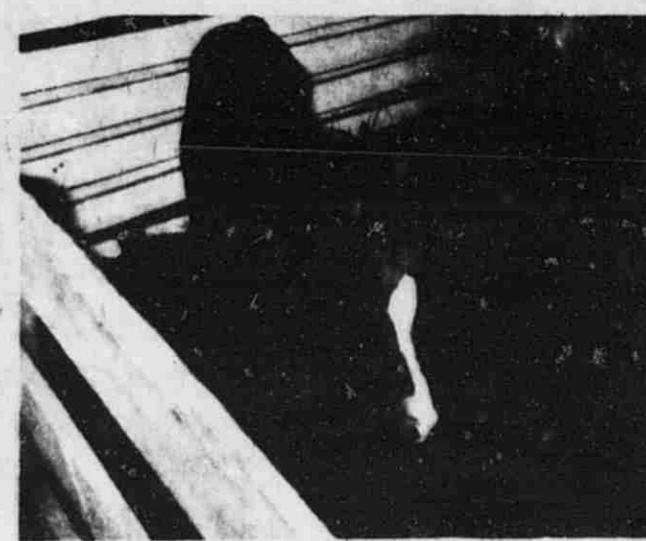
An increasingly popular event is the monthly Steak Fry, usually held the second Saturday. All monies from the Steak Frys are placed into a special "new building" account. The Post has a dream for a new building that would be an asset to our community.

4-H Youth Fair In Full Swing



Horse Judging, ABC groups, was one of the major items on the agenda on the first day of the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds. One of the lucky winners was Gary Warning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Warning of Lowell.

Fair's First Filly



The official opening Monday, of the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair, took on a momentous note, with the birth of a "filly" at 11:20 p.m. Michele Richardson, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Richardson of Hudsonville, owner of the mare was unaware that the horse was due to foal until Sunday night. The attending vet says both are in good condition.

According to E.L. Phelps, president of the 4-H Fair Board, this is, as far as he knows, the first filly born on the fairgrounds during fair time.

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Athlete's Conference

Ken Wittenbach of Lowell, who competes in baseball and basketball at Lowell High School, attended a Fellowship of Christian Athletes conference July 30 to August 4 at Central Michigan University.

The five-day program of "inspiration and perspiration" is one of 28 FCA National Conferences scheduled this summer involving 10,000 high school, college and pro athletes and coaches and family members.

In addition to "huddle" group discussions, the daily schedule consists of competition in a variety of sports, special events, workouts, coach clinics, and evening assemblies where top sports figures share their Christian faith.

Among the 22-year-old organization's more prominent proponents and conference staff

participants are Tom Osborne, Jerry Kindall, Roger Staubach, Don Cockroft, Tom Landry, Steve Sloan, Kent Benson, and Kyle Rote, Jr.

Purpose of the FCA is "to confront athletes and coaches, and through them the youth of the nation, with the challenge and adventure of accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, participating in His Church and serving Him through our vocations."

The year-round program includes NCAA and NAIA coaches meetings, rallies, weekend conferences, bowl breakfasts, pro chapel services and Bible studies, national banquets, and athletes and coaches meeting in over 2,000 high school, colleges and college Fellowships from coast to coast.

Married 55 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Alice) Chesbro of 761 Hunt Street, Apt. C-1, Lowell, are celebrating 55 years of marriage.

They will be the guests of honor at an open house this Sunday, August 21, at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 214 East Main Street, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon.

All of the Chesbro's friends and family are cordially invited to help them make this a memorable day.

Joint Service, Vows Are Spoken Fellowship



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Potter

The Alto and Bowne Center United Methodist Churches will hold a joint service and fellowship on Sunday, August 28, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bowne Center Church.

The morning worship service will include a hymn sing, between services, punch will be served, while the Clover Family makes ready to bring the gospel to children thru puppetry and song during the Sunday School Hour at 11.

A potluck dinner at noon will be followed by games and a treat. Bring food to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

Miss Charlene Jordan of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Michael W. Potter of Lowell, were united in marriage Saturday, August 6, in St. John's Methodist Church in State College, Pennsylvania.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Ruth Jordan Webb of Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Potter of Lowell.

