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Area Residents Are Shovelling Out, Following Century's Worst Blizzard

A public hearing before the Board of Appeals in Lowell Township has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 7, at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE. The hearing which will start at 8 p.m. will concern Richard Roth's request for a use variance which would allow him to construct multi-family units on property within Section 4 of the township.

Caution ladies in the area... The Lowell Police Department has been getting complaints of a man calling on the phone posing as a doctor from Grand Rapids, asking intimate questions about the ladies he's calling. This is not legitimate as the caller has ulterior motives and is in fact an obscene phone caller. Use caution if victimized by this person and contact your local police department.

A delicious Roast Beef Dinner will be served at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 East Main Street, this Thursday, February 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., presented by the United Methodist Women and the Senior High Fellowship.

The Tri-River Honors Band will be performing at the Lowell High School gymnasium on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m.; admission is free. There are 135 bandmen from the eight Tri-River schools involved in the performance, including 16 students from Lowell High School.

Reported to Lowell Police Officers Monday was the theft of money from the Free Press coin box on the corner of Amity and West Main Street. Approximately \$60.00 was taken from the box on two separate occasions.

Arrested on charges of resisting arrest and assault on a Police officer Friday evening on West Main Street was Rose Nead of Lowell. Also arrested at that time, for hindering and obstructing a police officer was Ronald Nead. Both were released on bond and are scheduled to appear at a later date before Judge Joseph B. White in Kent County's 63rd District Court.

Sighted to appear at a later date in Kent County's 63rd District was Michell Hodge of Lowell for attempting to flee and elude Police officers and operating a snowmobile on a roadway. The incident took place on Main Street, near the city parking lot, Friday evening.

The worst blizzard in history slammed into Michigan last Thursday, shutting down entire towns as fierce 60 mile per hour winds blew up to 10 foot drifts in places.

An avalanche of emergency declarations fell from county and municipal governments as the blizzard conditions closed schools, offices, factories, airports, stores, government buildings and highways.

The snow began accumulating rapidly shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday and continued to pile up through the night. Area residents found themselves virtually "snowed-in" when they awoke Thursday morning. Before the day ended and the snow had subsided, it was time to start digging out.

And dig they did; most residents finding themselves totally unprepared for winter's savage attack. Most households inadequately supplied with groceries, made desperate attempts to find a grocery store open or someone with transportation to buck the drifts to get them there.

When they did reach a store, they were lucky to pick up what they needed, for groceries were limited, due to the inability of delivery trucks getting through. Items that went the fastest according to area grocery store owners were beer, cigarettes, milk and bread.

About four a.m. Friday morning a 75-100 foot section of roof over a hallway in the east wing next to the gymnasium, at the Lowell Middle School collapsed under the weight of the snow, breaking the hot water pipes and extensively flooding the building. The mishap was not discovered until around 8 a.m. leaving a four hour period for the water to run.

Drifts in excess of six feet covered the area where the roof came down, and the damaged area was filled with approximately three inches of watery slush caused from the heat from the gymnasium wall.

Donald Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, said Monday the damage was covered by insurance, but predicted that the insurance company would more than likely file a lawsuit against architects, engineers and others involved in the construction of the building four years ago.

The damaged area has been reconstructed, as of Monday, with the steel beams intact, the deck on and waiting for the roofers. The steamfitters, according to Kelly hoped to have the heat back on Monday, although it will be some time before air and electrical repairs will be completed. "Possibly within two weeks the collapsed area will be back in use."

"No exact dollar value has been put on the amount of damage to date," Kelly said. He complimented the city's DPW department, bus drivers, teachers, and other volunteers who worked to clear the area of snow and debris.

Lowell city crews began snow removal efforts Wednesday night shortly after the snow started to fall and logged nearly 200 overtime manhours in its effort to stay ahead of the blizzard.

By midday Thursday, it was apparent that keeping north-south streets open would require all the available equipment. No attempts were made until Friday morning to reopen east-west streets.

Lowell City Manager Ray Quada reported Monday that the total cost of the City's snow removal efforts is not yet known, but it is expected to have a significant impact on the budgeted amount for handling snow removal throughout the year.

City crews will continue their efforts to remove snow from parking lots and areas of high traffic concentration. "Much to the dismay of many homeowners who have shoveled their driveways," Quada explained, "the city crews will be widening the streets to allow adequate traffic movements and consequently plugging drive entrances."

Vehicle owners are being asked "not" to leave their cars

and trucks on the streets during the upcoming weeks, so as not to hamper cleanup efforts.

The old adage that the "mail must go through" didn't prove to be right this time, as no incoming mail was received at the Lowell Post office from Thursday a.m. until Sunday evening.

In-town carriers able to walk to work Thursday morning made it to the post office on Broadway Street, and only one carrier living in the rural area, Bill Condon, made it in on his heavy-duty farm tractor.

From Thursday until Monday, there were no rural mail deliveries, with only limited service being made in the business district of the city.

NO MAKE-UP

In a decision handed down by the State Board of Educ. Monday, it was announced that school districts closed due to the storm, would not be required to make up the lost days at the end of the school year.

"Throughout the whole ordeal, there was a tremendous effort by everyone involved," explained Lowell Chief of Police Emmons. "We met every emergency situation that arose." A shuttle service was set up and with the help of snowmobilers, 4-wheelers, private contractors, the street department, reserve officers, and the rescue unit.

"The situation became a little tough when we were called upon to evacuate a man from the Montcalm Road area who had to be transported to the hospital." Several emergency vehicles got bogged down in giant drifts, before the man was hauled by horseback into an area where emergency vehicles could reach him. The rescue unit was called out four times during the storm.

"There's so many people to thank for their cooperation, that if I started mentioning them, one by one, I'd leave someone out," Emmons said. "I do extend my thanks to everyone who came to the aid of those stranded, snowed in, and pitched in to avoid any type of tragedies."

