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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



ROBERT C. CHRISTIANSEN, Mayor of the City of Lowell, has declared November 20 through 26 as Family Week in Lowell, and urges all citizens to be mindful of the fact that the stability of a community, a state or a country depends in great measure upon the influence of strong, cohesive families...

FOOD PRICES WILL continue to rise next year, with the average family's food budget increasing four to six percent. In this prediction made by a government economist, it is stated that the increase will be due to higher costs for transporting, processing and selling food after it leaves the farm. Another factor will be higher sugar prices...

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Arnold Wittenbach, chairman of this year's United Way Drive in Lowell took the opportunity this week to thank all the workers, contributors, chairpersons and various divisions who made it possible for Lowell to reach more than 100 percent of its goal. "I wish to especially thank Stan Gardner for the many trips he made to Grand Rapids to take in funds collected and for his untiring efforts to help achieve our goal," Wittenbach said. "Thank you all..."

THE BAND PARENTS' Booster's meeting that was to be held on November 21 has been rescheduled for Monday, November 20, at the Lowell Middle School in the Band Room at 7:30 p.m. All parents with students in band, regardless of grade, are urged to attend this very important meeting...

JUST A REMINDER for all kids, from tiny tots to age 15, that a special "Kids Only Shopping Spree" will be held at the Lowell V.F.W. Hall on East Main Street Saturday, December 3, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Bring mom and dad along for free coffee, while you do your Christmas shopping...

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL will open their 1977 wrestling season Thursday, December 1, at home, against the Ionia Bulldogs. If the Red Arrows are victorious, Coach Gary Rivers will lay claim to his 200th dual meet win since coming to Lowell in 1960. A search of state and national statistics has failed, thus far, to turn up anyone with such a record...

WITH THE GUN shooting season open on deer, many are reporting filling their license, but a larger number still are seeking their deer as the season continues, until November 30. Mary Robidoux of Key Heights, reported that while hunting south of Lowell Saturday morning, she tagged her four point buck, which dressed out at around 133 lbs. How about that guys, we haven't heard too much from you since opening day?...

ERB LUMBER COMPANY at 925 West Main Street will be closed all-day Monday, November 28, for inventory. All offices of the State Savings Bank of Lowell, in observance of Thanksgiving will be closed all-day Thursday, November 24...

BERNARD JANKOWSKI of Ski-Way Mfg., at the west city limits of Lowell on M-21, this week revealed the winner of the Salmon Contest. First place, with a prize of rod and reel, went to Joe Kovalick, whose catch scored 71 1/2 points, with the fish weighing 28 pounds and measuring 43 1/2 inches long. Second place with 70 1/2 points (22 1/2 pounds, 48") went to John LaBine. Al Rowe's third place winner scored 69 points (24 1/2 pounds, 44 1/2")...

THREE BICYCLES STOLEN within the City limits of Lowell, recently, have been recovered and returned to their owners. Chief of Police Barry Emmons again reminded bicyclists to keep their bikes locked up when not in use...

COUPLES HEADED for the altar could take out "divorce insurance" along with their marriage licenses, if some state lawmakers have their way. "Divorce insurance would be the same as insurance for an auto or home. Just another kind of investment," said the sponsor of the measure. "I'm insurance poor now," explained one woman as she read the initial announcement of the proposal. "Next they'll want to insure the fact that I can put my panty hose on right each morning. It's unbelievable..."

WALTER W. GUMSER, jr., a graduate of Lowell High School, seems to be following in the footsteps of his father as he recently polled the most votes in an election and won a seat on the Wayne School Board. Gumsers of 6990 Drywood Place, Dayton, Ohio, an MSU graduate with a degree in Business Administration, for the past five years has worked as a realtor and will be a parttime instructor at Sinclair Community College for the fall quarter. Walt and his wife, Penny, and three children, Walt, Jr., Tara and Scott, have been very active in school and community affairs, and we wish him well in his new endeavor...



Gumsers

"CELEBRATE THIS THANKSGIVING by dining out," urges Paul Erickson owner of the Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street. "On that day, we'll be serving, smorgasbord-style, from noon to 4 p.m.," he explained...

A **16-YEAR-OLD** male juvenile was taken to the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center last Tuesday evening, following his arrest by Lowell Police officers. He is being charged with fleeing, eluding, leaving the scene of an accident, driving without a license, and being a disorderly person. His arrest came after Lowell Police officers were called to the Donna Drive area to investigate the destruction of a mail box. After a short pursuit, the youth was caught behind Wittenbach Sales and Service...

A **SMALL AMOUNT** of change was taken during the recent breaking and entering of the R&D Peabuilders and Showboat Automotive building on West Main Street. An investigation is being conducted by the Lowell Police Department...

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LUCCHESI PIZZA - 119 E. Main Street, will be reopening for business on Friday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m. nc2

Lippert Appoints Operations Head



Pat Mangene, in charge of Operations for the seven Lippert stores, will work out of the firm's Corporate Headquarters in Lowell.

Pat Mangene has been added to the executive staff at Lippert Pharmacies, Inc., according to Charles E. Lippert, President of the company. Mangene, in charge of Operations for the seven Lippert stores, will work out of the firm's Corporate Headquarters in Lowell. The pharmacy chain operates retail drug stores in Cedar Springs, Carson City, Greenville, Lowell,

Caledonia, and Allegan, plus a gift shop in Charlotte.

Formerly with Walgreen Drug Company in Chicago, Wisconsin, Mangene attended school there, then spent four years in the United States Navy, including a twenty-four month combat tour of duty in waters off Viet Nam. When he returned to civilian life, Mangene earned a degree from Wisconsin State University. He spent a year, after graduation with a Wisconsin-based discount chain before joining Walgreen's as a Merchandiser.

The small-town atmosphere of the Grand Rapids-Lowell area will be greatly appreciated by the Mangene family. He feels that there is far more opportunity for personal growth and involvement in a small, but aggressive, young firm such as Lippert's. It is his goal to contribute his expertise to the continued improvement and growth of the firm and the convenience of all Lippert customers.

Lowell City Council

Airport Lease Signed

The Lowell City Council approved a lease agreement with the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music for the operation of the Lowell City Airport at their regular meeting of Monday, November 21.

The lease is for a fifteen year period, five years more than previous leases with John Cornell. The school requested five years because of the improvements that they have made to the hangar and the planned addition of classrooms and office space.

There was much discussion of the bids received concerning the purchase of a new police car. Harold Zeigler Ford did not meet specifications because of unavailability of four barrel carburetion and dual exhausts on the pursuit car that they bid.

City Manager Ray Quada suggested to the council that they not award the bids and check into the necessity of the four barrel carburetion and dual exhausts and perhaps change the specifications.

Police Chief Barry Emmons said that he was in favor of the high performance engine because the speed is sometimes necessary and that the quicker a violator can be pulled over, the safer the situation is for everyone involved.

Councilman Pfaller motioned that the low bid be accepted and that specifications be reviewed before the next police car purchase. The motion failed to pass however, as Councilman Pfaller and Warning voted yes and Councilman Collins and Mayor Christiansen voted no and Councilman McCasbridge abstained.

A second motion from Pfaller which passed unanimously proposed that performance of the Ford pursuit car be checked out and also that the bidders be requested to hold their bids until the next council meeting.

A contract concerning Lowell Township sewer hook-ups to Lowell's sewer system was approved by the Council and is being sent to the Lowell Township Board for their consideration.

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Anderson Graduates

Navy Storekeeper Seaman Recruit Timothy J. Anderson, son of Carol J. Anderson of 832 N. Jefferson, Lowell, was graduated from Basic Storekeeper School, November 18.

