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NCA Team Appointed To Evaluate Lowell High Board Hears Report On MAMSE

MEDIC ALERT WEEK . . .

April 9 through 16 has been designated National Medic Alert Week by Lowell City Mayor Dean Collins in an official proclamation, calling attention to the prevalence of hidden medical conditions, including diabetes, epilepsy, hemophilia, allergies to drugs, etc. The week is being sponsored jointly by the Lowell Area Jaycees and the Medic Alert Foundation International, a non-profit, charitable organization which provides a unique system of emergency medical protection for people with hidden medical conditions. As part of his official proclamation, Mayor Collins urged citizens to help build a greater awareness among their own families and friends of the need for proper medical health care . . .

SISSON BENEFIT SATURDAY . . .

Lowell Moose Lodge No. 809, 210 East Main Street, will be bustling with activity this Saturday night, April 15, as the members and guests hold a benefit gathering for Dick Sisson, Lowell barber, seriously injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago. The evening's activities will begin with the serving of a smorgasbord from 6 to 8 p.m. and there'll be dancing to the music of the "Country Pride" beginning at 9:30 p.m. . . .

CRUSADING FOR CANCER . . .

The Lowell Business and Professional Womens Club are, again for the twelfth consecutive year, crusading for the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Edward (Doris) Boyd is chairman for the whole City of Lowell and Valley Vista. Her co-chairperson is Mrs. Edward (Dolores) Laux. President of the B&PW Club is Mrs. Robert (Jo) Somerville of Ada. Lowell's goal this year in the Cancer Campaign is \$2,000; the county-wide figure is \$252,000 . . .

FOUR CANDIDATES FILE . . .

At the closing of the deadline for petitions for the two available seats on the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education, April 10, four candidates had filed to run in the June 12 election. They were incumbents Orion Thaler and Roger Roberts, Tom Heintzleman and Mary Kay Greenwald. The terms up for re-election are for four years . . .

BALL PRACTICES UNDERWAY . . .

Practice schedules for the Spring girl's and boy's softball and baseball teams, 6-15 years of age, under the sponsorship of the Lowell YMCA, got underway last week. The teams will be practicing at the Lowell Middle School or Alto field Monday through Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Sign-ups for the various teams can be made by calling the Y at 897-8445 . . .

ARTS COUNCIL TO MEET . . .

A general meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council will be held this Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street. Prior to the business meeting, the Lowell High School Forensic team, under the direction of Priscilla Rogers, will present a program . . .

STEELHEAD, SMELT AND MORELS . . .

Some very sizeable steelhead catches on the Flat and Grand Rivers are being made by area fishermen, who deem that the best bait is spawn and Mepps spinners. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources this week, the Morels should be coming out anytime we get warm rainy nights, and the smelt will be running in about two weeks . . .

SIGHTS FIRST BLUE BIRD . . .

Although the first day of Spring fell this year on March 20, Stan Gardner of Ware Road, Lowell, projected last Wednesday, that indeed Spring had at last arrived! He sighted his first Blue Bird at 4:40 that afternoon. Gardner, noted for his intricate bird watching, each year predicts that nice weather will not appear, and stay, until the blue birds have arrived back in Michigan. We have our fingers crossed, Stan . . .

TEACHERS VS. PARENTS . . .

If past encounters can lay any foundation for the action Tuesday, April 18, at the Riverside gymnasium on North Monroe Street, the spectators are in for a real treat. It'll be the teachers vs. parents in a volleyball game sponsored by the Runciman-Riverside PTO. It's been a toss-up in years past, but this year, both teams are filled with determination and enthusiasm to come out on top. The two coaches Herb VanderBilt (parents) and Jim Blodgett (teachers) are preparing their tactics, and are looking for recruits to play. Admission will be adults fifty cents and students a quarter. During intermission, Read-A-Thon awards will be presented. The game will get underway at 7 p.m.; be there! . . .

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING . . .