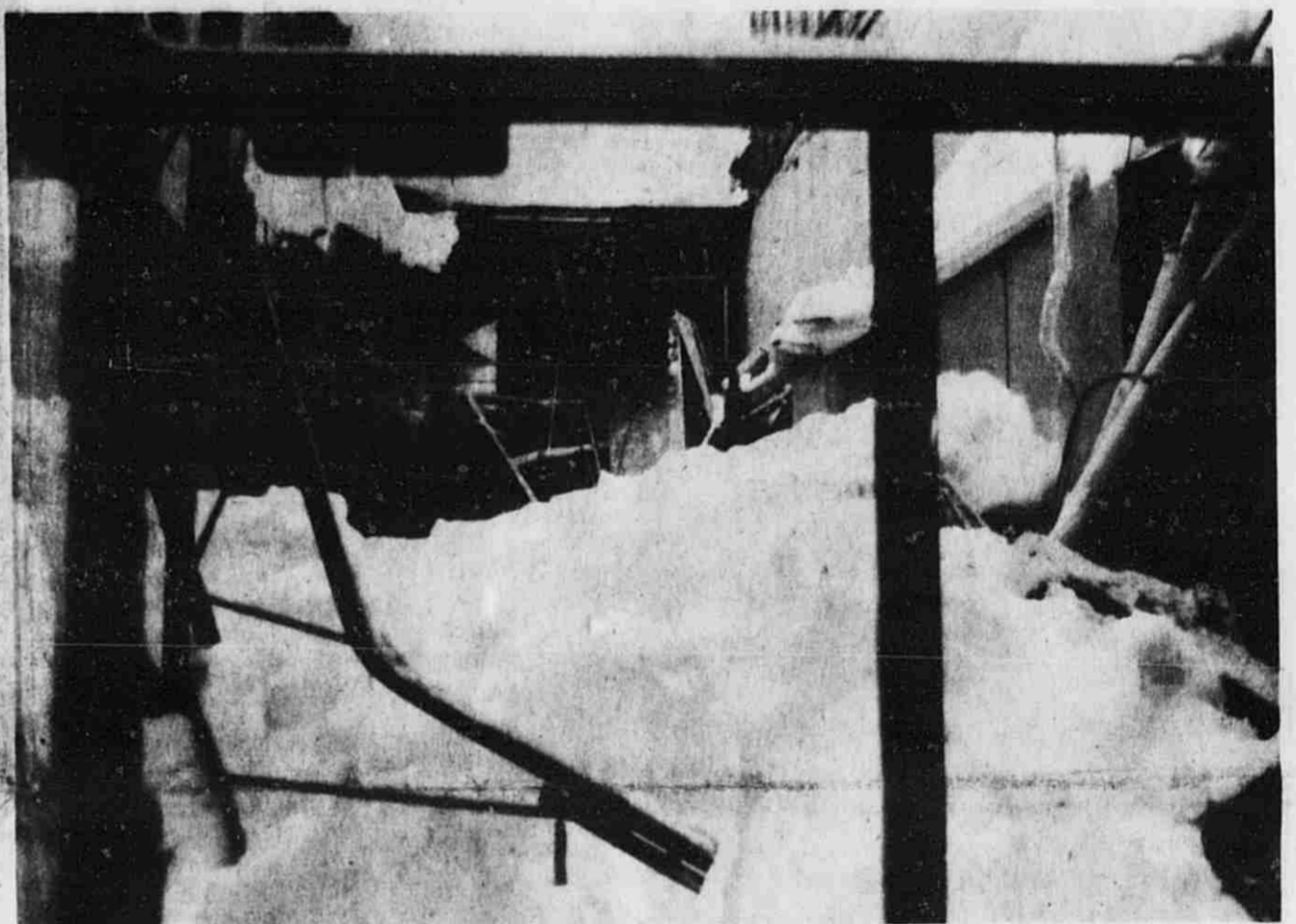
One of the vital suppliers to many homes in the area, Norgas Propane Company on Lowell's West Main Street, started digging their trucks out late Thursday afternoon, getting the job accomplished by Friday. Back on the road, they worked all day Saturday and Sunday to reach the customers in-need.

People in Saranac were found digging themselves out Friday and supplies at area supermarkets were holding up fairly well, according to Max Tullis, Village President.

As of Friday afternoon, Tullis indicated the village had received no reports of any serious problems and that streets were open with "snow removal people doing a tremendous job."

Tullis commented that the people in the village were in good spirits and adjusting to the snow conditions, adding if an

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Looking more like the effects of a bomb than a snow storm, the damage at the Lowell Middle School was extensive.

emergency did arise the "Community's probably better prepared to handle it now, than before the snow."

Over Alto-way, the Sky High React group, set up emergency operations in the Alto Tavern, and dispatched all emergency vehicles to residents in the surrounding area needing help.

Fifteen motorists stranded on the I-96 expressway were housed at the Bowne Township Hall and in area homes, and were served breakfast at the Alto Tavern.

Connie Vaughan a spokesman for the Sky High React group stated that a big thanks should go to Snyder Farm Supply and their employees for the use of equipment and operators; Colby Logging for the use of their equipment and operator; Alto Tavern; Jerry's Wrecker at the

Alto Garage; Bowne Township for the use of the hall, the Lowell Police Department.

Snowmobilers and 4 x 4 owners for getting stranded motorists off the expressway and transporting medication, and food; the Alto American Legion and auxiliary; the people who offered food and lodging, Lowell wrecker services and all of the Sky High React members who put in countless hours of work.

So many times you hear people say "nobody cares," but during this past snow storm it was just unbelievable to see how everyone pitched in and helped. How the snowmobilers and 4 x 4 people endangered their own lives to help people stranded, knowing when they left React Headquarters that they themselves could be stranded as

well. Most of the 4 x 4 drivers could keep in contact with React via CB Channel 9, but the people on snowmobiles had no contact at all. If they had had problems, they could have frozen to death before anyone found them.

Therefore, Mrs. Vaughan added, Sky High React needs about four portable walkie talkies and sleds to pull behind snowmobiles. Anyone wishing

to donate to Sky High React can do so by writing to Box 53, Alto, Michigan 49302. Anyone wishing to join React, and help out in future encounters, etc. are urged to call Tom or Connie Vaughan at 868-6654.