Miss Nancy Prensall of State College was maid of honor, and the best man was James Hecock of Ada, Mich.

Ushering were Daryl Anderson of Ada, Glenn Anderson of Alto and Harold Gridley of Lakeside.

After the marriage service, a reception for the newlyweds was held in the church parlors.

The couple will reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.

THURS., AUG. 18: The YMCA Karate Class will participate in the 4-H Grandstand Show on Thursday, August 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Demonstrating Karate and Self Defense techniques, the demonstration will be held by YMCA Karate Instructor Jim Rogers.

COMING EVENTS

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS
By Pauline E. Spray

... grow in grace ... (All Peter 3:18)
"Well, Mother, I'm not a child anymore!" one of my teenagers said with exasperation.

"You'll have to do more than talk about it to make me believe it." I said, as I wiped across her bedroom dresser and watched the furniture and floor shake the rig. Later, when I inspected her room, I knew (by the dust curls) she had not followed my instructions.

There are certain criteria a mother uses in judging whether her child is growing up. Does she accept responsibility willingly—without forever being told what to do? When it is mealtime does she set the table without being reminded that it is her task? Does she make her bed in the morning? Or, does she give half-hearted service? Does she work cheerfully without constant complaining?

What about us, Christians? Are we making progress spiritually? How mature are we? Are our thoughts and words filled with complaints? Faultfindings? Ingratitude? Or, do we serve God with glad and willing hearts? Are we going deeper with God? Are we climbing in the School of Wisdom? Are we "growing up?"

Prayer: Dear God, it is my desire to learn more about Thee and Thy way. Help me to "grow in grace" daily, to "grow up" into Thy likeness, to forsake all childish irresponsibility and accept my tasks cheerfully. Amen. Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus.

Daily let me go:
Higher, higher in the school of wisdom,
More of grace to know.
C. P. Jones

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OPEN LETTER from DAVID GERST

Dear Friends,
The deep grief of the bereaved family often causes an inability to make decisions, to cope with routine arrangements, to control the emotions. The funeral director, along with the family's spiritual adviser, must use all their resources of character to help the family to work through this difficult time.

Respectfully,
David Gerst

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Ron Moynihan, Elder 897-8551

Author To Speak



Marge Johnson from Canoga Park, California, will be speaking on Sunday, August 21, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

Mrs. Johnson is the author of two best selling books "Chocolate Malts and Nickle Sodas," and "18 and No Time To Waste." The latter book is a true story about her daughter, Kathi, who was a bundle of pleasure and pain.

It deals with the frustrations of a mother as she tries to cope, to reason, to bridge the gap. Kathi was a vivacious teen-ager filled with concern for her many friends—yet, it seemed, so independent and aloof when it came to her own family.

In this intimate account of Kathi's life—and sudden death—lies perhaps the very secret of communication in our fragmented society.

Mrs. Johnson will share this beautiful, true story at the service Sunday evening. The public is welcome at the service.

Auxiliary Installation

During ceremonies of installation Thursday evening, July 14, V. Stephenson was placed into the presidency of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Flat River V.F.W. Post 6303 of Lowell.

Taking office at this time, also, were Mrs. Hendrick, service-president; Beryl Hayward, junior vice-president; V. Tiche-lar, treasurer; L. Adiane, secretary; Z. Ketcham, Chaplain; D. Wittenbach, Pat. Inst.; Frieda Hendrick, Cond.; Ruth Morgan, Guard; Barbara Flieger, Winnie Snider, Lena Phelps, trustees.

Virginia Will, Esther Wilson, Grace Wright and Bertha Grievens, color bearers; Lucille Erickson, Banner Bearer; Peggy Wilcox, Flag Bearer; Maryann LaDuc, musician; and Lena Phelps, historian.

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Repair Act Rule

Amendments Aug. 30

A public hearing on amending rules governing the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 in the 13th Floor Auditorium of the City-County Building in Detroit.

Interested individuals are invited either to testify in person or to submit written statements. The proposed changes involve repair facility registration fees, removal of bonding provisions, changes in the consumer information sign requirements, and establishments of certification for recreational trailer mechanics.

Written statements as well as requests for copies of the proposed rules should be addressed to:

Department of State, Bureau of Automotive Regulation, Repair Facility Division, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

The proposed rules will become effective 15 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

License Violation . . .