The 9 1/2 week course was conducted at the Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Miss. Students received an introduction to the organization and functioning of the Navy's supply system. Concentrating on shipboard supply applications, they studied the procedures for requisitioning, issuance, inventorying, storage and accounting of foodstuffs, clothing and repair parts.

Additionally, he was chosen to participate in the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP). Participants in RAP are ordered to the recruiting stations nearest their home town on a temporary duty basis prior to their first permanent duty assignment. They are nominated by their recruiters with final selection based on their performance during school. Only those individuals who have performed in a diligent manner and exemplify the best traditions of the Navy are chosen to participate in the program.

Anderson joined the Navy in June 1977.

On Honors List

Ferris State College has honored 494 students for scholastic excellence during the summer quarter by naming them to the Academic Honors List.

To be named to the Academic Honors List, a student must earn at least a 3.25 average on a 4.0 basis and carry a full academic load. A full load is defined as 14 quarter hours of credit.

Students from this area named to the list include Eugene E. Smith of Ada and David A. Vanwyck of Alto.

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Four Fatality Accident Stuns The Community



State County, and City of Lowell officials were on the scene early Saturday morning at the bizarre crash which claimed the lives of four Lowell area residents.—Photo by Modern Photographics.

Four Lowell area residents were killed instantly early Saturday morning, November 19, when the four-wheel drive jeep they were riding in plunged over a steep cliff in a county-owned gravel pit, north of Lowell. The jeep plunged 20 feet, overturned and pinned all four in the vehicle.

Found dead shortly after 7 a.m. by a hunter, were Jack Lucchesi, jr., 25, Santiago "Jim" Longoria, 30, Linda Koehn, 23, and Laurie Marshall, 19.

Investigating officers believe the accident happened around 2 a.m. in a hilly area off McPherson Road, adjacent to Fallsburg Park.

Kent County Sheriff's Sgt. Walter Hudenko said that there were three sets of tire tracks snaking up the 20-foot gravel hill. "It looks like they went up two times and bogged down,

before they made the hill and fell over the other side. I'm sure they didn't realize that the hill they were scaling ended abruptly in a sheer drop."

According to residents in the area, the site is used frequently by other four-wheel vehicles for hill-climbing excursions.

Lucchesi and Longoria were employed at Lucchesi's Pizza House in Lowell, and Miss Koehn and Miss Marshall worked together for the City of Lowell's Department of Public Works.

Funeral Mass was celebrated for Jack L. Lucchesi, jr., son of Jack and Emma Lucchesi, sr., of Lowell, Tuesday morning at St. Dominics' Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, with interment following in Resurrection Cemetery.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three half-brothers, Donald LaLonde of Caledonia,

Eugene LaLonde of Rose City and Terry LaLonde of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Hollis (Sandra) Morton of Tennessee; and his grandmother, Mrs. Elinor Lucchesi of Wyoming.

Private funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Posthumous Funeral Chapel in Grand Rapids for Santiago (Jim) Longoria, formerly of Byron Center.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; a son, Ricky; four brothers, Ray of Grand Rapids, Adrian of Wyoming, William and Manuel Longoria, both of Texas; a step-brother, Joe Garza of Wyoming, several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Laurie Ellen Marshall was born August 17, 1958, the daughter of Edwin and Faith Marshall of Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell. She attended Lowell Area Schools, and went to work for the City of Lowell in August of this year.

She resided at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home where services were held Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Alvin Yates of the Lowell Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial was made in Bailey Cemetery, Vergennes Township.

Besides her parents, she leaves four sisters, Mrs. Janice Sampson of Muskegon, Geraldyn Marshall of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Gary (Margaret) Sherman and Janelle Marshall, both of Lowell; four brothers, Gordon of Ionia, Donnal of San Jose, California, Charles and Dale, both of Lowell; her grandfather, Rev. Gordon Truesdell of Owosso; six nieces and nephews.

Miss Koehn of East Main Street, Lowell, a graduate of Ionia High School, worked for the Lowell Community Center before going to work for the City of Lowell.

Survivors include her mother Doris Koehn of Grand Rapids; her father, Raymond Koehn of Des Moines, Iowa; two sisters, Betty Celasquez of Ionia and Mrs. Thomas (Barbara) Dixon; a brother, Edward of Grand Rapids; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mase Rosser of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Bertha Koehn of Missouri.

No services were held for Miss Koehn, who will be cremated. Her family will receive her friends this Saturday, November 26, 1 to 3 p.m. at 219 1/2 East Main Street (Apt. 2, above the Western Auto Store), Lowell.

Briggs Honored By Players



Coach Howard Briggs is awarded a plaque of appreciation from the captains of his co-champion Lowell Wolverines. Left to right, Dale Erickson, Bill Briggs, Howard Briggs and Mike Barnes. The Wolverines were co-champs of the eight to nine year-old division of the Thornapple Valley Youth Football League this fall, which has teams from Caledonia, Middleville and Lowell; hosting divisions for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 year olds. Lowell had two teams in each division this year having co-championship teams in the 8-9 and 12-13 division and the champion team in the 10-11 division. The award was given at an appreciation banquet held at Paul's Family Showboat Restaurant Monday, November 21. Showboat owner Paul Erickson donated the meal and hosted the entire team along with some of their parents. Briggs has been coaching the team for the last three years, but this was his last year as he is taking over the job of Commissioner of the Lowell teams next year.

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Jerry Cook of 525 High Street, Lowell, using a muzzle loader, downed an eight point buck on November 15. His first deer in three years of hunting, he made his lucky shot 2 1/2 miles southeast of Lowell.

Among the successful deer hunters on the opening day of

the 1977 firearm season was John Thomas of 510 N. Hudson Street, Lowell.

Athol Meder, Administrative Assistant at Anway Corporation of Ada, has been named a member of the newly formed Charitable Solicitation Review Board, a comprehensive program for monitoring of area organizations soliciting charitable funds from the public. This new advisory service has been created by the Better Business Bureau.

Elsworth Raymor of 11399 Dorothy Street, Key Heights, Lowell, suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning, November 16. He was taken to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he is in Room No. 5022 of the Intensive Care Unit.

Former Lowell residents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Olson and family will move next week from Manistique to their new home in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he will be working out of the State Police Post there. Their new address will be 4 North 31st Street.

An open house honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Huver of Lowell will be held Sunday, December 4, at St. Mary's School, 1 to 4 p.m., to be hosted by their five children. They have requested no gifts, please.

ANTIRECESSIONAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

The following report of the Actual Use of Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds has been issued by Grattan Township, according to Section C of expenditures:

Township Attorney Fees \$1,247

Patrick Malone, Clerk
Grattan Township

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

To find new ways to protect the unborn baby from birth defects, The National Foundation-March of Dimes supports 386 research programs in effect October 1, 1977, at universities and medical centers in the U.S.

OBITUARIES

METTERNICK — Ronald Metternick, aged 40, of 5896 David Highway, Saranac, 886, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.

He was born November 17, 1937 in Lowell, the son of Harvey and Ruth (Carlson) Metternick.

He worked for the Maintenance Department at Universal Metal Products in Saranac for 15 years. He attended Lowell High School.

In 1956, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Rhoades of Saranac, and they have resided in Saranac since that time.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Steve and Scott, and a daughter, Stacy at home; his mother, Mrs. Ruth Metternick of Lowell; two brothers, Larry Metternick of Cascade and Jerry Metternick of Lowell; one sister, Mrs. Bruce (Janet) Place of Novi; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held this Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Rothman-Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with the Rev. Earl Cross officiating. Burial will be in Saranac Cemetery.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 Wednesday and 7 to 8:30 on Thursday at the funeral home.