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Improvements Planned For Area Primary Roads

Major improvements to three sections of county primary roads in the Lowell area, estimated at \$780,000, are planned for the coming warm weather season by the Kent County Road Commission, reports Donald R. Schofield, engineer-manager.

They are Lincoln Lake Avenue between Three and Four Mile Roads, Alden Nash Avenue from M-21 north to Foreman Street, and Grand River Drive between Segwun Avenue and Oberley Drive.

The Lincoln Lake project will be improved by widening the road from 20 to 24 feet and the shoulders to eight feet on each side, bringing the drainage facilities up to present-day standards and resurfacing with blacktopping. The length of the improvement is one mile.

The Alden Nash section, a gravel road, will be prepared for blacktopping the 1.05-mile-long stretch to a width of 24 feet, installation of proper drainage structures, curbs on corners and wider shoulders.

The Grand River section, eight-tenths of a mile long, will be widened to 22 feet, have improved drainage, wider shoulders and blacktopping.

As part of this project, the KCRC will resurface with an overlay, Oberley Drive from the

east end of the major improvement to the Ionia County line, a distance of about a mile, says Schofield.

The three major sections will be all-weather roads when the improvements are completed.—
Dave Barnes

Cast Picked For Comedy

The cast selection for "Arctic and Old Lace," has been announced by director Mitch McMahon.

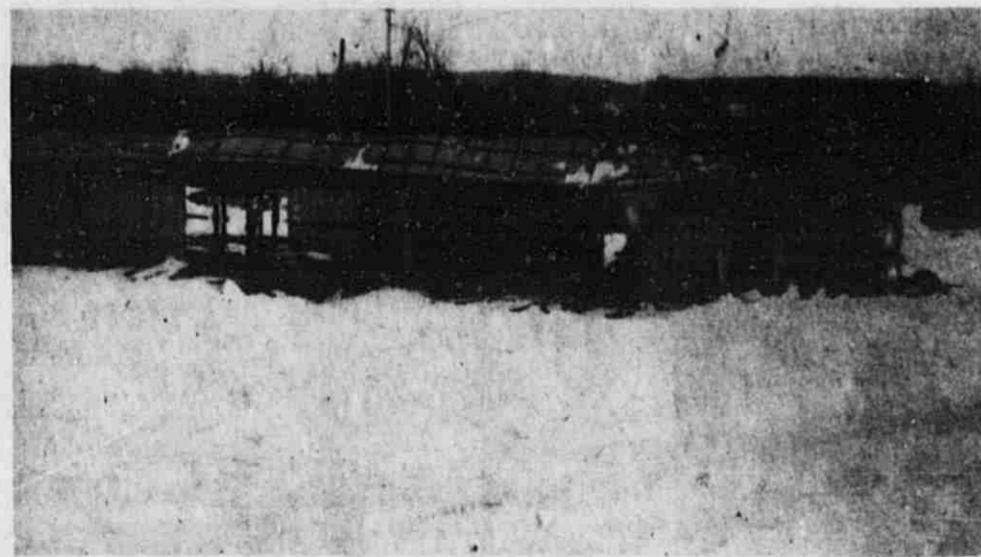
The play is being produced by the Lowell Area Arts Council, and is set for Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25 in the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria.

Lead roles will be portrayed by Priscilla Rogers, Joe Kinnebrew, Cheryl Blodgett, Jim Marron and Don Silvas, all of the Lowell area. Supporting actors are Rommie Moore, Gil Wise, Roger Buck, Jerry Bier-nacki, George Dey and Chris VanAntwerp, all of Lowell, Tim Harrison of Kentwood, Mary Garrison of Grand Rapids and Ivan Haney of Greenville.

Assistant director of the three-act comedy play is Lisa Siciliano.

Advanced ticket sales are now being made; \$2.00 per person, all seats reserved. Tickets can be ordered by calling 897-7845.

Nummer Barn Destroyed



Lowell and Saranac fire units were called to the Bernard Nummer residence, 11645 Binewater Highway, Friday morning around 11:34 a.m., to fight a fire which had engulfed his barn. Due to the fact that the barn is adjacent to the Main Highway, fireman had no trouble getting to the scene and had the blaze under control in about an hour. Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker who listed the cause as a defective chimney on a heating stove estimated the damage at \$15,000 to the building and \$30,000 to contents. One calf lost its life in the fire.

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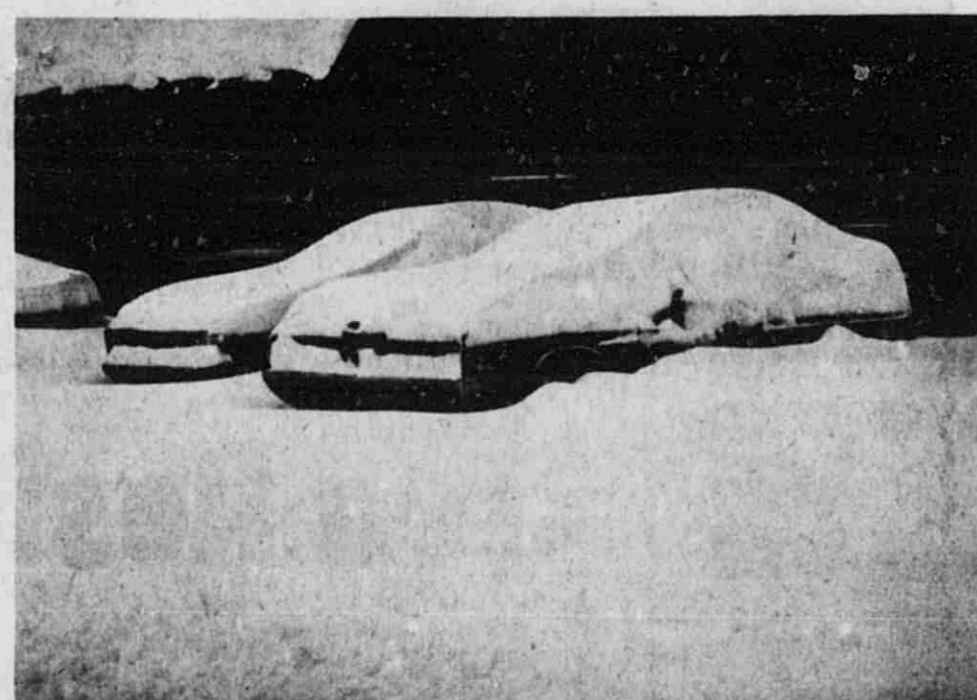
Lowell Area School's Superintendent Don Kelly [back to camera] and Lowell City Manager Ray Quada, among the first on the scene, inspect the damage at the Lowell Middle School.

