

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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### TWO-DAY HOLIDAY...

Students attending classes in Lowell will have a two-day holiday this Thursday and Friday, March 16 and 17, while employees attend in-service meetings and the MAMSE Conference. Skill Center buses will run as usual, and special education parents have been contacted regarding the special education classes in Grand Rapids

### LINES RAPIDLY GROWING...

Time is running out for persons who don't have their 1978 license plate tabs. With the April 1 deadline only a couple of weeks off, the lines are rapidly growing bigger. A person who waits until tomorrow to go in will have a longer wait than today. Each day of delay means a longer wait; it's that simple. After April 1, all vehicles on the road must display their 1978 license tabs. Since the March 31 deadline falls on a Friday this year, persons who fail to get their tabs in time will have to keep their vehicles off the streets for the entire weekend in order to escape being ticketed and having their cars towed away

### THE SIGNS OF SPRING...

"Spring's on its way," boasted a Grindle Drive resident (who failed to identify herself) as she called the Ledger office last Wednesday morning, March 8, to report that she had sighted three robins in her backyard that morning at 7:30. Also that day, Mrs. Joyce Gross of Lincoln Lake Avenue reported the sighting of two mourning doves in a neighbor's yard. It's been a long winter, so it seems, and area residents are hoping that the above 30 degree weather and sunshine that has prevailed for the past several days will continue, and Spring will officially arrive when it's supposed to on Monday, March 20, at 6:34 a.m. Several other homeowners have reported the invasion of ants, flies and one told of having box elder bugs in her kitchen... perhaps warmer weather is just around the corner...

### CANVASSING THE TOWN...

CECA (Citizens for Extra-curricular Activities) will be canvassing the town during the next two weeks enlisting support of their paper drive which has been scheduled for Saturday, March 25. Anyone who has papers to donate, and would like them picked up are asked to call 897-5221. CECA has almost reached their goal of \$33,000, but they still are in need of support in order to complete the \$2,500 still outstanding. At the Booster's Club St. Patrick's Dance, March 18, the CECA will announce the winner of their beef drawing...

### TV PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR...

A former Lowell man, Tom Richmond is the production supervisor for the American Film Institute's Salute to Henry Fonda which will be aired over CBS, this Wednesday, March 15, at 9 p.m. Tom has worked for CBS for the past 22 years. He is also production supervisor for the Dinah Shore Show and others. Tom is the son of Mrs. Ruth Richmond of Lowell and the late Theron Richmond...

### BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE...

The last day on which persons may register with their City or Township clerks in order to be eligible to vote at the Special Election called by the Lowell Area Schools is Monday, April 3, at 5 p.m. The May 2 election asks district voters to approve 17.5 mills for 1978; 17.7 mills for 1979 and 17.9 mills for 1980 to provide additional funds for operating purposes (15 mills of each of the above being a renewal of 15 mills which expired with the 1977 tax levy)...

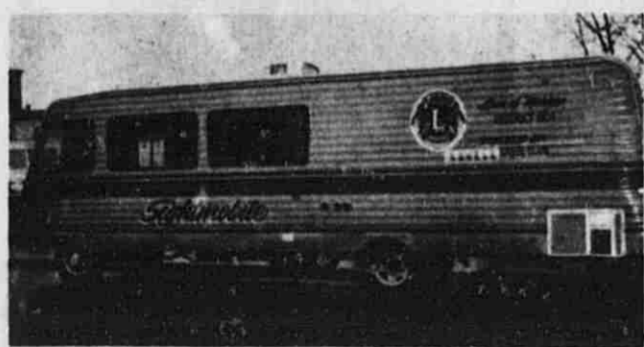
### VARIANCE REQUEST RULINGS...

At a recent meeting of the Lowell Township Board of Appeals, Richard Roth's variance request which would allow him to construct multi-family units within the Township was granted. Denied by the board was Donald Eickhoff's request for a variance which would allow him to license his existing storage yard as a junkyard...

### ST. PATRICK'S FRY...

The chefs of the Lowell Moose Civic Affairs Committee will be donning the wearin' of the green this Friday night, St. Patrick's Day when they will serve to the public a "Fish Fry." Shamrocks will be the decor for the serving from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Moose's upstairs facilities at 210 East Main Street...