ECKMAN — Graveside services for Mrs. Ivah M. Eckman, 80, who died Monday, November 14, at the Barry County Medical Facility were held Wednesday, November 16, at the Hastings Township Cemetery. Rev. Robert Taylor officiated.

Mrs. Eckman was born on Feb. 9, 1897, in Barry County, the daughter of Grant and Margaret (Burns) Keeler.

She married Frank Walters in 1914 and she had been employed for about five years, working as a practical nurse in several area homes and at sunset Acres. On June 14, 1932, she married Peter J. Eckman who died Jan. 23, 1974.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick Eckman of Hastings and Charles Eckman of Battle Creek; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Mirey of Arizona and Mrs. Mildred McCormick of Florida; a stepson, Carroll Eckman of Ada; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Vern (Lillian) Sturges of Lowell and Helen Eckman of Grand Rapids; three brothers, George, Arthur and Earl Keeler, all of Hastings; several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

DALSTRA — Fred A. Dalstra of 2594 Buttrick Avenue, Ada, passed away Friday evening, November 18, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 69 years old.

A longtime resident of the Ada area, he was a life member of Owen-Ames-Kimball Construction Company.

Interment was made in the Cascade Cemetery, following funeral services Monday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. The Rev. Wilfred Fiet of the Ada Community Reformed Church was the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Dalstra is survived by his wife, Addie; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard (Donna) Pipes of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Joseph (Jean) Jordan of Vincentown, New Jersey, and Mrs. Paul (Roslyn) Burch of Holland; a son Edward of Lompoc, California; two brothers, Gary Dalstra of Lowell and Albert Dalstra of Grand Rapids; four sisters, Mrs. Lyndon (Eliot) Humphrey of Alto; Mrs. Ada Heemstra of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Martin (Edith) DenBoer of Saranac; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Dalstra of Lowell; ten grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

KLOMPSTRA — Sam Klompstra, aged 48, of 1505 Laurie Gail Drive, Lowell, passed away Sunday morning, November 20, at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Klompstra were held Wednesday afternoon, November 23, at 2 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Dr. Paul Dollaske of Alton Bible Church officiating. Burial was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Klompstra is survived by his wife, Sharon; his children, Mrs. Dale (Linda) Doane of Dorr, Dennis and Richard of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Nick (Rita) Crama of Wayland, Mark of California, Scott, Tony and James, all of Lowell; and six grandchildren.

He also leaves two brothers, James and Sidney, both of Grand Rapids; and two sisters, Alice Mulkey of Belmont and Jennie Banks of Grand Rapids.

RUFNER — Merl Rufner, well-known resident of the Clarksville area for many years passed away at the Kent Community Hospital in Grand Rapids Thursday, November 17. He was admitted to the hospital November 7 and had been in for about five years, suffering from heart disease.

He was born December 3, 1909, at Jennings, Michigan, the son of Leslie and Leta (Blakeley) Rufner, and attended Mt. Pleasant Schools. He married M. Marie Jepson of Clarksville area in 1950, the couple resided in the Saranac and Grand Rapids areas.

He was employed by the Ionia County Road Commission for many years, retiring in 1969 due to ill health. He was a former volunteer fireman in Kelloggville and Clarksville and was also a special deputy for the Ionia County Sheriff's Department.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Russell (Elizabeth) Brock of Clarksville (three sisters), Mrs. Howard (Jessie) Moffet of Elwell, Michigan, Mrs. Lena Lienna of Humble, Texas, and Hazel Fertaw of Mt. Pleasant; and seven grandchildren.

The Rev. Arthur Ruder and Rev. James Frank officiated at the services conducted Saturday afternoon, November 19, at the Clarksville Wesleyan Church. Interment was made in Clarksville Cemetery by the Pickens-Koops Funeral Home, Clarksville.

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\$30 For A Cantaloupe?

For those who think food is high in this country (and it's not when you work less time to earn it than at anywhere else in the world), then you need to travel around the world and check how much better off we are than others.

Recently, an American livestock producer was visiting a Japanese supermarket and found a cantaloupe priced for \$30. That sounds almost unbelievable until you find that just a few feet away in the meat counter he found beef priced at \$40 a pound, and at the bread counter, there was bread at nine cents a slice. Japan's rate of inflation is currently at ten percent and that's had a lot to do with its food prices being among the highest in the world. However, inflation is only part of the story.

Japan is an island economy, about the size of California, but with a population about half that of the United States. Farmland has always been scarce, and just like in this country, it's shrinking into parking lots and buildings. The high price of red meat in Japan is tied to this problem because they have no wide open range, or large acreages of lush pastures, and therefore their beef raising is very limited. This is why the Japanese eat only about eight pounds of beef per person per year, compared to our 120 pounds per person.

Beef would be popular there, but price understandably keeps consumption down as the Japanese stay with fish, poultry and soybean substitutes. Also, understandably, U.S. livestock producers would like to ship more beef into the Japanese market. Any increase in beef sales would be another boost in U.S. farm exports, which is already the largest single factor in helping correct our serious imbalance of trade.

No doubt most cattle producers would sell at considerably less than \$40 a pound, too.

Engaged

The engagement of Miss Carolyn Nagel to David Lee McCall has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nagel of Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCall of Clarksville are the future bridegroom's parents.

Miss Nagel is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg School, Middleville, and the groom is a graduate of Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa.

Wedding plans are being made for a July 8 ceremony.

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Lowell BIRTHDAY EDUCATION

It is apparent from watching television that all the rugged outdoor types have some sort of animal companion. Rugged outdoor types have bears, mountain lions or a horse. Fencing myself as the outdoor type, perhaps not nearly so rugged, I decided that the only thing my image was missing was an animal companion.

I gave it a great deal of thought and came up with Ben. Ben is a little unlike the other animal companions you see on television. It would be rugged and outdoorsy to relate how I saved Ben from a hungry pack of wolves or rescued him from a group of angry ranchers. The truth is that Ben is a hamster from a local pet store.

Just because a hamster was born and raised in the city does not make him any less outdoorsy. Actually, Ben and I are rather compatible. Hamsters are not noted for their ruggedness but at least they are not smelly (except for Ben's bad breath) and eat far less than some dusty old bear.

Some people might question the usefulness of a hamster. On television the bears, mountain lions and horses are forever saving the life of their human counterpart. I recall scenes, and Ben does too, of bears going to find help, and mountain lions scaring off packs of vicious wolves. Perhaps I am lucky that I have never run into such predicaments but Ben has proved himself useful just the same.

One day while cruising down the highway, chatting hamsterese with Ben, I was stopped by a police officer. Unconvinced that the atmosphere was playing tricks on his radar, I was issued a citation for speeding. Ben was quick to come to my defense with a well-placed bite on the officer's thumb. I am not really sure how much help this was but it made me feel better although I also got a citation for harboring a dangerous animal, with bad breath.

The very next day I had my say in court to defend Ben and show he was not a dangerous animal. The judge asked for the citation wherein I reached into my pocket and produced a handful of chewed paper. Apparently Ben felt the craving to gnaw and found the citation a reasonable substitute for an officer's thumb. At this point I had no argument in my defense, paid the fine and tried to figure out how I might cure Ben's bad breath with D-Con.—Steve Harrington.