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Even The U.S. Mail Couldn't Get Through



Taken early Thursday morning, this view, west down M-31, from in front of Harold Ziegler Ford, shows the effect of the storm. Note the row of newly covered autos. The storm's intensity is also shown as objects less than 200 feet from the camera were almost invisible because of the relentless snow and driving winds.



The autos snowed-in at the Lowell Softee Creme on East Main Street, eventually required a lot of shoveling before they were freed. Photo by "The Shooting Gallery"



The aftermath of the storm is still being felt, as rural residents still being shoveling out the water hydrants in front of their homes. "This is very necessary," Baker explained, "if a fire should start in the area and we had to spend time hunting for a hydrant, the loss in time would be an even greater loss to the home owner. Driveways should also be cleared."

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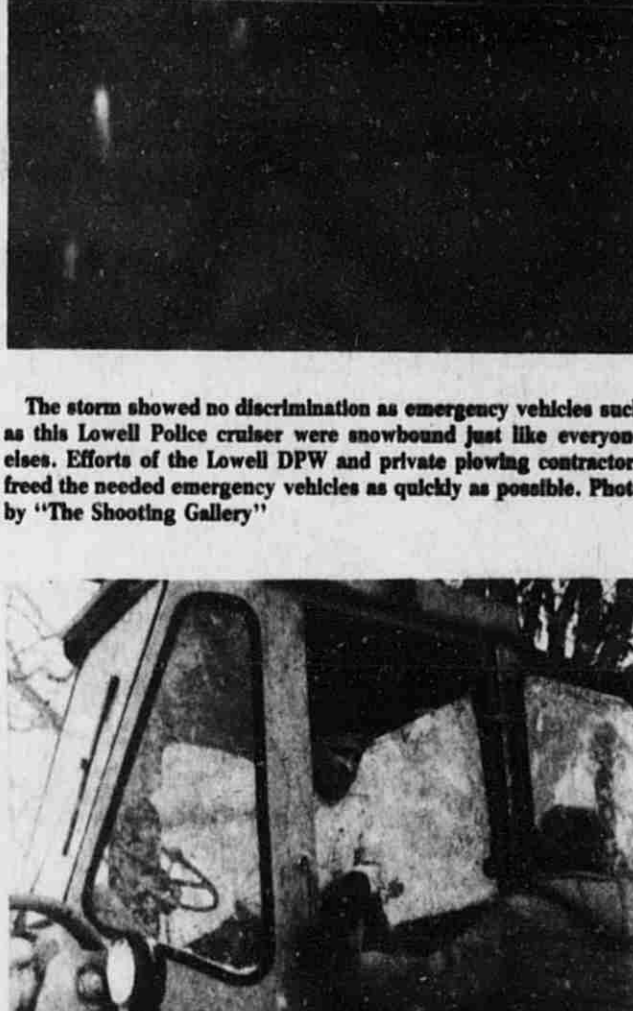
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the phones for emergency purposes only.

Farmers in the state were suffering great losses, as they had to dump milk because haulers could not get to them.

It's almost impossible for the small staff here at the Ledger to gather all of the happenings of the storm, and we sincerely thank those who helped us piece together what we have.

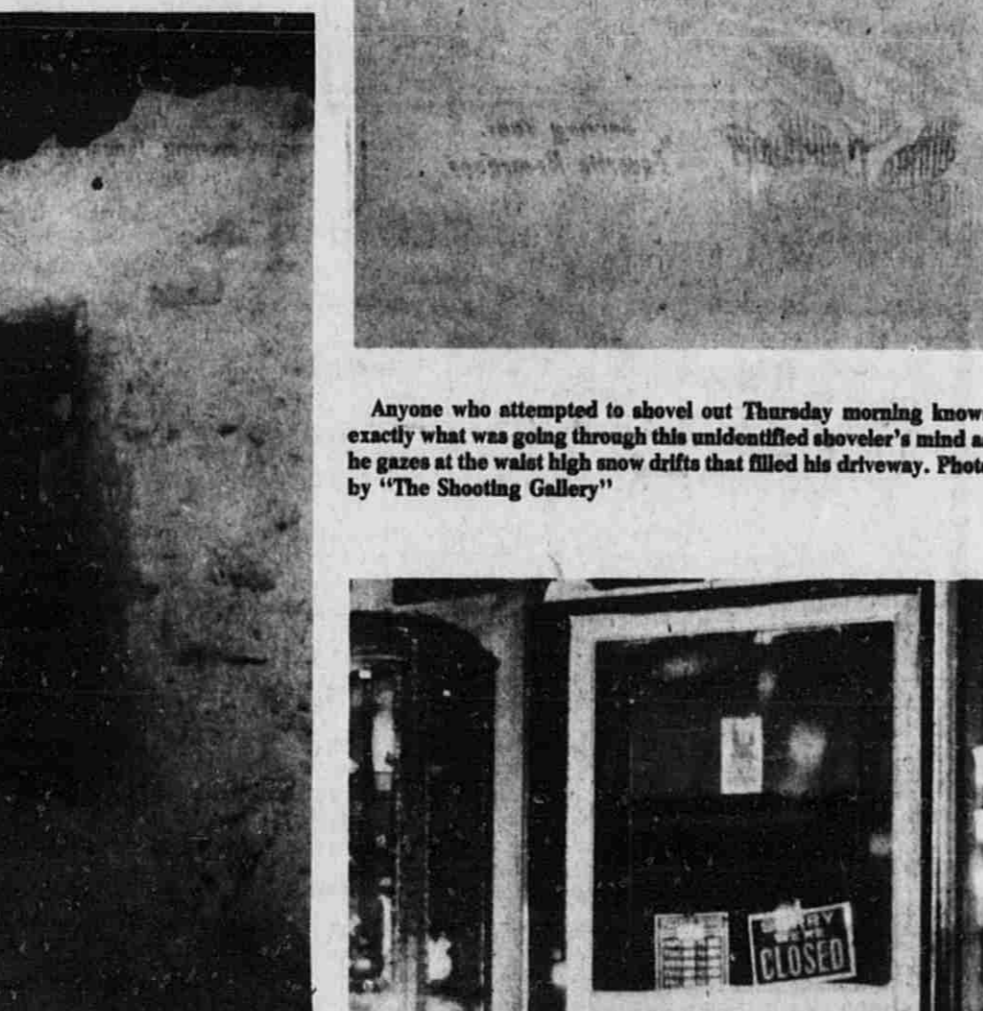
However, next week, we would like to take a personal touch look at the storm's effects and ask that if any reader knows of any incident that happened during the storm, we'd appreciate it if they'd give us a call at 897-9261.