The Kent County Federation of Women's Club will convene in Lowell for their annual Spring meeting next Wednesday, April 19, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell at 621 East Main Street. Coffee and registration at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Betty Fockler of Wayland will give a dramatization at the afternoon session. The gathering is being hosted by the Lowell Women's Club . . .

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP . . .

This week, April 10-14, is annual Spring clean-up time at Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery. During this week all winter flowers, artificial arrangements, etc., will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery's maintenance department. Those wishing to preserve these for future use should remove them . . .

TOP SHEARED OFF . . .

A truck driven by Charles Brownell of Middleville was damaged last Monday afternoon when a crossing gate at the C&O railroad tracks on South Hudson Street came down and sheared the truck's top off. Luckily, Brownell escaped the mishap with no injuries . . .

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APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, Lowell, 897-7506. Open Six Days! c22

BENEFIT DANCE — For Dick Sisson Saturday, April 15, 9 p.m. Lowell Moose Lodge. Smorgasbord 6-8. c21-22

Gary Kemp, Principal at Lowell High School has announced that the North Central Association (NCA) Michigan committee has appointed the team members who will be visiting Lowell High School, April 25, 26 and 27.

The team of 21 members will be chaired by Robert Grimes, a prominent educator associated with Battle Creek's Pennfield High School.

NCA teams are composed of educators who volunteer their time and talents in the Association's region-wide efforts to help member institutions study and appraise the quality of their programs.

Members of the team that will be visiting Lowell High School, their committee duties, and positions are:

Robert Grimes, chairman, principal Pennfield High School; Robert Vanderveen, Philosophy and Objectives, principal Hastings High School; Harold Beebe, School and Community, principal Harper Creek High School; William Tunnickliff, Staff and Administration, Assistant Superintendent Battle Creek Public Schools.

Robert Loman, Curriculum, Assistant Superintendent Marshall Public Schools; Al Miller, Guidance, Guidance Director Harper Creek Schools; Maynard Clark, Student Activities, Assistant Principal Richland-Gull Lake High School; James Danoff, Facilities, Driver Education Principal Plainwell High School.

Ms. Valerie Heethuis, Art, teacher Otsego High School; Ms. Geraldine Mann, Business and Distributive Ed, teacher Harper Creek High School; James Keech, English, teacher Watervliet High School; Ms. Christine Clark, Library and audio-visual, librarian Richland-Gull Lake High School.

Ms. Auril Philo, Foreign Language, teacher Pennfield High School; Clark Mead, Science and Health Ed, teacher Edwardsburg High School; Ms. Pamela Burg, Home Economics, teacher Grand Rapids Ottawa High School; Edward Gustafson, Industrial Arts, teacher Hartford High School.

Gordon Burrows, Mathematics, teacher Lakeview High School; David Eifert, Music, Assistant Principal Lutheran High School, East; Robert Rowbotham, Physical Education, Athletic Director Marshall High School; Edward Finn, Social Studies, teacher Richland-Gull Lake High School; Fred Williams, Special Education, teacher Grand Ledge High School.

Lowell Principal Kemp explained that "NCA membership requires every school to undergo a complete evaluation once every seven years. The evaluation includes a comprehensive self-study by the school, then a review by a team of outside evaluators."

After the team's visit, the staff will consider the recommendations made by the team and the recommendations that resulted from the school's self-study. The staff will then decide upon the areas of the program that need to be strengthened, and will devise a schedule of steps towards improving those areas.

Principal Kemp called evaluation "a difficult but productive task. It's the kind of thing we all should do with our own personal life-plans every now and then."

The North Central Association, the nation's largest regional accrediting association, is a voluntary league of some 4,300 schools and more than 750 colleges and universities within the nineteen states served by the NCA. The Association works with individual schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of evaluation and accreditation.

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The victim's brother, Steven, 22, and a friend, Kathie Bobb, 24, of Ann Arbor, were following in another canoe.