Holiday Morotorsists Urged To Be Alert

"With Thanksgiving travel ahead for many families, the International Association of Chiefs of Police is making its annual effort to remind motorists to plan holiday trips carefully," Lowell's Chief of Police, Barry D. Emmons, announced.

A major problem, according to Chief Emmons is that Thanksgiving trips often take motorists into areas hit early by winter storms and for which drivers aren't prepared.

For advance warnings, the Chief recommended that motorists keep alert for National Weather Service Bulletins. A flexible schedule should be planned in case dangerous weather warnings are issued.

Other recommended "preparedness" tips include:

Ready your emergency equipment—make sure your trunk contains things you need if a storm does catch you on the road—tire chains, booster cables, a tow chain, and the other winter equipment that could save you and your family's lives.

Ready your vehicle—have a reputable mechanic safety check your car and correct any deficiencies—the heater-defroster system, anti-freeze, brakes, tires, lights, windshield wipers and washers.

Ready yourself—plan a sensible schedule with plenty of rest before and during your trip. Plan routes carefully to avoid periods of heavy traffic.

"The police will be out in force to keep traffic moving smoothly," Chief Emmons promised.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 25: Pat Vezino, Minnie Huffman, Ethel Doyle, Ethel Rivette, Brian Buck, Amy Swift.

November 26: Joan Durkee, Jeanne Post, John Erickson, Evelyn Barnes, Stacie Nead, Ray Smith.

November 27: Bruce Phillips, Bonnie Vezino, Flossie Holmes, Richard Page, David Yeiter, Teresa Hale.

November 28: Kris Kuiper, Paul Brandt, Linda Roth, Olen Miller, Jr.

November 29: Margaret Gardner, Lois Klunk, Jerry Francis, Larry Boss, Ann Bowen, Gary Rivers.

November 30: Ona Ross, Susan Sawdy, Michael Smith, Janet Englert, Lola Shaffer, Cheryl Andrews.

December 1: Chuck Gochenour, Jack Fonger, Oral Jessup, Jill Sweadas, Bruce Ling, Travis Briggs, Tim Maris.

Names for the December birthday list can be added by calling 897-9261. Surprise your relatives and friends.

HOME GROWER INTERESTS AT SOCIETY MEETING

Sometimes the home grower with five trees can be as frustrated by mice damage as the commercial orchardist with 100 acres. "We've included the problems of the home-owner and small grower in this year's meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural Society," said Dr. James Flore, the Society's educational coordinator.

The annual meeting takes place Dec. 6-8 in the George W. Welsh Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids. The feature on animal control is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, Dec. 8. The short course will run from 1:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Ballroom of the Pantlin Hotel.

THANKSGIVING SMORGASBORD DINNER

Noon to 4 p. m.

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The First United Methodist Church at 621 East Main Street, Lowell, will stage a "Holiday Magic Bazaar" on Thursday, December 1. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the bazaar will feature baked goods...

and 1 p.m. a luncheon of soup, sandwiches, pies and cookies will be served to the public in the downstairs dining room. Put a little Holiday Magic in your Christmas this year by attending this Bazaar, planned to delight each and every member of the family.

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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

By Pauline E. Spray

... there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24).
What is friendlier than a devoted loving dog? Pudgey was given to us when he was just a puppy. We declared he actually smiled when he saw us approaching his pen. Our visits thrilled him immensely. He would jump, wag his tail good naturedly, and nuzzle at us with his moist nose. His love and affection for us plainly showed.
L. M. Montgomery told me about Dog Monday in one of her delightful stories. When his master, Jim, went away to war, Dog Monday refused to leave the train station. Although he grew old and stiff with rheumatism, Monday remained beside the railroad tracks four years until Jim returned from overseas. The man's friends could be as devoted as he was.
Life would not seem worth living without someone to care for us. Somehow the burdens ease and the cares diminish.

"Letter From Washington"

In a previous column, I discussed how Michigan is being shortchanged by the federal government and what some of us are doing to correct this situation. Briefly, the problem is this: For every dollar Michigan taxpayers pay into the U.S. Treasury, the state receives only 65 cents back in federal spending.
This includes social security and welfare payments, defense contracts, government salaries, public works projects and all other federal outlays.
Although other states in the Midwest and Northeast have experienced a similar "dollar drain," Michigan is at the bottom, ranking 50th in a state-by-state comparison of federal taxes and spending. Obviously, this problem has serious implications for the state's economic future.
Where is the money going? For the most part, it's being channeled into the so-called "sunbelt"—the states in the South and Midwest—which already has a strong, vibrant economy and therefore needs the stimulus of federal spending the least.
Fortunately, congressmen and senators from the Midwest are making some headway in rewriting the formula which determines where the money goes under various federal programs. This can be seen clearly in two programs which came up for reauthorization this year—the local public works (LPW) program, which is designed to stimulate jobs, and community development (CD), which is geared to rejuvenating the nation's older cities.
Under round two of the LPW grants, the 5th District will be receiving roughly \$13 million. That compares with \$500,000 under round one of LPW, which was funded at the end of last year under the old formula. Even when one takes into account that the total cost of the program doubled from \$2 billion to \$4 billion, that's a hefty increase for the district.
A similar improvement occurred under community development. As a result of rewriting the formula, Grand Rapids will receive roughly \$3 million more over the next three years than originally anticipated.
However, I'm still concerned that area businesses and manufacturers may not be getting a fair share of federal contracts. The U.S. government is the largest dollar-volume purchaser of goods and services in the world. Yet, because of a lack of information, many West Michigan firms—especially small businesses—are missing out on their potential share of this huge market.
In these days of economic uncertainty, a government prime contract or subcontract could mean the difference between failure and success.
That's why on Friday, Feb. 3, I'll be sponsoring an all-day business development conference at the Pantland Hotel.
A district office is working with Gov. William G. Milliken's staff to bring in experts from several key federal and state agencies. They will cover a broad range of topics, including how to get started in business, what products state and federal governments are buying, how to qualify as a government supplier and how to go about getting a subcontract from a prime contractor such as General Motors or Ford Motor Co.
Too often, firms think only of large items when general contracts come to mind. They realize the Army buys tanks and that the state highway department needs cement, but overlook the fact that the government also needs paper supplies, pencils and typewriter ribbons.
If you would like more information on this upcoming seminar, contact my district office for details. It's located in Room 166 of the Grand Rapids Federal Building. The telephone number is (616) 451-8383.

Top Young Farmers Are Being Sought

The Michigan Jaycees, the state's largest young men's service organization, and Farm Bureau Insurance Group, the state's largest farm insurer, have teamed up in the search for Michigan's outstanding young farmer of 1978.
Through the joint venture, the two organizations will honor young men throughout the state who have chosen farming as a career.
In the coming weeks, Jaycee chapters across Michigan, aided by Farm Bureau Insurance Group, will interview local farmers between the ages of 18 and 35.
A judging panel will review the local candidates and select the community's outstanding young farmer, based on the candidate's contributions to local agriculture, the community and conservation.

All offices of the STATE SAVINGS BANK of Lowell will be closed all-day Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day... Open Friday as usual.