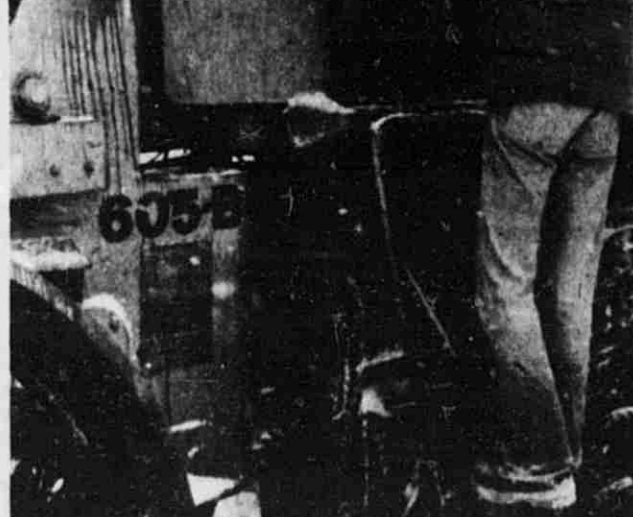
When the storm was over, "above" was the name of the game for nearly everyone. Here, Jim Mastman shovels the walk in front of his photo studio on West Main Street.



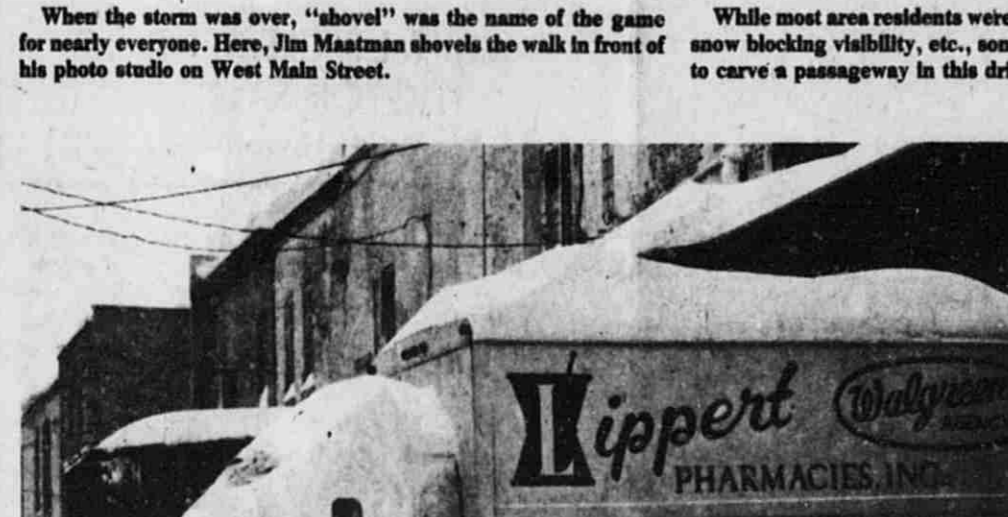
While most area residents were grumbling about the high piles of snow blocking visibility, etc., some artistic persons took the time to carve a passageway in this drift on North Broadway Street.



The "closed" sign on the front door of Lowell's Cranberry Urn antique shop on East Main Street was not really necessary last Thursday. The waist deep snow drift more than told the story.



Lowell DPW Director Tony Scillano (in the cab of the city's front-end loader) and Lowell City Manager Ray Quada discuss Thursday morning's condition of the city's streets. Despite the all night efforts of the DPW, Lowell's streets were nearly impassable Thursday and showed little sign of getting better until the storm started to subside.



Although scenic in beauty, the blizzard of '78 will long be remembered . . .

Normal business operations virtually came to a halt last Thursday as the worst blizzard in the state's history hit the area. Photo by "The Shooting Gallery"

All schools, factories and most businesses were closed Thursday, for the first time in many years . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl VanLaan of Lowell are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Jane, to Phillip P. Dykstra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dykstra of Ada.

Miss Van Laan is a graduate of Lowell High School and Mr. Dykstra is a graduate of Central Christian High School.

An April 28 wedding is being planned.

Scholarship Opportunities

College costs are on the rise, and more and more High School students are seeking financial aid. Many scholarship opportunities are available and information about them can be found at the Lowell High School Student Service Center.

Eastern Michigan University is offering a journalism and creative scholarship.

Oakland University in Rochester Michigan will be holding an open house and competitive scholarship examination on February 12, 1978, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Western Michigan University is offering a scholarship in Industrial Education for the 1978-79 school year.

Michigan Tech University has started a Forest Products Industry program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in wood and fiber utilization.

Grand Valley State is offering free admission to their basketball games on January 25 and 30 to any high school student possessing a current I.D. card. In addition to the basketball games, Grand Valley students will be celebrating Winter Carnival '78.