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Lowell Middle School now back to normal after being the site of the recent two-day statewide conference of Middle-School Educators, Kay Numbers gave a glowing report of the aftermath to the local board of education Monday night.

Stating that the post-convention response was unbelievable, Mrs. Numbers, coordinator of the conference, told board members that a fantastic amount of thank-you notes from people who "paid to come" all had one thing in common - high praise for the conduct of the 90 Middle School students who assisted throughout the building during the event. "All commented on their manners, their appearance and their willingness to help - we are so proud of our students and how they handled themselves with outsiders," she said.

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Fatal Shooting Ruled Accidental

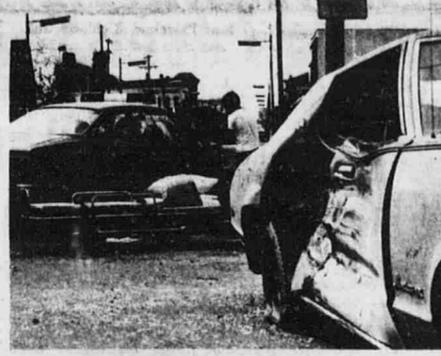
Funeral services for six-year-old Curt Greene of 5675 Dunn, N.E., Grattan Township, were held Monday afternoon at the Huffman Chapel in Belding.

Curt, a first grader at Grattan Elementary School, was fatally shot last Thursday afternoon at his home around 1:15 p.m., while playing cowboys and Indians with a 14-year-old babysitter. The incident has been ruled accidental.

The teenage neighbor boy was caring for Curt and his younger brothers, William, 4 and James, 3, in place of the family's regular sitter.

The youth apparently ended up loading a gun that had been

Accident Injures Two



Two persons were injured last Wednesday afternoon in a two-car accident at the intersection of East Main and Jefferson Streets. Treated for injuries were Bryan Roth of Grand River Drive, Lowell, and Rosemary Wohlscheid of Ionia.

Lowell Police report that Roth's vehicle was struck, broadside, when he turned in front of a car being driven by David Wohlscheid of Ionia.

Ada Man Injured In Explosion

Bruce Russ, 25, of Ada remains in serious condition at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, from injuries he sustained last Thursday, when a propane gas explosion ripped apart his home at 7879 East Fulton Road.

Russ suffered first and second degree burns on the face, thighs and hands.

Investigating authorities believe a propane tank, refilled Thursday afternoon, leaked gas into the house.

A service manager at General Tire, Russ came home from work around 5 p.m., smelled something "musty," lit a cigarette and went into the basement to investigate.

He ran toward a neighbor's home following the explosion. They summoned help.

Russ' wife, Cathy, and 6-month-old daughter, Bridgett, were at her mother's home in Ada, at the time of the mishap.

Bill Cramer, Ada Fire Chief, said the structure has got to be considered a total loss.

Fire Officials Probe Scene For Cause

A state fire marshal and investigators from the Cascade Township Fire Department continue to probe the charred remains of a huge die-casting plant at 1601 Galbraith Drive, S.E., in Cascade Township, trying to determine the cause of a fire there last Wednesday morning, April 5.

No one was injured in the blaze at Lacks Industries, which did an estimated \$1 million in damage to the firm's die-cast machinery and office areas.

Some 300 employees have been left jobless, indefinitely, until the firm's owners decide on the plant's future. They also have a facility in Saranac.

Cascade Fire Chief Lee Norton says the fire apparently started near the plant's locker room and spread east and west through the southern part of the one-story L-shaped metal frame building.

Saved were the plating, buffing and paint sections. The company has temporarily moved its office space to the Hospitality Motor Inn at 4041 Cascade Road.

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Girl Scout Reunion Is Planned

Michigan Trails Girl Scout Council is having a Girl Scout Reunion Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m. at the Clark-Ellis American Legion Building in Lowell, at 805 E. Main Street.

All former and present Girl Scouts from the Lowell area are invited to attend. An invitation is also extended to all members of the community to come and discover what the New Look in Girl Scouting is all about.