COMING EVENTS

FRI., NOV. 25: Lowell Lodge #90 M.M. 3rd degree team will practice Friday, November 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Temple. Degree work will be given Tuesday, November 29. All members plan to attend.
MON., NOV. 28: The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Vanity Beauty Shop, 203 E. Main St. Guests are invited to attend this meeting. Please bring your table service and a vegetable or dessert dish to pass. Dinner at 6 p.m. with regular meeting at 8 p.m.
WED., DEC. 7: The December Forum Meeting of Church Women United of the Grand Rapids area will be held Friday, December 7, at St. Jude Catholic Church, 3455 Assumption, N.E., at Four Mile Road, 9:15 a.m. Registration, coffee and Friendship.
FRI., DEC. 2: School of Instruction for Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will be held Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple. All officers please try to attend.
SAT., DEC. 3: Vergennes Township Residents—Come, enjoy a Chinese Chop Stick Dinner, family style, Saturday, December 3, serving 5 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$2; children 8 years and under, \$1; under 3 years, free. Corner of Bailey and Parnell Avenues. Door prizes too. Sponsored by Vergennes United Methodist Youth Group.
SAT., DEC. 3: 5 to 7:30 p.m., FISH FRY - Fish, potatoes, bread, salad, dessert, etc. Public invited. All you can eat. Masonic Temple, Lowell.
SUN., DEC. 4: St. Patrick's Church of Parnell will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar at the church on Sunday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas decorations, baked goods, plants, gifts, door prizes and food will be offered.
TUES., DEC. 6: Representative Harold Sawyer will be at the Kent County Farm Bureau office, 6525 Alpine Avenue, Grand Rapids, Tuesday, December 6, 8 p.m., to update the farmers on what's happening in Washington. Come and get acquainted; everyone welcome. Sponsored by the Kent County Farm Bureau Women.

WED., DEC. 7: Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will have their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 7 at Inga Weeks' home at 6 p.m. Bring your table service and dish to pass. There will be a \$2 gift exchange. Meet at the Temple at 5:30 p.m. to form car pools.
FRI., DEC. 9: There will be a family potluck dinner before the regular monthly meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. on Friday, December 9 at the Lowell Masonic Temple. Please bring your table service and a vegetable or dessert dish to pass. Dinner at 6 p.m. with regular meeting at 8 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rowley of Middle Lake, will observe their 50th anniversary at an open house on Sunday, November 27, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Local 138 UAW Union Hall in Hastings.
Eva Jane Lewis and Charles William Rowley were married on November 24, 1927, at the Presbyterian Parsonage by the Rev. Leason Sharpe.
Mr. Rowley was employed at the E.W. Bliss Company in Hastings for 45 years, retiring in 1966. They have six children, Helen Sever of Wyoming, Charles (Wayne) of Naples, Florida, Claude of DePere, Wisconsin, Ann Pavik of Hastings, Fern Sesse of Alto, Ruth Daugherty of Hastings, 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Looking forward to greeting their friends and relatives, the Rowleys have requested no gifts, please.

It is quite possible that the most important thing about your valuable goods, collectibles, antiques, and prized personal property is the kind and amount of insurance coverage you have provided.
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They were Lori Swiger, senior; Craig Carigan, Lori Haller, Jill Kingsley, Mark Rhodes and Margi Varjo; juniors; Mary Lynn Sicklesteel, sophomore; Brenda Biggall, Lori Boike, Jamie Clover and Randy Murphy, freshmen; and Karen Biggs, Carrie Bush, Polly Emelander, Carol Mutschler and Melody Stahl, eighth grade.
Besides these honor students, 129 were placed on the honor listing for maintaining B or better averages. They were:
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Chris Coulton, Gary Gillette, Jeff Kneale, Laureate Loy, Joel Mutschler, Dan Newell, Cathy Overbeck, Wanda Pichford, Sheri Soules.
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Those giving from the Saranac area were Merrill Ryan Simmons, William Warner, Lou Harris, Ronald Weeks, William Taylor, Winifred Koss, Roy Griffin, Mac Phillips, Yvonne Binder, John Fisher.
Jean Mackay, Kenneth O'Grady, Bruce Chadwick, Steve Willison, Leone Rhodes, Margie Sprague, Juanita Sprague, Dale Sprague, Marilyn Sprague, Sandra Sage, David Walter, Leon Walter, Kristine Fry, Philip Jones.
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Sauté two diced onions, two diced green peppers, one cup of the cooking juices and one cup of crumbled whole wheat snack wafers in the juice. Sauté two diced onions, two diced green peppers, one cup of diced celery, one-half cup finely chopped parsley and a half dozen sliced mushrooms in 3 tablespoons of Michigan Grade A butter.
When these ingredients have softened, stir in one-half cup

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CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, November 7, 1977. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Mayor Christiansen, the Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen Collins, McCambridge, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the Minutes of the October 17 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman McCambridge.

Carried.
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Pfalter.

Yes: All.
No: None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$89,724.52
Major Street Fund	\$ 564.48
Local Street Fund	\$ 1,115.77
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,516.80
Water Fund	\$22,633.02
Equipment Fund	\$ 4,281.66

The first item on the Agenda was the discussion of the proposed purchase of the Clare Brown property on South Hudson Street. Manager Quada reported that a purchase price had been agreed upon, pending Council approval.

Purchase of Clare Brown Property
The following resolution was offered by Councilman Warning, supported by Councilman Pfalter for adoption.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell is interested in acquiring parcel No. 20-02-452-002; and

WHEREAS, said parcel is currently owned by Mr. Clare A. Brown, 1020 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, Michigan 49331; and

WHEREAS, all property taxes have been paid on said parcel; and

WHEREAS, Storm and Sanitary Sewer Special Assessments totaling \$1,003.80 are due on said parcel;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City purchase parcel No. 20-02-452-002 from Clare A. Brown for a price of \$7,500.00 cash, and assume the Storm and Sanitary Special Assessment of \$1,003.80 for a total purchase price of \$8,503.80.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$8,503.80 be expended from the Building and Site Fund.

Yes: Councilmen Collins, McCambridge, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen.
No: None.
Absent: None.

REPAIR SEWER CONNECTION M-21

Council next discussed the proposed sanitary sewer connection on M-21. Manager Quada gave a brief background on discussions held with Lowell Township, and that details were still being worked out for the final agreement to cover such projects in the future. Council concurred to allow the Ramjet hookup, pending the proposed changes.

Tree Trimming Bids

Manager Quada then reported that bids had been received from four tree service companies for approximately 80 hours of necessary trimming. They were as follows:

Davey	\$2,960
Doering	\$2,936
Christiansen	\$1,880
Shepard	\$1,880

Councilman Warning stated he was against hiring a private firm to do the work. He stated he felt City crews should do the work themselves, using the Light and Power bucket truck.

Manager Quada replied that the City does not have insurance coverage for such types of jobs done by regular employees, the cost is prohibitive for only trimming a few times a year, also, that City crews do not have the time or training to do a proper pruning job, they can cut out dead or broken branches that are hazardous.

The discussion then turned to the possibility of making the wood available to Lowell residents for fireplaces, etc. Council concurred.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Pfalter that the low bid of \$1,880 submitted by Shepard Tree Service be accepted, supported by Councilman Collins.

Yes: Councilmen Collins, McCambridge, Pfalter and Christiansen.
No: Councilman Warning.
Absent: None.

Remarks from Audience

Mr. Bill McPherson was present, representing National Underwriters in a program entitled "Family Time." He stated that Governor Milliken would soon be asking Michigan communities to proclaim Thanksgiving Week as Family Time Week, and asked that the City of Lowell would concur in the proclamation. Council did concur, with information to be published in the Grand Valley Ledger.

Proposed Lease-Grand Rapids Bible School Airport

Next was a discussion on the proposed lease agreement with the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, for property at the Lowell Airport.

Manager Quada explained that at the last meeting, he had noted their request for an extension of five years on the existing lease, which would then amount to the 20 year lease now between the City and John Cornell. In exchange for the five year extension, the Bible School is offering to do the following: enlarge two offices and add one classroom, to free the main lounge to transient flyers and regulars who use the airport, improve the lighting system, and construct a blacktop entrance to the hangars. Manager Quada recommended adoption of the lease. The matter will be turned over to the Airport Committee for study and recommendation.