In addition to these programs, nearly all colleges offer campus visit days.

The staff in the Student Service Center encourage anyone interested in these programs to stop in for more information.

McAllister - Touchman Completes Army's Advanced Training

Engaged and planning a June 17 wedding, in the United Church of Wayland, are Miss Carol Ann McAllister and George Emil Touchman.

The future bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McAllister of Shelbyville. She graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is a teacher in the Wayland Community Education program.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Touchman of Cascade, is a graduate of Forest Hills Central High School and has both a Bachelor of Science, and Master of Science degree from Michigan Technological University.

Private Mark J. Mayotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. James Mayotte, 2605 Cascade Springs, Cascade, has recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

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Youth Fight Hunger Via Rocking Chairs

Twenty-five senior highs of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will take over the church's dining room for a twelve hour marathoning rocking chair session on Saturday evening.

Winter Euchre Party

Winners at the annual YMCA Winter Euchre Party were Elmer Swanson, Wes Griffin, Betty Griffin, Vera Wingeler, Evelyn Boyce, Francis Gale, and Evelyn Wingeler.



Attended by members of the YMCA Euchre League and their guests, the group had a great night of Euchre, cleaned up by a delicious lunch and fellowship time.

New Session Of Preschool Story Hours

The new session of preschool story hours at the Alto Library, 6059 Linfield Avenue, will begin on February 7 at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Unique Type Of Program

The Alto Library, a member of the Kent County Library system, is open on Tuesdays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Beachum - Koewers Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beachum of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Donna Jean, to Thomas Henry Koewers.

Mid-Winter Rally

The Children's Bible Hour radio staff will present their mid-winter rally Sunday, February 5th at 6 p.m. in the 811 Wealthy in Grand Rapids.

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Family Fun At Cub Scout Banquet

On Thursday, February 9, all Cub Scout families of Lowell Pack 3188 will gather at 6:30 p.m. for their Annual Blue and Gold Banquet.

Concluding Note To Jaycee Week

On Sunday, January 22, the Lowell Area Jaycees held a prayer breakfast for its membership and wives as the final conclusion of U.S. Jaycee Week.

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The National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will make her official visit to Michigan, February 19-21, 1978 in Lansing. She is Mrs. Clarence (Grace) Minnix from Belle, West Virginia.

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IN AND AROUND SARANAC

Redskins Pickup Eleventh Victory

Playing at home last Tuesday night, January 24, the Saranac Redskins chalked up their 11th consecutive win by downing St. Joseph's Seminary of Grand Rapids, 87-37.

Lawn And Garden Clinic

Believe it or not, spring is on its way. Now is the time to plan for what is to be done to this year's home garden.

Abroad Destroyer

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN - Circuit Court for the County of Kent No. 77-3379-DM
Joann Kay Childs Plaintiff

vs Robert Clyde Childs Defendant.
At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 27th day of December, 1977.

PRESENT: The Honorable STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge.
On this 27th day of December, 1977, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

It is hereby ordered that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was Box 115, 36th Street, Lowell, Michigan, 49331, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 31st day of March, 1978. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

STUART HOFFIUS
Circuit Court Judge
ATTEST: A TRUE COPY, JACK BRONKEMA, Clerk, B. K. ULANCH, Deputy
Examined, Countersigned and Entered: BONNIE K. ULANCH, Deputy Clerk
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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN - Circuit Court for the County of Kent No. 77-3353-DM
ROSE LEE MANSFIELD Plaintiff,

vs STEPHEN KIRBY MANSFIELD Defendant.
At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 19th day of January, 1978.

PRESENT: The Honorable STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge.
On this 17th day of November, 1977, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

It is hereby ordered that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was Route 87, Box 14176, Brookville, Florida, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 31st day of April, 1978. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

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By Roger Brown
You've probably heard the ads on radio and TV and seen them in the Grand Rapids Press which are promoting Union Bank's "night phalanx" service. The idea of the service is that if you're too busy during the day to stop into the bank and take out a loan, you can simply call one of the always young, beautiful and charming "phalanx operators" in the evening, make all the arrangements for your loan and then simply stop by the bank the next day to pick up your cash.

The idea is not exactly new, after all Sears Roebuck, J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward and other mail order houses have had such a service where one can simply call in an order from their catalog and then stop in and pick the order up when it comes in from Chicago or wherever. But I'm glad to see this convenience spreading to other types of business, my only hope is that it keeps spreading, especially to the grocery business.

Think of how easy your grocery shopping would be if you could call your favorite grocery store with your weekly shopping list, then stop by the store in the day. The bag-boy would load the groceries in your trunk, present you with a bill and then you would write a check and be on your way. That weekly ordeal of pushing a shopping cart down crowded aisles and standing in line at the check-out would be condensed into one quick trip to the store and back.

...sounds great, but it will probably never work because your ice cream would melt all over the rest of your groceries before you got to the store to pick it up. Another reason that it wouldn't work is that the stores would no longer have a chance at impulse buying husbands like myself. I swear that I easily add \$10.00 to the grocery bill when I'm dragged along on the weekly shopping trip. You should see my wife when she starts unloading the cart and runs across sardines, pickled pigs feet, oysters and hot peppers.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS
By Pauline E. Spray
...yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God (Romans 6:13).
No one, not even Mom, could make doughnuts like our long-time neighbor, Mrs. Moses. Mom tried using her recipe but without success. Sometimes the two women did their baking together in the same kitchen, working side by side. Although they made doughnuts at the same time and in the same room, the ones Mrs. Moses made had that certain flavor only she could create. Mom never learned her secret.

Many Christians find their lives do not quite measure up to the standard for which they hope. Power is lacking to live victoriously. The possession of joy and contentment has not been attained. They long for a deeper and more satisfactory experience.

The answer for these Christians is found in a total unconditional surrender to the will of God. Only when they discover that nothing else except an "all out" love for God will do, will they know the fullness of His presence in their lives. That's the way to be filled with His Spirit and experience spiritual success. That's "the secret."