The Girl Scout program offers a wide choice of activities, tuned to the interest of today's girls-activities that stimulate self discovery and self confidence, give opportunities for community service, provide fun and friendships and help develop skills.

Junior Troop 139 from St. Mary's School will be helping with the refreshments and greeting.

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Lowell Woman Is New MARS Director

Cadillac was invaded this past weekend with people from M.A.R.S. No. 11 was friends from our neighboring planet, but the 2nd annual convention of the Michigan Association of Recreational Snowmobilers which convened April 7th, 8th, and 9th.

From the start of the Board of Directors meeting held Friday to the final session of the new board on Sunday, it was an action packed weekend. Included were a Get-Acquainted Party by Arctic Enterprises at Caterbae Edel-

weiss Lodge. "How To Do It" seminars at the Cadillac Armory; a luncheon and Spring Fashion Show hosted by Deere Co.; a cocktail party hosted by Polaris; the Awards Banquet with Mortimer Doyle, President of International Snowmobile Industry Association, Washington, D.C. as guest speaker; dancing in the Irish Pub; and a champagne reception in McGuire's Fireside Lounge hosted by Yellowstone Tours at which they showed pictures of the first M.A.R.S. Yellowstone Tour which took place in February of 1978. This was such a popular event, it will be repeated next year.

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John H. Forshar, has qualified for 1978 membership in the Life Insurance Leaders of Michigan, a state-wide organization affiliated with the Michigan State Association of Life Underwriters. Forshar, CLU - Manufacturer's Life, is a 31-year member.

Steve Harrington, Naturalist for the Outdoor Education Classes in Lowell Area Schools, has been awarded a Siles Memorial Scholarship by the Grand Rapids Audubon Club. The club offers two such scholarships each year to attend an Audubon Camp. Harrington will use his scholarship to attend the Maine Audubon Camp this summer. Three area students were

officers for the 1978-79 year who were installed were Lee Boston, President, Battle Creek; Jack Martin, Vice President, Lansing; Karl Bonzelar, Secretary, Holland; Ruth Reimers, Treasurer, Grand Rapids; Roger Matthews, Past President, Ada; Bob Skelding, Executive Director, Wellston. Serving on the Board of Directors for two years will be Faith Marshall, District Director 9, Lowell, a charter member of the Flat River Snowmobile Club.

lowell of March 31 at the University of Michigan's annual Honors Convocation, in Ann Arbor. They were Kathryn Vickery Hubner, 5000 Whitesville Avenue, Ada, Art, Douglas Paul Baker, 8635 Vincent, Alto, Business Administration; & Ronald Clare Krebs, 1st Division, Lowell, Music. All three were recognized at the convocation with Class Honors, which recognizes an undergraduate's academic record equal to at least half A's and half B's for two terms.

Jeffery Pierce, son of Mrs. Patricia Pierce of 964 Washington Street, Lowell, has been elected to Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary society for superior scholastic performance in advertising studies, at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Pierce, a senior, is a member of the University's Ad Club and maintained an over-all grade point average of 3.8 or better in advertising courses, and ranked in the upper ten percent of the advertising academic unit to be eligible for membership.

Two students, one from Ada and one from Lowell, have achieved placement on the winter quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University. They were Ronald K. Browner, a sophomore majoring in forest technology, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elson Browner, 6873 Rita Street, Ada, and Steven P. Nofke, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nofke, 13474 Vergees Street, Lowell.

Airman James L. Avery, son of Mrs. Eloise J. Avery of 2745 SE, Cascade, has graduated - U.S. Air Force Base, Texas, from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for aircraft maintenance specialists. Airman Avery, who was trained to maintain, repair and service aircraft currently in use by the Air Force, is being assigned to Clark Air Base, Philippines, for duty with a unit of the Pacific Air Force.