### FREE VISION TESTS...



The Lowell Lions Club will conduct vision screening tests for the general public Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 15, 16 and 17, Wednesday, the Mobile Testing Clinic will be located in the off-street parking lot on Main St. at the dam. The last two days the unit will be at the Lowell Area Middle School. The hours will be from 2 to 6 p.m. each day. Anyone wishing to have their eyes checked for deficiencies or visual defects may stop at the "Sight Screening Bus" for this free service.

### EASTER EGG DECORATING...

Learning several different ways to decorate Easter Eggs will be offered to students in grades one through five on Monday, March 20. The class being offered by the Lowell YMCA will be conducted in the Bushnell Elementary School from 3 p.m. until 4:30. Those interested in taking the class which will include tie dye and rubberband dye, must register in advance, as the eggs are included in the registration fee. Also, starting this Thursday, March 16, the YMCA is offering a four-week Mini Needlecraft class, from which a Needlecraft Club will be formed. Through this course different forms of art done with a needle will be taught. More information on this can be secured from the Y office at 323 West Main Street...

## MAMSE Conference Their First Ever; In Lowell This Week Redskins Take Regional

Lowell is in the spotlight this week. Parents, teachers, students, board members and administrators from all over Michigan will be here Thursday and Friday, March 16 and 17, for the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators' Conference.

The theme for this year's MAMSE Conference is "Kids in Transit," and is the result of over a year's planning and work. Many Lowell educators, parents, and students have dedicated their time and energy to make this conference possible. About 1,500 people will convene in Lowell for two full days of workshop seminars and group sessions, all devoted to improving the quality of Middle School education. Educational displays, presentations by individual schools, commercial vendor exhibits, and two dynamic speakers, George Plimpton and Dolly McMaster fill out the conference activities which offer

something for everyone who is interested in learning what middle schools are all about.

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride that the Lowell Middle School has accomplished the task of creating a conference which will not only be rewarding for its participants, but also a showcase for the many outstanding educational programs in the Lowell School District.

While the middle school staff is involved in the MAMSE Conference, all other school employees will participate in an inservice program on Communications presented by Region VIII media staff. The emphasis will be on how to communicate between employee and employee, employee and student, and employee and parents.

Students will enjoy a two-day holiday (Thursday and Friday) during these conferences.

## Lowell To Undergo Rigid Visitation

Every seven years, high schools throughout the nation who are members of the North Central Association on school accreditation must undergo a rigid visitation of experts in various areas of school responsibility.

Lowell Senior High School is presently completing all the requirements in preparation for the twenty-one visitors who will be evaluating the total program at the high school and the relative effect of the entire Lowell Area School District.

Many hours of work have been given to this upcoming visitation during the past year. Under the direction of Gordon Gould and Tom Stahr, faculty members at the high school, chairpersons were appointed to head the various committees.

Reports of each of these committees will be screened and processed by the outside evaluators to reach a final decision on whether to continue accreditation at Lowell Senior High School. The high school has been accredited by the NCA since 1903.

Bob Grimes, Principal of Battle Creek Pennfield High School, will be the chairman of the evaluating team during the scheduled visits on April 25, 26 and 27th. The other twenty members of the team will be from various schools in southern Michigan.

The administration, teaching staff, students and community are all looking forward to the visitation. It is just another process in the continuing evaluation of the school district.

## Series Of Classes On Retirement Planning

Beginning on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor, Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, with the cooperation of the Lowell Community Education Office, will present a series of classes on retirement planning.

Enrollment is open to all interested persons. The meeting hour was set so that it would be possible for employed persons who are nearing retirement age to attend.

"How to Succeed in Retirement by Really Trying," will be introduced on March 21 by Ed Tilma, past president of Senior Neighbors, Inc. An excellent film, "Aging," will depict the various ways that different persons live their retirement years.

On March 28, "Feeling Physically Fit" will include talks by a nutritionist, Mrs. Alfreda McGuire, and Mary J. Jones, Kent County Health Department.

Wilhemina Wright, Family Service Association of Kent County, will lead a discussion on April 4, "Feeling Mentally and Emotionally Fit," followed by a play, "Ever Since April," Keeping the Wolf from the Door," with Bill VanDyke, Social Security Administration, and Bruce Holderean, Veteran's Administration; April 18, "Where There's a Will, There's a Way," estate planning, Gerald White, attorney; April 25, "Wall Street and You," investing wisely.