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, I yield my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love. Frances R. Havergal

Letters to the Editor
Editor:
Is page one of a newspaper privileged with the expression of opinions? We think not, and are responding to this idea as it relates to the article "State of Mind: Speak Out" in the January 18, 1978 edition in the Grand Valley Ledger.

The article deals with citizens speaking out against teacher licensure, and warns them that House Bill 4242 or S109 would "...destroy Michigan..." The entire article is highly opinionated. Articles of this nature should be reported on page one as news items with pros, cons and quotations. Opinions are reserved for a space entitled "Letters to the Editor."

We feel this article belonged in such a location. We take neither side of the licensure issue at this time, but we do feel that opinions expressed on page one of a newspaper indicate a lack of good professional journalism.

Jim White, V.P. Lowell Educ. Assoc. Gayle Lyocs, Treas. Lowell Educ. Assoc. George Stegmier, Rep. Lowell Educ. Assoc. Margaret McMahon, Sec. Lowell Educ. Assoc. Rich Douglass, Rep. Lowell Educ. Assoc.

A recent article appeared in the Ledger, in the form of an attack on the Michigan Education Association, for its strong support for licensure of teachers. The article stated forthrightly MEA's strategy to "take over" the certification and, ultimately, the employment of all teachers throughout the state.

To set the record straight, MEA is in strong support of House Bill 4242, sponsored by Representative Thomas Holcomb (D-Lansing), which does indeed call for establishment of Licensure and Standards Commission within the Department of Education. This commission would be composed of school administrators, school board members, university personnel, representatives from the general public, as well as classroom teachers—a commission hardly dominated by MEA, as was stated in the early article!

The Commission, under the Holcomb Bill, would be charged with the responsibility initially to conduct hearings and develop rules for licensure and standards for certification of Michigan teachers, and ultimately, the official certification of teachers. Presently in Michigan, twenty-eight professions already license their own practitioners; why not the teaching profession? Greater professional control can only result in better prepared professional educators. We expect plumbers, electricians, architects and doctors to be professionally licensed. Shouldn't we expect teachers, as well, to possess this same professional certification by their own profession?

Dramatizes Highway's Progress



Roads, then and now -- These views of a 1920's road crew in Marquette County and the new Jeffries Freeway interchange in Detroit, dramatize the highway progress being celebrated this month by the Michigan Road Builders Association on their 50th Anniversary. From less than 7,000 miles of paved roads in Model T days, Michigan's road system has grown to 118,000 miles today, carrying Michigan motorists 61 billion vehicle miles each year—equal to a trip to the moon every 30 seconds.



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Roht Injured Fighting Fire

Rich Roth, plowing snow in his driveway at 1625 Foreman Road, Sunday morning around 7:30 a.m., looked toward the house he rents on the Foreman Estate with Orin Coandure and saw flames shooting out of the upper portion of the building. In his attempt to put the fire out, Roth was burned on the hands and face and was treated and released at Butterworth Hospital. Friends from Lowell and Ada were called to the scene and fought the blaze for nearly two hours. Upon a thorough inspection Monday, Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker set the cause as faulty wiring, which did an estimated \$12,000 damage to the building and \$5,000 to the contents, some of which are shown here amidst the snow drifts.

LUNCH MENU
LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 MON., Feb. 6: Beef-a-roni, Cabbage Salad, French Bread, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
TUES., Feb. 7: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly, Jello with Whip, Milk.
WED., Feb. 8: Fish-wiches or Cheeseburgers and Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Cookies or Bars, Fruit Cup, Milk.
THURS., Feb. 9: Tacos with Meat, Cheese and Lettuce, Cornbread or Biscuits with Syrup, Green Beans, Assorted Fruit or Whipped Jello, Milk.
FRI., Feb. 10: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, Baked Beans or Green Beans, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3: Mary Ann Murphy, Harold Wittenbach, Jon Ormiston, Dale Phillips.
February 4: Jim Lasausky, Jim Sullivan, Candace Colby, Heather North, Thomas Tava.
February 5: Dorothy Leasure, Ann Campau, Ann Mulder, Ken Gregersen.
February 6: Fran Hoag, Victor Sturgeon, Lorene Gheelhood, Melinda Kline, Scott Phillips, Susan Wesslund, Rita Kline, Karl Feller.
February 7: Liz Sparks, Gayanne Adair, Timothy Blocher, Betty Yeter, Timothy Vander-Veen, Ronald Wittenbach, Carl Munroe.
February 8: Clare Krebs.
February 9: Alan Ryder, David Miller, Kristin McDonough, Tom Covell, Bliss Allison, Beth Monks.

Doug Snyder, President Lowell Education Association

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SOFA, LOVESEAT, CHAIR - orion fur, customer exchanged, used 4 months, was \$499 now \$228 all 3 pieces. King of Discounts, 1100 Leonard, NW, Grand Rapids 456-1787 weeknites til 9. c-12

STEREO CONSOLE - Factory warehouse closed, we bought entire inventory. Mediterranean console wood cabinet. AM/FM stereo radio, 8 track tape player, BSR changer. List price was \$399.95 now with \$10 down, balance \$188. King of Discounts, 1100 Leonard, NW, Grand Rapids 456-1787 weeknites til 9. c-12

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Appeal Being Made To Restaurants

Restaurants in Michigan are being urged to support a water and energy conservation program by serving customers drinking water upon request only.

The program, launched by the Michigan United Conservation

Clubs (MUCC), is aimed at reducing the amount of energy expended on transporting and treating drinking water, freezing for the ice that is served with it and heating for washing the glasses it is served in.

"By not automatically serving a glass of water for each meal, more than seven million gallons of water could be saved in the United States each day," MUCC said.

The organization has printed thousands of small placards for display on restaurant tables advising customers that the restaurant they are patronizing is participating in the nationwide energy conservation effort. The placard explains that, as part of that effort, the restaurant is serving water to patrons only if they request it.