John Brusik, 81, of Lowell was booked at the Ionia County Jail over the weekend on charges he was driving while his license was suspended. The deputy reported he stopped the Brusik vehicle after observing it run a stop in Saranac. The vehicle was temporarily impounded, according to the report.

Miller Wins Golf Classic



Eighteen-year-old Ted Miller of Lowell, Sunday at the Scott Lake Country Club shot a one-under-par 71 to win the fourth annual Curly Shipman Golf Classic.

He finished the two-day event with a 36-hole total of 145, one over par, to take a two-stroke win from Mark Miller of Saranac, no relation, who took second place at 147 after shooting a closing 76.

Ted, a 1977 graduate of Lowell Senior High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Berry) Miller of Lowell. In July, he also won the City Junior Title at Alpine.



One of the most interesting, and perhaps most misunderstood animals is the snake. The snake has long been a symbol of evil and is thought of as a slippery, slimy animal whose only purpose on earth is to harass mankind.

Actually, snakes are not slip-

pery or slimy at all, and they do more good for man than they are given credit for. Snakes have a dry, smooth skin with a series of scales. The scales protect the snake from the elements and help the snake move on the ground. Snakes in Michigan stick to a diet of insects and small rodents, of which they consume in great quantities.

One of the most common snakes in this area is the garter or grass snake. This animal has a green body with yellow or white stripes running lengthwise. The coloration of the garter snake enables it to hide efficiently. Insects are its primary food.

The puff adder, blow snake, pilot snake, Michigan cobra, puffer and hognose snake are all one and the same animal. This is a common snake of the woodland that has a brown to light orange body with dark blotches. This snake is one of the most interesting of all snakes in the area. When surprised and cornered, the puffer may rear up and flatten out its head and hiss in an attempt to bluff its way out of a tight situation. If this doesn't work and it is still being bothered, the puffer may play dead in the hopes that its pursuer will go away. If you placed the snake on its belly it will flip over to its back until the nuisance has left. Toads, mice and insects are the primary part of the puffer's diet.

The milk snake has a dark brown to black body with white spots on its back. This snake is often confused with Michigan's only rattlesnake, the massasauga. The milk snake, however, is a harmless critter that is often found around barnyards looking for mice. The milk snake got its name from an old wife's tale that supported the belief that the milk snake would drink from the cows at night which was why they were found near barns. Actually they are found near barns because that is where many mice can be easily captured.

There are a great variety of snakes in Michigan, most of which are a benefit to man. Most snakes stick to their diet of mice, rats, toads, and insects and receive little publicity when

seen. The Michigan rattler, the only poisonous snake in the area, receives a great deal of attention whenever one is spotted.

Actually the Michigan rattler, often called pigmy rattler or massasauga, is rarely seen and strikes at humans even less. This snake is variable in color and design but is usually about 18 to 24 inches when fully grown in this area, and has a grey to brown body with dark blotches. A "rattle" at the end of the tail is a sure identification.

Most snakes smell their prey with a keen olfactory sense that can detect the slightest odor. Rattlers, use a different method of locating prey. They are in a class of snakes called pit vipers, they have a heat sensing organ near their nose which can detect the slightest change in temperatures. Rattlers mostly feed on mice and rats and will flee if they detect the presence of a larger animal.

The Michigan rattler uses its poison for capturing small rodents. It is a rare occasion when a human is bitten and should be treated immediately by medical personnel. No one in Michigan has ever died of a snakebite but the threat of becoming seriously ill is real. Rattlers cannot strike while coiled, an "S" shape of their body allows them to strike a maximum of 1/2 their body length.

Rattle snakes are confined to swamps and bogs and are extremely rare in this region. If you should happen to find yourself confronted by one in your path don't try to take it home. Rattlers do not always rattle before striking so it is best to back off and hope you don't meet another day.

The blue racer is a common snake that is seen more often dead on the roadside than alive. It is a seclusive snake with a dark blue back and greenish underside that feeds primarily on mice, rats, toads and other small animals. The blue racer, true to its name, is a very speedy snake and also has the ability to climb trees. This snake is known for consuming young birds in the spring occasionally.