May 3, "Which Roof Over

Your Head?" Bill Rose, Carriage House Realty discussing retirement residency, and Mary Ann Karth, Citizens for Better Care, nursing and retirement homes; May 9, "Time on My Hands," Rod Smith, Community Education.

### USDA MOVES TO REDUCE WASTE IN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Junior high and middle school students would no longer have to accept all items of the school lunch if they do not intend to eat them under a proposal announced by Carol Tucker Foreman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer Affairs.

Ms. Foreman said the proposal, which is required by recent legislation, is aimed at reducing food waste in Michigan Schools and schools nationwide.

Under the proposed regulation, school districts could allow junior high and middle school students to accept only three of the five items offered daily as part of the school lunch.

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With a crowd of supporters numbering over 2,000 behind them, Saranac High nipped Dansville 49-47 in overtime to win the Region 23 championship at Lansing Eastern Friday night. The victory was the 17th in a row for the Redskins and is the first time ever that Saranac has won a regional championship.

Senior Forward, Steve Metternick suffered a knee injury in the first regional game last Wednesday with Muskegon West Michigan Christian and was operated on Friday morning. The loss of Metternick proved to be a great hindrance to Saranac's offense as the low score indicates. Metternick was awarded the game ball and it was signed in the locker room following the game by all his teammates.

Junior guard, Kevin Theisen was the game's leading scorer with 22 points and proved to be very valuable in directing the team's offense in the final moments of play. Also in double figures for the Redskins was sophomore center, Ben Tower, with 13.

Saranac got off to a very slow start and did not score until nearly midway through the first quarter. Kevin Reynolds finally hit for two but it was Saranac's stingy defense that was keeping them in the game when the first quarter ended at 10-7 with Dansville only up by three.

The Redskin's offense finally started to come to life in the second quarter when they doubled Dansville's 8 points sending Saranac to the locker room at the half with a 23-18 lead.



Kevin Theisen cuts down the net following the game while being held up by his teammates.

## Two Board Seats Open

Petitions are available at the Lowell Area School's Board of Education offices on 12685 Foreman Road (west wing of the Middle School) for any registered voter interested in running for the school board.

The terms of Orion Thaler and Roger Roberts expire at the end of this year. There are four-year terms, to be voted on at the annual election on June 12, 1978.

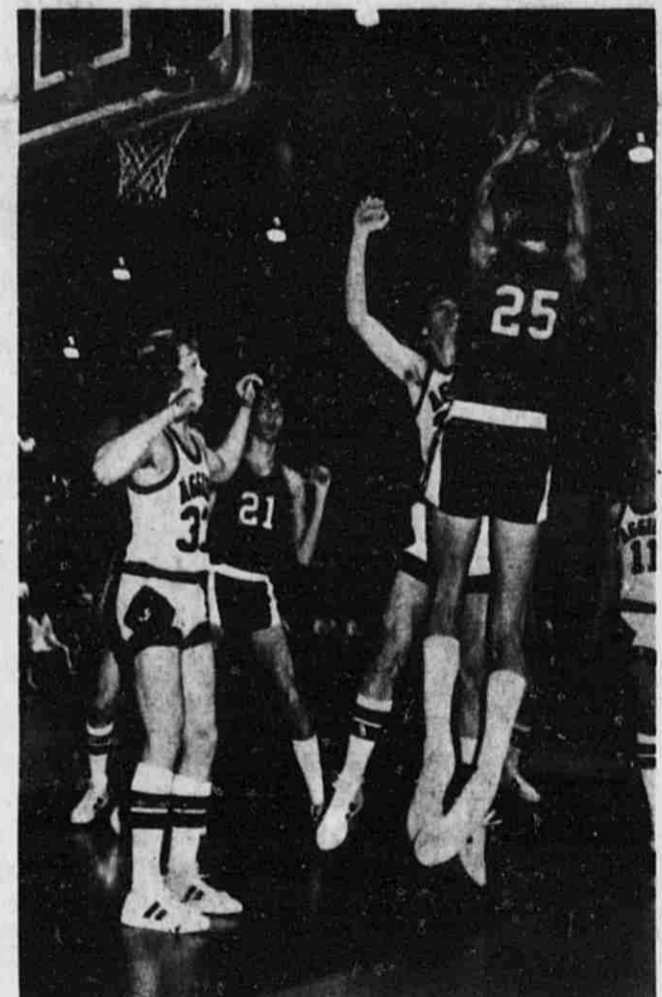
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Coach Kip Cady holds the Region 23 championship trophy as medal winners Craig Coulson, Scott Metternick, Ted Hellman, Ray Kastanek, Kevin Theisen, Ben Tower, Gary Ralmer, Kevin Reynolds and Chris Coulson pose for this picture following their nip & tuck victory over Dansville last Friday.