Manager's Report

Under Manager's Report, the Manager announced the Odd Year General Election tomorrow (11-8-77). He thanked the Council for faithful service, and in view of the fact that Councilman Pfalter chose not to run again, and the untimely demise of Councilman Jeffries, there will be some new faces at the Council table in January.

He stated that he wished to take the next few minutes of his Manager's Report to reflect on the accomplishments over the last two years as a group.

He then listed as follows:

- The beginning and completion of the Water Treatment plant with only \$1,200 in changes, the culmination of a 20 year dream.
- Support of the Lowell Area Arts Council in the placement of the beautiful Kloak, and the floating of the Artisan.
- The Riverbank Project on the east bank of Flat River, an attraction to fishermen.
- The purchase of land for the North-South connector street and park.
- The purchase of additional land next to Recreation Park.
- The successful negotiation of the lease for additional tennis courts, and resolving disputes with the Schools on the same.
- The amendment of the Liquor Ordinance.
- The amendment of the overnight Parking Ordinance.
- Resolving water billing problems with the purchase of the Phillips bookkeeping system.
- The Foreman Building Improvements, to make it a more serviceable and useful building to City residents as it was intended.
- The addition of the fifth regular full time police officer.
- The Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study of surface water infiltration.
- The lease program for the Foreman Building, making it available to City Residents.
- The City-wide radio system.
- The purchase of the police radar system.
- The Library and City Hall renovation.
- The Street System and Sign System Survey.
- Establishment of the Building Fund.
- Gaining approval of the shared fire cost with surrounding townships.
- The establishment of a purchasing fund for fire equipment.
- The approval of the Senior Neighbor gift, making it possible for the center to remain in the City.

Council Remarks

Mayor Christiansen complimented Manager Quada, noting that he had been very instrumental in all the accomplishments.

Councilman Collins stated that the best accomplishment was in the hiring of Ray Quada.

Councilman McCambridge stated that he was impressed with the list, and although he had only served a short while with the present group, was glad to be part of it.

Councilman Warning also thanked the Manager for his efforts and cooperation in resolving conflicts between the City and the 4-H Board.

Councilman Pfalter noted three other accomplishments that the Manager had left out, the lighting fixtures at Recreation Park, due to the diligence of Councilman Collins and the Manager, the accountability of the Lee Funds, and the City-wide re-evaluation of assessed values of property.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mayor Christiansen at 9:30 p.m.

Approved: November 21, 1977.
ROBERT CHRISTIANSEN, Mayor
RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

Big Wheel Winners

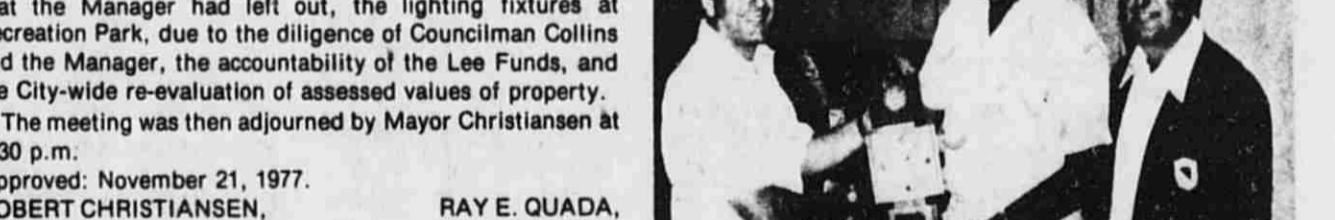


Atwood Corporation recently rewarded the sales performance of William Miller and Associates with the presentation of the Atwood "Big Wheel Award." Left to right, Roger Caldwell, William Miller, Jr., of William Miller and Associates; R. E. Wiggeman, Atwood Vice-President of Marine Sales; William Miller, Robert O'Neal and Joe Miller of Miller and Associates.

At a recent sales meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, Atwood Corporation of Lowell presented its annual "Big Wheel Award" to two sales organizations who tied for the top honors for outstanding sales performance.

R. E. Wiggeman, Atwood Vice-President of Marine Sales, presented the award to William Miller and Associates of Nashville, Tennessee, and P. F. Brunger Export Company of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The award is determined on the criteria of the actual dollar increase in sales volume in combination with the percent of sales volume increase. The winning firms exhibited outstanding performance in both areas.



P. F. Brunger Export Company receives the Atwood Big Wheel Award for outstanding sales performance from Atwood Corporation Vice-President of Marine Sales, R. E. Wiggeman, left. Accepting the award is P. F. Brunger, center and Fred Kogelmeyer, right.

Sportsmen Need Written Permission

Phasant hunting is over this year, deer season is here. The time has come when the snowmobiles take to the woods and fields.

That makes this a good time to remind sportsmen about the new law regarding hunting permission from landowners before hunting, fishing or operating a snowmobile or off-road vehicle (ORV) on private land.

According to Glenn Dudderar, Extension specialist in fisheries and wildlife at Michigan State University, the law is designed to protect the landowner against unlawful trespass and liability for injuries occurring on his land. At the same time, the law aims to make the responsible outdoor sportsmen more acceptable to the landowner, who may then be more willing to let others make recreational use of his land.

The law, which went into effect Jan. 1 of this year, applies to land that is actively farmed, fenced or posted, or to land that is adjacent to farmland. It requires anyone who wants to hunt, fish or operate a snowmobile or ORV to get written permission from the landowner.

"One of the problems with the law so far is that landowners have been reluctant to give written permission," Dudderar observes. "They seem to think that it will make them liable if someone gets hurt on their property. Though many of them don't realize it, property owners are already liable for injuries occurring on their land if they come about as a result of the landowner's negligence. Giving written permission to sportsmen under this law does not affect the landowner's liability, however. So it's really in the landowner's interest to give written permission when he chooses to let someone use his land."

Permission forms are available from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Farm Bureau and the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The landowner and the sportsman fill out the two-part forms together. The landowner keeps the half that has the user's name, home address, car license number and date. The portion the sportsman receives include the date or dates he will be on the property, a description of the property, the signatures of the sportsman and the landowner, and the sportsman's license or registration number. It also carries some rules for safe, responsible use of the land.

Conservation officers of the DNR, as well as other law officers, are responsible for enforcing the law, but they do not make spot checks of hunters, fishermen and others to see whether they have written permission, according to Dudderar. The landowner must call the conservation officer or local sheriff to apprehend trespassers. If the sportsman do not have written permission to use the land, the specialist officers will issue a citation to appear in court. If convicted of trespassing, a misdemeanor, they can be fined and/or jailed.

Invited guests of the landowner and the members of his/her family do not need written permission to use the land. Dudderar notes.

"Responsible, law-abiding sportsmen should be glad of the opportunity to identify themselves and secure the landowner's permission to use the land," the specialist observes. "Likewise it's to the landowner's advantage to know and be able to control who is doing what on his property. It's hoped that enforcement of this law will help weed out the less responsible recreational land users and minimize the bad feelings that sometimes occur. Eventually the law may mean more private lands opened to recreational uses."

POLLUTION CONTROL
The cost of complying with requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act will total almost \$450 billion over the decade that began in 1976, according to a report issued by the American Farm Bureau Federation's Natural and Environmental Resources Division. That amount comprises about two percent of the gross national product!