There are many other species of snakes in Michigan but these are the most common. When you are walking in the outdoors you don't have to worry about being attacked by them, they will flee at your approach.—Steve Harrington.

Cross-Country

Lowell High School's 1977 cross-country team will hold its first practice on Monday, August 22. Students interested in being a member of this year's team should report to room K-4 of the High School at 9 a.m. on the 22nd.

Freshmen and sophomores are especially needed.

Fall Sports

Physicals

All female athletes who wish to participate in the Fall Sports program at Lowell Senior High School, should report for their physical examinations on Tuesday evening, August 23.

The physicals will be given at 7 p.m. in the Senior High School locker room.

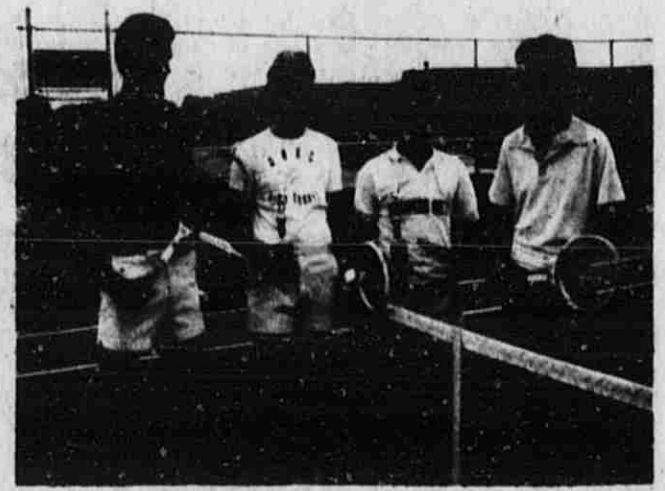
This Friday evening, August 19, physicals will be given to the male athletes at 7 p.m. in the high school locker room. All freshmen must secure their examinations from their family physician.

Those interested in fall sports should pick up their physical forms in the main office.



Although rhubarb is eaten as a fruit (often with strawberries), it is actually a vegetable.

Men's Division Winners



Thirty-six teams competed in the annual Lowell YMCA-Jaycee's Doubles Tennis Tournament Saturday, August 13 at the new high school courts. Winners in the men's division was the team of Dean Ellis and Charles Denton. The team of John Hoover and Dan Hill placed second in the tournament.

New Birds On Gets Promoted



A baby girl weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces born at 12:44 p.m. Saturday, August 13 at Butterworth Hospital. Kelly Jo was 19 1/2" long. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marvin of Grand Rapids and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Sr. of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marvin of Lowell.

Marine Private First Class Gregory T. Thompson, son of Rev. Joseph L. Thompson of 8945 Vergennes, Ada, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

He joined the Marine Corps in December of 1976.



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Farm Bureau Supports New Deer Permits

Michigan Farm Bureau policy supporting the new antlerless deer program should not be made an issue of landowners against sportsmen, according to Elton Smith, president of the state's largest general farm organization.

"On the contrary," says Smith, "the program can do a great deal to improve the relationship between property owners and hunters."

The program would allow a landowner of 40 acres or more to obtain a permit to hunt doe on his property. Currently ten deer management units are targeted for the experimental program. Without the new program, a landowner who doesn't get a regular permit would not be able to harvest deer that have been feeding on his land, sometimes damaging his crops. "Let's face it," Smith explains, "one of the things that upsets landowners, and farmers in particular, is that hunters can harvest the deer while they can't."

Smith is fearful that if this continues to occur, farmers may increase their denial of hunter access. The Caledonia dairy farmer continues, "However, if farmers can get permits, their attitudes will improve about letting hunters come on their land. This is not meant as a subtle threat, but a statement of fact."

Michigan United Conservation Clubs are seeking a court injunction against the plan, while the Michigan Farm Bureau will file a brief supporting the program and the Department of Natural Resources. However, Smith points out that in the past the Farm Bureau and MUCC have worked closely on many projects. "Trespass laws, the recently approved hunter access law, wetlands legislation, and distribution of sportsmen's land use passes are just a few of the cooperative projects. We see this new program as another method to strengthen the relationship between landowners and hunters, not to sever it."



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