With Theisen leading the scoring, Saranac came alive in the third quarter and led the Aggies by as much as 11 points at times. Dansville fought back to within five points and the quarter ended with the score 34-29. During the third quarter, Reynolds picked up his fourth foul with 3:28 left and went to the bench for a rest.

Saranac maintained a lead most of the way through the



Ben Tower goes up for a jump-shot in the fourth quarter of Saranac's victory over Dansville for the Redskin's first ever regional championship.

fourth quarter but Dansville struggled back and with barely two minutes left the Aggies took the lead 41-40. Scoring on a free throw, Dansville made it 42-40 but with only a minute left, Reynolds hit for two and when the buzzer sounded the score was still tied at 42-42.

The ensuing three minute overtime period proved to be a real heart-stopper with Tower scoring first for Saranac but Dansville bounced right back to tie it up 44-44. Chris Coulson hit on two free throws with only 1:35 left and Saranac again had a two point lead; but 13 seconds later the Aggies tied it up at 46-46. Reynolds hit for two more with just 33 seconds left on the clock. With 19 seconds left Dansville came within one on a foul shot and a quick turnover gave them the ball with 12

seconds left. Driving for what would have been the winning basket, Dansville missed and Coulson pulled down the rebound and was fouled. Coulson made the first shot of a one on one but Dansville pulled down the rebound on his missed second shot, driving for their basket with only four seconds left, the clock ticked down and a desperation mid-court shot missed the mark and it was over. Saranac 49, Dansville 47.

Cheers and applause from the 2,000 Saranac fans reverberated through the fieldhouse throughout the presentation of the championship medals and trophy.

Saranac plays Orchard Lake St. Mary tonight (March 15) at Corunna High School in state quarter final competition.

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**OBITUARIES**

**DEWEY** - Emily G. Dewey, 96, widow of the late Rev. LeRoy L. Dewey, passed away Saturday 26 at Heathergreen Nursing Home in Kenia, Ohio. She was born July 4, 1881, the daughter of James and Margaret Wesbrook in Vergennes Township. She graduated from Lowell High School and taught in a rural school for two years.

Mr. Gardner passed away Saturday, March 4, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He is survived by three brothers, Roy of Plainville, Bernard and Thomas of Ann Arbor and his step-father, Bruton DeCoker of Hastings.

**ROTH** - Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, March 8, at the Apostolic Christian Church for Mrs. Lena Roth of Lowell. Pastor Joseph Wibel officiated.

Mrs. Roth, aged 79, of 124 South Grove Street, Lowell, passed away Sunday, March 5. Besides a son, Maynard of Clarksville, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Betty) Yeter of Lowell and Mrs. Thad (Ernestine) Wigfield of Saranac; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Under arrangements by the Rob-Gert Funeral Home of Lowell, burial services were held at Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped.

**Lowell Girls At Birthday Pow Wow**



The "Wakela" Adventure group from Lowell joined with many other Camp Fire groups from the Keewano Council of Camp Fire Girls to help kick off Birthday Week 1978 at their annual Pow Wow held this past weekend. Lowell girls setting up their displays were Tammy Stagnis, Laura Crapper, Kim Schneider, Melissa Juszkowski, Jayne Althaus and Tanya Hall.

At the Pow Wow, Camp Fire members, Blue Birds through Horizon Club, demonstrated their skills which they had gained over the past year. This was accomplished in two-hour time slots at booths in the multi-purpose room of Northeast Jr. High.

This week, groups will be celebrating Camp Fire's 68th birthday by having potlucks, roller skating parties, performing service projects for sponsors and special Birthday ceremonies in their groups.