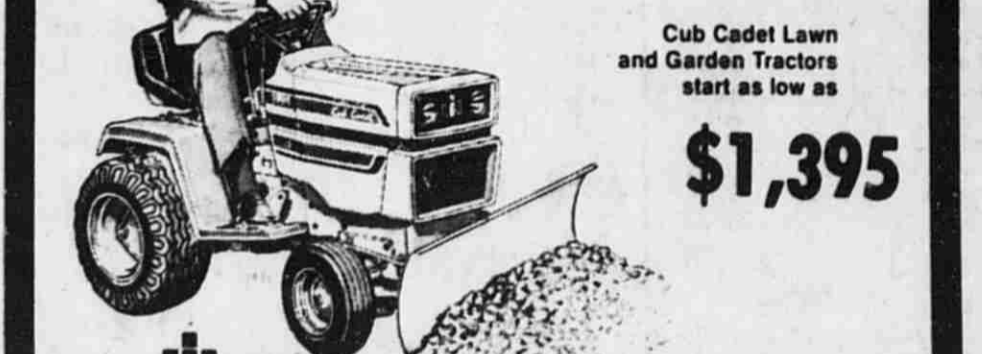
The tentative text of said proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Map may be examined at the Township Hall, 11680 Belding Road, Grattan, Michigan any weekday, Monday through Friday, inclusive, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dated: November 1, 1977
George Poulas, Secretary
Grattan Planning Commission

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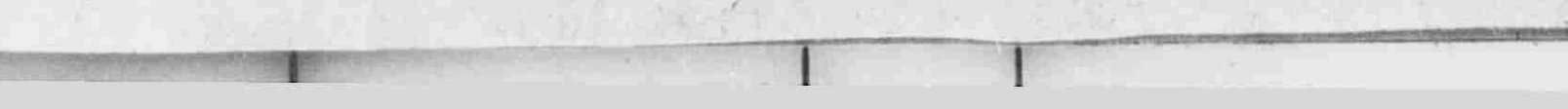
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Retired, But She Hasn't Stopped Living

This is the second of a series on the Women's Resource Center, a United Way Agency.

The next session at the Women's Resource Center, also free of charge, was with a Career Specialist, Clara Andersons. Clara, at 69, is one of the most vivacious women I've met in a long time. She may be retired, but she hasn't stopped living... and is an example of what a woman can do if she wants to! Her whole life has been filled with learning and working and living. For most of her life she has been involved in helping other women to grow.

Originally from Latvia, Clara received several degrees there. She was a junior high teacher in chemistry and physics and had graduated from the university with degrees in physiology and endocrinology plus she was a dietitian. Unfortunately, her scholastic work was not accepted here in the United States. This did not deter her to sit and brood. She went through several different jobs in quick succession to learn what was the difference here. She attended classes in nutrition and public relations. In about six months she became a cafeteria dietitian at a hospital.

"It was a good job," Clara related, "but it wasn't challenging. I began to look for employment with more chal-



Clara Andersons, a Career Specialist at the Women's Resource Center, a United Way Agency.

enge. I found one at American Seating." Here she started in a junior position, only shortly to rise to the head of the department.

"I kept learning and observing how things are done here. I ended up working and taking a Master's Degree at the University of Michigan in counseling and guidance while working all the time. There is for everyone a chance to do more than one thing in life!"

She began the Career Counseling session by getting a restatement of what the client

wants. Does she definitely want a job? Does she need the money or is she looking for fulfillment? In what areas would she like to work or doesn't she really know?

While Clara is discussing these things with the client, she tries to analyze the woman's strengths. Does she have inner security or is she insecure? Is she timid or outgoing? Fall of Anxiety? What are her professional strengths? Her ambitions? Her real desires? Her education?

"Then," she says, "if it can be done, we go about it realistically. It may take some additional training. Going through some of the classes here may strengthen a person so she can zero in on what she has and what she can use."

She also suggests that the client take the interest inventory which takes about 45 minutes. The test plus interpretation cost \$8.25. "There is no one job for one interest," she emphasized. "Today there are many jobs in a field and I try to make a client aware of them. There are places for women over 40. Sometimes a client like a teacher may need some re-education, but there are adjacent areas for her to go into. Look at me!" And then Clara will often share her personal experiences to strengthen the rapport between them.

"And another thing," Clara's eyes flashed as she continued, "we as women must learn how to become professionals. Whether you are a dishwasher, a school principal, a typist, there is a difference whether you display mental attitudes which show you are a professional or whether you just happen to be on a job. We women cut ourselves short of higher paying jobs because we have too many needs which have nothing to do with the job. We must think of the purpose of our being on the job in the first place. We don't go to a job to be loved. As a professional, our foremost want should be to be proficient. You do not have to have a love affair with your job."

There could be no more inspirational example to any woman than Clara. She herself is using all her emotional, physical and intellectual strengths as she tries to inspire her clients to do. She herself keeps reading and thinking. She keeps up to date on changing jobs, job opportunities, educational opportunities. She looks and feels and acts like a woman far younger than her actual years. "The world is moving," says Clara. "And if her clients don't, it surely isn't her fault. Gloria Slykhouse.



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By Roger Brown

I'm sure that all of you have complained about modern technology seems to be shaping up about as predicted. Although it's too early to take any hard and fast judgments concerning the final overall picture, hunters generally seem pretty pleased with the way things are so far. The next big push, as far as hunting pressure goes, will be during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Although the bulk of the deer taken each season are bagged the first few days, the long Thanksgiving weekend usually accounts for a fairly decent chunk in the overall kill. Many of the deer harvested during this particular time come from the southern Lower Peninsula. This is due partly to the fact that many of the hunters who were unsuccessful in their earlier

forays to the north are now concentrating their efforts closer to home.

Most of this effort comes in the form of a "drive." Hunters get together with a few buddies and look to the swamps, swales, pine plantations, woods and other forms of heavy cover to fill out their tags. The deer are pretty well "holed" up in these areas at this time of the year and an organized drive is about the only way to roast them out.

More on the deer season as information trickles in.

The 1977 trapping season is drawing quite a bit of interest from sportsmen in the West Michigan area. High fur prices and an abundance of fur bearers are a couple of the reasons credited for this special appeal.

I recently talked with Don Hoyt, president of the National Trapper's Association, and asked him how things were shaping up for the states' trappers.

"I expect prices will run about the same as they did last year," said Hoyt. "except for possum, they'll be up a little from last year. Last year they brought between one and four dollars. This year they will be worth between two and six dollars."

Hoyt, who lives in Marshall, Michigan, is the former president of the Southern Michigan Trappers Association.

Prices on other furbearers will again be high this year says Hoyt. Last year muskrats brought as high as \$7.75 per pound between \$55 and \$60, raccoon between \$25 and \$30, male mink between \$20 to \$28 and female mink between \$17 and \$21.

Hoyt was exceptionally happy the day I talked with him because of the outcome of a crucial anti-trapping vote in Ohio.

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at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street.

The purpose of the Hearing will be to hear a request of Mr. Donald Seakel to rezone a parcel of property located on North Center Street, directly across from Dr. Myers' office building, from A-2 Single Family Residential to A-3 Multiple Family Residential and Apartments, to allow construction of a four family apartment building.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Ray E. Guada, City Clerk

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Lowell Township TAX NOTICE

Taxes are due and payable in the Township of Lowell between December, 1977, and February 14, 1978.

I will be at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., on Thursdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. beginning December 1.

Dog licenses are due and payable January 1, and current certification of vaccination is required.

Assistance will be provided Senior Citizens and Veterans for the Michigan CR1040 Homestead Tax Forms.