In 1976, MUCC spearheaded another statewide effort to save energy by initiating a petition drive for a ban on throwaway bottles and cans. During the campaign leading to the election in which voters overwhelmingly approved abolishing throw-aways, MUCC emphasized that a ban on nonreturnables would result in a huge saving in energy that was being used to manufacture containers that were used only once and then discarded.

Any restaurant interested in

participating in the program to reduce the amount of drinking water served may obtain placards free of charge by writing to MUCC, Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909 and indicating the number of placards wanted.

Ada Seeks Bids For Fire Station

Trustees of the Ada Township Board February 13 will set a date for advertising bids on the construction of the Ada fire station to serve the north half of the township, reports Ada Clerk Kenneth Anderson.

The station will be built on one acre on Knapp Street three-quarters of a mile west of Honey Creek Avenue, NE. It will have two truck bays, an apparatus room, a hose tower, meeting room for gatherings and voting, restroom facilities, and a storage and utility room.

An offstreet, blacktop parking area will be large enough for 12 vehicles.

Ada voters last Sept. 13 approved 1.25 mills for five years to finance the new station, construction of which will start in the spring.

Supervisor John H. Forshas has pointed out the station would serve primarily the north half of the township, which has grown considerably in the last 10 years.—Dave Barnes

Skating Rink Is Vandalized



Lowell Police Sergeant Jim Hutson and disappointed skaters DeeDee Collins and Carol Sissons inspect the damage done, when a vandal and/or vandals dumped a 50 pound bag of rock salt on the city's skating rink in the infield of the baseball diamond at Recreation Park. The skaters discovered the damage to the rink last Wednesday, January 25. According to City officials, the rink may be closed for flushing and re-freezing for as long as 20-30 days.

SQUEEZABLY SOFT?

Have you often wondered what happened to all those cancelled government checks? Each year, some 787 million government checks are recycled, producing about 54 million rolls of toilet paper. One way or the other, the government will get you in the end.

School Board Reschedules February Meeting

The regular February meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education has been cancelled, and will be replaced by a special meeting on February 6.

At Monday evening's meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board offices at 12685 Foreman Road, in the Lowell Middle School, the following items will be on the agenda:

1. Bus Bids.
2. Millage Proposal.
3. Middle School Conference Report.

Essay Contest . . .

Thousands of Michigan junior high students will be competing in the Sixth Annual Michigan Law Day Essay Contest with the theme, "The Law: Your Access to Justice," between now and entry deadline, March 4 at midnight.

Prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded in each of the seventh, eighth and ninth grade categories. All seventh, eighth and ninth grade students in public, private and parochial schools in Michigan are eligible.

Entries in the contest consisting of 300 words or less, must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 4, 1978.

Essays submitted should be mailed to Mrs. Sharon Wilson, Law Day Chairperson, Lawyers Wives of Michigan, 2415 Heights, Lansing, Michigan 48912.

Senior Play

The Senior Class at Forest Hills High School will present the play "The Mouse That Roared" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 2, 3 and 4, in the new auditorium.

The performances will begin at 8 p.m. each evening and are open to the public.

Miss Ann Layton is the faculty director and more information is available by calling 676-1245 or Ann Holmes at 942-2791.

Yearly Loss Of Farmland

Michigan's yearly loss of farms and farmlands is becoming a growing state concern, said the state's agriculture director, B. Dale Ball. Latest surveys show the state lost 2,000 operating farms in the last year, with a drop of 200,000 acres in farmland.

Back in 1973, the Michigan Department of Agriculture noted this trend in a report on the state's farmland needs to the year 2000. At that time, Michigan had 12 million acres of land in farms. MDA warned it was of absolutely critical concern that conversion of agricultural crop lands stop.

But since 1973, Michigan has lost 600,000 acres of land in farms. This loss is equivalent to all of the present farmland in the State of Connecticut, and then some, said MDA director Ball.

Connecticut, concerned with

the problem, recently developed legislation that would fund a state program to buy and hold development rights to farmland. Farmers would still own and operate their own land, even be able to sell it, but the state would guarantee its use for agriculture only.

Other eastern states have developed similar plans. Basically, the plans are sound in their intent, said Ball. The problem of financing such programs has been the big hurdle.

Ball said he notes a greater public interest in the problem than ever before, and hopes that this may spur Michigan to develop solutions before its rich farm food base erodes much further.

PEOPLE POWER

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What happens when cross country skier meets hunter on state owned land? Perhaps nothing should be thought of as unusual in this situation except for the fact that it was the hunter's money that paid for the land.

Hunters pay for state game areas indirectly as a portion of their license fees and a federal tax on firearms and ammunition is set aside for such purposes. Michigan has many acres of state game areas which are large enough to provide many uses. More and more people, however, are using state game areas for recreational purposes other than hunting and many hunting groups feel this is unfair.

There are a number of plans currently being studied that would help relieve the hunter of this burden. The birdwatcher, cross country skier, hiker, and photographer, are non-consumptive users. They generally use an area for an activity that does not involve the consumption of anything in that area. These participants should expect to pay for the privilege of using the state land since they are not required to buy a license.

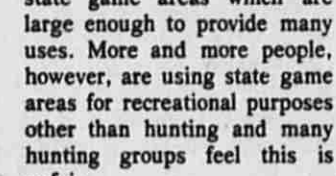
The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for managing the state game areas and is often caught in the middle. The hunter complains about the skier and the skier complains that there is not enough area for skiing.

One plan under consideration would require the non-consumptive user to purchase a stamp in order to use state land purchased with hunter generated money. Some consideration would have to be made to take into account the hunter that also participates in non-consumptive activities.

The money generated from the sale of these stamps could be used to purchase more land for a variety of uses and/or support those non-game wildlife species that are in danger of being lost.—Steve Harrington

NEED SOME CASH? PASS THE PAPER

In an attempt to pay the soldiers who fought for the colony in the French and Indian wars, Massachusetts became the first of the American colonies to issue paper money on Feb. 3, 1690. By establishing a provincial bank and releasing paper notes in denomination ranging from two shillings to five pounds, the colonial government hoped to pay off its debt. Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, maintains an extensive collection of colonial currency.



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