**Library Talk Will Discuss Author**

"The Real Little House on the Prairie," a talk about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her books will be held at the Alto Library on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Chris Cairo, children's librarian at Grandville, will be the speaker. Mrs. Cairo has made a study of Laura Ingalls Wilder and has copies of letters and photo albums of the family.

Vivian Mulder, Alto librarian, encourages mothers and daughters to attend this talk. "I think that both will be interested in the real life of this popular author," she said.

The Alto Library, a member of the Kent County Library System, is at 6059 Linfield. For further information, call the library at 868-6038.

**Couple Plans April Wedding**

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Marie L. Smith and William L. Atwell has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Smith, 4360 Segawa Avenue, Lowell.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell of Findlay, Ohio.

Miss Smith graduated from Lowell High School in 1972, and received her BA degree from Western Michigan University in 1976 and her Masters of Science degree from WMU in 1977.

Plans are being completed for an April 8 wedding.



**More Volunteer Nurses Needed**

Due to the tremendous response to the new Red Cross Senior Neighbors, Inc., weekly health needs assessment program, more volunteer nurses are needed to aid in the project.

Since February 14, Red Cross nurses have been visiting local senior citizen centers on a regular basis to assess, make referrals and follow-up on the health needs of the elderly.

Additional volunteer registered nurses are now needed to assist with this program and act as backups at: South Kent Center, 4500 S. Division; Stocking Center, 626 Stocking; X.Y.Z. Center, 640 Eastern; Grandville Medical Center.

A total of \$675,000 was raised throughout West Michigan. The Lowell Jaycees will again be holding a Walk-A-Thon this year with all funds remaining in the Lowell area. The money pledged from the Walk-A-Thon will be earmarked for substance abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, and parent and child communication. This year's walk will be held on April 29. Watch the Ledger for more details.

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**To Announce**

Second and third place winners will receive a plaque, and honorable mentions a certificate.

The most popular Kent County contest was Townsend, with its many big trees, bluffs from which the photographer could get "aerial" views and the winding Bear Creek - Dave Barnes.

Survivors include one son, L. D. Burger of Vermontville; five daughters, Mrs. Jean Schellen of Zephyrhills, Florida; Mrs. Leota (Lee) Miller of Portland, Mrs. Doris Miller of Grayling and Mrs. Dixie Chapman of Nebraska; one brother, Floyd Burger; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funerals were Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Myers-Roetman Funeral Home with burial in Balmont Cemetery.

**Photo Winners**

Thirty-two entries in the annual Winter Photo Contest have been received by the Kent County Park Department, reports Miss Nancy Zimmerman, park recreation coordinator.

Winners will be announced March 31. First place will receive a 14-inch snowblower donated by Spartan Distributors, Inc., of Sparta, a co-sponsor in the event with the park department.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

March 17: Brenda Veneman, Nora Halstead, Stephan Thaler, Jeanne Schneider, Colleen Kelly, Fred Kotter, Jr., Mary Honley, Douglas LaDue, Melissa Shaffer, John R. Timpson, Flora Jean Beachum, Lorraine Meenwezen.

March 18: Bruce Phillips, Jr., Dan Curtis, Georgia Blue, Beverly Merklinger, Linda Wood.

March 19: Jennie Snyder, Johanna Hess, Jeremy Barber, Terry Abel, Gordon Newell, Phyllis Kelly.

March 20: Dave Clark, Sr., Effie Barger, Ruth Richmond, John Elzinga, Marcia Bierl, Jeff Anderson, Carl Heim.

March 21: Richard Allen Johnson, Ardis Barber, Bonnie Zeigler, Phyllis Eckman.

March 22: Ronie Hayward, Dick Heyn, Cara Monroe, Norton Avery, Jerry Comp.

March 23: Sue Boyce, Aaron DeForest, Wesley Althaus, Fred Hodgson.

Belated birthday greetings to Pat Ball, March 11, and Frank Garner, March 7.