Anyone desiring to register for voting may also do so at this time.

Doris Boyd, Lowell Township Treasurer

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LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Appeals handed down the following decisions reached after the necessary public hearings:

1) GRANTED the variance request from the LOWELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD which now allows them to construct a church within Section 14 of Lowell Township;

2) GRANTED the variance request from MICHAEL VERDON which now allows him to build a single dwelling on a piece of property in Section 16 of Lowell Township; and

3) DENIED the variance request from LAWRENCE CONRAD which would have allowed him to construct some multi-family units within Section 15 of Lowell Township.

Carel L. Wells, Lowell Township Clerk

ROTARY NOTES

Carl Marcus of the National Alliance of Businessmen spoke at the noon meeting of Lowell Rotary Club on Wednesday, November 16.

Acting as Metro Director of NAB, Mr. Marcus is on loan from his position at Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Speaking enthusiastically about his work, Marcus related the need of businessmen to hire, train and retain the unemployed. Marcus gives his expertise to employers to help them help the "hard core" unemployed and, in turn, benefit themselves from the program.

Marcus described his efforts as helping business leaders realize the responsibility and opportunity in hiring the unemployed. Vietnam Veterans, ex-offenders, etc.

"Join me in helping people help themselves," said Marcus as he drew his challenging address to a close.

Guests attending the meeting were: Ronald Story and Harold Zeigler, sr.

GRAIN NOTES

The loan period for support loans made to farmers for 1977 crop corn, wheat, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, and soybeans will be shortened from 11 to 9 months. Farmers who have already obtained 1977-crop loans have 30 days to consider an option of continuing the loans for 11 months or reducing them to nine months.

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DAIRY NOTES

Milk production for 1977 in 36 major producing countries will be a new record—up about 2% above last year's output. The major contributors to the increased production are the USSR, European community, and the U.S.

WHEAT SALE

The USDA announced a sale made production of private U.S. exporters of 7.3 million bushels of wheat to Morocco for the marketing year ending May 31, 1978. Coupled with the recent possibility of increased sales to the USSR, this sale should help strengthen the domestic wheat price.

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Girls Finishing Up '77 Season

The girl's varsity basketball team will be finishing up their 1977 season on their home courts Tuesday night against the Lakewood Vikings.

The girls' present record is 2-13. Though, not impressive to the public eye, anyone who has observed the development of girls basketball at Lowell will definitely agree it's a step upward.

The two victories were obtained by defeating the Belding

Redskins in two close and exciting games. The final scores were: 52 to 49 and 46 to 44.

Teamwork, improvement on basic skills and determination led the Arrows to some satisfied moments. Senior captain, Maureen Malone, leads the team with 102 points and 136 rebounds. Freshman Shirley Wilcox and junior Lisa Willyard, scored 74 and 71 points, respectively.

Helping Malone on the boards were: Diane Frazer (101), Elaine Blasher (84), Marcia Ralys (77), Lisa Willyard (60), Nancy Fish (56), and Shirley Wilcox (50).

The girl's basketball banquet is being scheduled for Thursday, December 8th, in the Middle School Cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m.

FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY RULES ARE CHANGED

Some families and senior citizens who applied for food stamps since August 5, 1974, and were not eligible may now be entitled to buy food stamps.

Persons who were ineligible since then because they were receiving rent subsidies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development should contact their local food stamp office. These persons may also be entitled to additional food stamps to make up for benefits lost because their application was denied.

Other persons were found eligible but were charged too much for their food stamps because of the HUD rent subsidy. These persons should also contact their local stamp offices. They may be eligible for a cash refund.

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Induction Ceremonies



Charles Lippert, right, greets the new Junior Lions, Jon Gerard, Gary Warning, Doug Heintzleman and Brian White

One new member and four junior members were inducted into the Lowell Lions Club at their monthly meeting, Tuesday, November 15, at Paul's Showboat Restaurant.

Inducted into membership was the Lowell City Manager Ray Quada, and Lowell High School Junior Lions Jon Gerard, Gary Warning, Doug Heintzleman and Brian White.

The Junior Lions will take part in all the club activities besides sitting in on the Board meetings.



Lowell City Manager Ray Quada left, is inducted into the Lowell Lions Club by Charles Lippert, right.

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Boy's Basketball 4-6:30-8:00	
High School Gymnasium	
Nov. 29	Delton Home (No Freshmen)
Dec. 2	Fremont Away
Dec. 6	Kent Occupational Home (Only Freshmen)
Dec. 9	Sparta Home
Dec. 16	Cedar Springs Away
Dec. 20	Greenville Away
Dec. 23	Belding Home
Dec. 27	F. H. Northern Home
Jan. 3	Rockford Away
Jan. 3	Kent Occupational Away (Only Freshmen)
Jan. 6	Coopersville Away
Jan. 13	Lakewood Away
Jan. 17	Fremont Home
Jan. 20	Sparta Away
Jan. 24	Middleville Away
Jan. 27	Cedar Springs Home
Feb. 3	Greenville Home
Feb. 7	Belding Away
Feb. 10	Coopersville Home
Feb. 14	Kenowa Hills Home
Feb. 17	Lakewood Home
Feb. 18	Ionia Away
Feb. 27-Mar. 4	District (Site to be assigned)
Mar. 7-11	Regionals (Site to be assigned)
Mar. 15	Quarter Finals
Mar. 17	Semi-Finals
Mar. 18	Finals
Wrestling 6:30-Junior Varsity 7:00-Varsity	
High School Gymnasium	
Nov. 26	Quad-F.H. Central 1:00
Dec. 1	Ionia Home
Dec. 6	Kenowa Hills Home
Dec. 8	Fremont Away
Dec. 13	Wyoming Park Home
Dec. 15	Sparta Home
Dec. 17	Olivet Tourn. Away (12:00)
Dec. 22	Cedar Springs Away
Dec. 30	Lowell Invitational (Tentative)
Jan. 5	Greenville Away
Jan. 12	Belding Home
Jan. 14	Mt. Pleasant Inv. Away (12:00)
Jan. 17	Union (G.R.) Away
Jan. 19	Coopersville Away
Jan. 21	Muskegon Inv. Away (12:00)
Jan. 26	Lakewood Home
Jan. 28	Conference Sparta
Feb. 4	District Assigned
Feb. 9	F.H. Northern Home
Feb. 11	Regionals Assigned
Feb. 17-18	State Kentwood

Think Snow!

Think Snow!! The Flat River Snomobile Club of Lowell held its regular meeting Sunday, November 20, at the Jaycees Club house on Burroughs Road.

The drawings were won by Steve Smith, Del TerVelde and Brad Potter. The dance turned out to be a huge success thanks to Karen Roscamp who headed up that committee and our good members who helped to make it so.

The door prizes were won by Wes Adrianse, Lucille Adrianse and Marge Raimers. Club members will be working on the Christmas Parade Float December 2, Friday evening, from 6 till 9 o'clock at the Zeigler Ford Garage. Faith Marshall is in charge with George Scheck assisting in putting it together. A special thanks to Harold Zeigler Ford for letting us use the space again this year and the new truck to pull the float.

Also discussed at this meeting was the M.I.S.A. Sno-safaris for Easter Seals. Anyone interested in more information on this may call our representative Lou Roscamp. Watch the paper for special events for December and plan for winter fun.

Anyone wishing to come visit please join us for a potluck dinner at the next meeting, 12:30 p.m. on December 18. The club's heartfelt condolences go out to Ed and Faith Marshall and family over the loss of their daughter, Laurie.

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