OBITUARIES

BLAKESLEE - Frank L. Blakeslee, 86, of 1027 Kirk Dr. SE, Cascade, passed away Thursday evening, April 6, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Earl of California and Russell of Lowell; also his step-grandsons, Donald and Edward VanPortfleet of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

According to his wishes, Mr. Blakeslee was cremated and there were no services. Arrangements by O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home, Cascade.

WOOD - Kenneth P. Wood, 67, of Belmont, passed away very suddenly Friday, April 7, at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; three sons, Flynn of South Carolina, Thomas of Ohio, and Paul at home; six grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Wanda Mikolich, Mrs. Mary Chorman, and Mrs. Thelma Krolik all of Grant; three brothers, Robert of Lowell, Howard of Grand Rapids, and Gerald of Security, Colorado.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

RISNER - Mrs. Emma Risner, 53, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday morning, April 5, at Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, after a lingering illness.

She was born November 27, 1924, in Salyersville, Kentucky. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church of Shelbyville.

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Reservations for this program are necessary by calling the library at 868-6038 by Saturday, April 15.

Free Program

A demonstration of Danish counted thread needlework will be the free program at the Alto Library Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

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Brace Visits Rotarians



When Harry Brace, General Director of the Metro Grand Rapids Area YMCA, visited the Lowell Rotary Club April 5, a number of Rotarians were on hand to greet him. From left, Dr. Rich Greenwood, Don Rocheleau, Harry Brace, Wendell Christoff, Don McPherson and Dr. Gil Wynn.

ROTARY NOTES

Rotarian John Roth was honored at the regular April 5 meeting of the Lowell Rotary Club on having achieved another birthday. John admits to having reached and surpassed the Biblical four-score years. We certainly treasure our older, dearly loved citizens. Vice-president Don Rocheleau presided.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 14: Sue Vickers, Dennis Rasch, Jack W. Kaska, Phyllis Jones.
April 15: Lou Oesch, Susan Burton, Mary Shores, Stacie Story.
April 16: Jackie Ryder, Angie Kehoe, Linda Aldrich, Doris Gardner, Myra Switzer, Steven Kroff.
April 17: Dennis Ryder, Edward Rasch, Candie Wood, Jeff Smith, Roger Teale, Lucille Erickson.
April 18: Ray Alexander, Mildred Burns, Herman VanderVein, Felix Hage.
April 19: Ron Eslich, Marcy VanderJagt, Carlen Anderson, Nancy Mersman, Leo Dietz.
April 30: Richard Yeiter, Richard Briggs, Milton Homolka, Bobbie White.

Don McPherson introduced the day's speaker, Harry Brace, General Director of the YMCA. Brace gave an overview of the Metro Grand Rapids YMCA, of which the Lowell Y is a branch. Brace related how the YMCA began in 1844 as a Christian organization concerned about the spiritual and physical health of young men. Over the years the YMCA has come to focus not only on men and boys but on the entire family.

"The future for the Lowell Branch of the YMCA is bright," said Brace as he indicated that members of the YMCA Board



are responsive and supportive and that the Lowell YMCA range of services is the greatest it has ever been.

WOTM Hear Blanding



Kevin Blanding

A 1977 summer exchange student to Norway, Kevin Blanding, spoke before the April Chapter Night meeting of the Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, on April 3.

A senior at Lowell High School, Blanding gave a very interesting commentary to his projected slides describing his visit to that country and the experiences he encountered.

The evening's program was under the direction of Mrs. Dolores Laux, Membership chairman, and her committee.

During the business portion of the meeting, two new members were initiated into the Order—Katherine Conrad and Home Chapter member Theresa Santo.

Members of the Chapter will be cooperating with the Moose

beginning at 1 p.m. The Cascade Library, a member of the Kent County Library System, is at 2839 Thornapple River Dr., S.E.

Workshop Planned

A one-day District workshop on "Breastfeeding" will be held Friday, April 21 at St. Robert's Church, 6477 Ada Drive, S.E. Ada, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chapter of LaLeche League International.