**Top Money Raiser Feted**

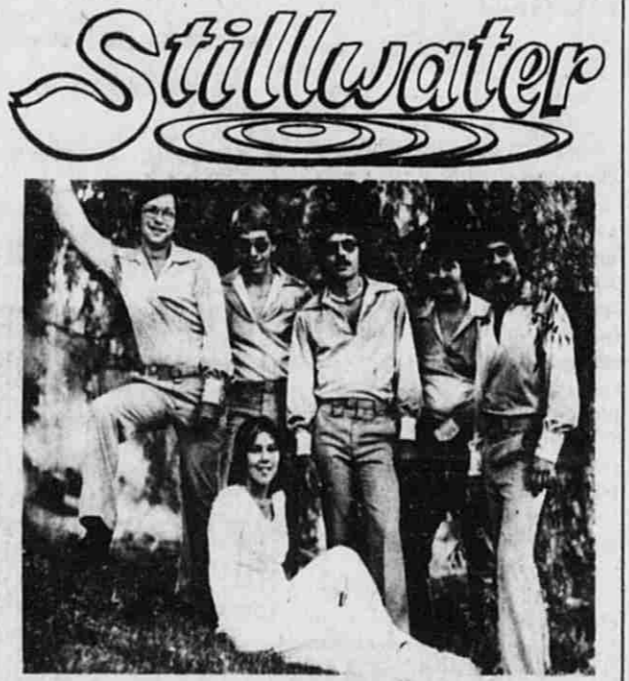
Last Thursday, March 9, the Lowell Area Schools and Bill Stinson, a Middle School student were awarded plaques by the Lowell Area Jaycees for their help in last year's Footsteps For Burns Walk-A-Thon.

Stinson received the award for raising the most money for last year's Walk, contributing approximately \$325 toward the cause.

Over the past three years \$28,000 has been raised through the support of Lowell for the West Michigan Burn Unit which is under construction at Blod-

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It's anniversary time for Mr. and Mrs. Vern (Marilyn) Keim, 24 years, March 20; Mr. and Mrs. Doug (Sue) Wester, March 23; and Mr. and Mrs. Herb (Emmy) VanderBilt, Mr. and Mrs. David (Julie) Kronbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Marsha) Ray, March 22.

Miss Nancy Iris Rottier has been named to the Dean's List at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, for earning a B average during the first semester. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Rottier of 6079 Wingier Avenue, Alto, she is a sophomore enrolled in the University's School of Education.

A Lowell man was honored for his academic performance at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on February 14. Receiving an honor pin was Larry Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Hartley of 186 South Pleasant Street, Lowell. He is studying to be an anesthetist.

Firefighters put out a smoky blaze which extensively damaged the interior of the Jerome DeVries home at 1969 Laraway Lake Drive, Cascade, last Tuesday. DeVries, a Forest Hills School District mechanic, his wife and children, were away from home when the fire broke out.

Lowell played East Grand Rapids in Hockey last Tuesday night in the Regional play offs, and East won 6-2.

East opened with four goals in the first period to end the period with a 4-1 lead. Lowell's goal was scored by John Sarniak and assisted by Steve Riss.

Troy O'Neil was the only one to score throughout the entire second period, assisted by Steve Riss.

East scored two more goals in the third period.

Although Mike Police played goalie part time, Darryl McGregor was full time.

Guy Quigley entered Butterworth Hospital on Monday, March 13, and would enjoy a card from his Lowell friends.

Mrs. Gertrude VanHuyningen of Alto was recently honored by the Kent County 4-H organization for her 20 years of faithful leadership.

**POTPOURRI**

John Roth of Schneider Manor, is now a resident of the Grand Cherry Creek Nursing Home at 350 N. Center Street, Lowell.

Pearl Poe of Lowell recently won first place in the Grand Rapids Camera Club's Class B Color Slide Competition.

During winter team commencement exercises, March 11 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Bernie A. Bryan Degree in Engineering Arts.

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Elнора Walcott To Present White Breakfast Program

Rebirth at Coventry? is the title of the program to be told through slides with commentary by Elнора Walcott.

Dr. Haecck Speaks To Club

The Women's Club of Lowell will have Dr. Haecck speak at its luncheon on Wednesday, March 8.

Local Teens Compete In Talent Contest

A teen talent contest was held in Muskegon at Central Assembly of God, March 11th.

COMING EVENTS

THURS., MAR. 16: The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, March 16.

THURS., MAR. 16: A YMCA 4 week Mini Needlecraft Class will start Thursday, Mar. 16.

SUN., MARCH 19: Music Lovers! Mr. Les Wagemaker, world renown opera tenor, will be guest soloist at Vergennes United Methodist Church on Sunday March 19.

TUES., MAY 2: The West Central Michigan Historical Society Annual Membership meeting will be held at the Runciman School Auditorium Tuesday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

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**WHITTAKER'S DREAM COMES TRUE . . .**

Samuel Colt did some whittling to occupy time in 1830 while he was on a sailing ship. He ended up carving a model of the first pistol with a revolving barrel. His Patent Arms Manufacturing Company, incorporated March 5, 1836, began manufacture of the first Colt firearm, a .34-caliber Texas model, soon after.

**Mayou Becomes Major**



While stationed with the U.S. Army in Grafenwoehr, Germany, a Lowell man, Duane W. Mayou, has been promoted to the rank of Major. While on duty there, he is stationed with the Army Artillery Unit, Second Armored Division, 7th ATC Army. With him in Germany are his wife, Marian and daughters, who would love to hear from their many friends in Lowell. Their address is: Major D. W. Mayou, 369-44-0616, HHC, 7ATC, Attention O&I, A.P.O., New York, 09114. The new Major is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gross of Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell.

**Ada Bridge To Get New Surface**

Bids for resurfacing the deck of the almost 21-year-old, four-lane-wide bridge over the Grand River at Ada will be opened in April, says Charles K. Brooks, Grand Rapids district highway engineer for the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation. Estimated at \$210,000, the job will be the first major repair on the 480-foot long span since it was opened in November, 1957. Brooks says extensive flaking has made the surface rough and patching would be only a temporary measure. Loose concrete will be chipped out, to be followed by air blasting to remove all dust and concrete particles. Then, a new surface of latex concrete, 2 inches thick, will be laid. The contractor will do first one-half of the bridge, part of M-21, and then the other half so a detour will be unnecessary, says Brooks. Repairing was to have taken place last summer when M-21 was being widened to four lanes from the bridge west to the East Beltline, but complications in the insurance for the project led the MDHT to postpone it for a year. The Ada bridge, as it is commonly called, replaced an old, narrow, iron-truss span and eliminated two sharp turns on each side of the river.—Dave Barnes.

**Accepts Report With Caution**

Although results of the most recent telephone survey of voters in the Lowell School District appear to be favorable, members of the local Board of Education still tended to accept the report with caution at Monday night's meeting. The cautious acceptance probably stems from the fact that all the operating millage for the school system expires at the end of June and if voters do not okay the new millage at the special election on May 2, then there won't be any money to operate the system when schools open next Fall. In announcing the results of the March 3rd and 4th survey, Chairman Rod Smith stated that a total of 353 district residents were called by 26 volunteers. Those called were selected through the use of scientifically determined random sampling techniques, Smith said, and 44 percent were parents of children presently attending school.

The purpose of the survey was to determine voter reaction to the recent announcement of the upcoming millage election. When asked if they had sufficient information about the election, 54 percent indicated that they did. Of those who said they did not have enough information on which to determine their vote, 39 percent could not say what additional information they would like and 24 percent said they would like to know more about school costs and financing. About the biggest hang-up was the misconception that when property taxes are raised, the school gets more money. The laws governing school financing are somewhat difficult to understand but a raise in property tax does not give the school more money. It only results in State Aid being lowered thus saving the state money but the amount the school receives remains the same. The only way the school receives additional funds to meet rising costs is a raise in millage. School financing is based on a formula whereby the state computes the amount of money a district is to have according to the number of mills that the local residents are willing to levy and the number of students attending school. In an area where the property valuation is low, the number of mills does not bring in as much money as a district where property is high. Thus the state makes up the difference to bring the revenue up to the formula figure. Therefore, when there is a raise in property assessment but not in mills, the formula remains the same and the school gets the same amount of money but the State pays less because the local taxpayer pays more. If no mills are voted, then there is no State Aid and the school cannot function locally.

**'Super Cash' Winner . . .**



Mrs. Clare Byrne of 12513-5 Mile Road, NE, Lowell, last Thursday, won \$1,000 in Eberhard's "Super Cash Bingo," give-away. She was presented her check by Rick Ashley, store manager, and has no plans yet for the winnings. Very pleased to have won, she has traded at the Lowell store since it opened. This is the first \$1,000 winner in this contest for the Lowell store.

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