Dr. Robert Holm, pediatrician, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss "How To Talk To Your Pediatrician About Breastfeeding."

The 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. workshop is open to the public; babies are welcome. Other topics to be discussed will be spacing of children naturally, nursing toddlers, discipline, improving family nutrition, bottle babies and Caesarean births.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch and a snack food to share. Registration fee is \$1.50.

The LaLeche League is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization that provides information and encouragement to mothers who want to breastfeed their babies.

Timmons, who was babysitting, is accused of beating Roger R. House, 2, of Lowell, with a belt and his hand.

TV TOPS TELEPHONES The TV set ranks number one as the most popular home appliance. More people own televisions than either cars or telephones.

The book talk is free and

Book Talk At Cascade April 17

"Readin', Ritin', and Remembin'": a book talk by Uncle VanderVein will be the program at the Cascade Friends of the Library Booked-for-Lunch Monday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m.

The program will be held in Centennial Hall of Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., S.E., next door to the library.

The talk will be nostalgic about education. Mrs. VanderVein, Kent County Library adult services and member libraries coordinator, is a well-known local book reviewer. She will be using several memoirs of teachers in her talk.

The introduction to the bibliography she prepared for the talk reads: "George Bernard Shaw is credited with the statement, 'He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches!' This personal selection of books from the Kent County Library System proves that he was unfortunate in the teachers that he knew."

There will be a display of books used in the talk and the bibliography will be available for those who want them.

Those attending the luncheon are to make reservations by calling the library at 949-3130 and bring a salad to share.

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CENSUS BUREAU TO TAKE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY HERE Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment in this area during the week of April 17-22.

The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of approximately 70,000 households throughout the United States. Employment and unemployment statistics based on results of this survey are used to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential.

ISSUED CITATION Patrick Fitzpatrick of Ada has been issued a citation by Lowell Police officers to appear in Kent County's 63rd District Court.

He is charged with having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

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Dairy Goat Clinic

Dairy goats may become as common as dairy cattle in Kent County, according to Kenneth Cornelisse, Extension 4-H Youth Agent.

Due to the increased interest in dairy goats, the Kent County Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a Dairy Goat Clinic Saturday, April 22, at the Lowell Fair Grounds on South Hudson Street, between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

This clinic will feature a demonstration of skills, such as how to milk a dairy goat, and basic care and management of goats.

This clinic is open to all youth and adults interested in raising and caring for dairy goats.

Anyone desiring more information should contact Kent County Cooperative Extension Service, 836 Fuller, NE, Grand Rapids, (616) 774-3265.

Class Discusses Problems Facing Retired Persons . . .

As a part of the Retirement Preparation Classes being held in this area for interested persons, the play "Ever Since April," was presented Tuesday, April 4, in the activity room at Schneider Manor.

Taking part in the presentation from the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center were Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes.

Mrs. Wilhemina Wright on the staff of the Family Service Association, led the discussion of the problems facing retired persons, that had been introduced in the dramatization.

The class will continue to meet for four more weeks. "Estate Planning" will be discussed on Tuesday, April 18. Discussing "Productive Use Of Time" on April 25 will be Rod Smith from the Lowell Community Education office and Dorothy Blanton from the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

On Wednesday, May 3, the class will study the question of "Retirement Residency," including a review of nursing home care. The class on May 9



Taking part in the play "Ever Since April," presented to the Retirement Preparation Class held in Schneider Manor on April 4, were front row, from left, Mrs. Wilhemina Wright, Mrs. Orion Thaler and Mrs. Robert Barnes. Back row, Orion Thaler and Robert Barnes.

will consider "Investments." Any person is welcome at any of the sessions, which meet at 7 p.m. in the activity room of Schneider Manor at 725 Bowes Road, Lowell.

The classes are being co-sponsored by the Lowell Community Education program and Senior Neighbors, Inc.

Ticket Sales Begin For Scout Expo

Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers throughout Kent County have launched their ticket sales campaign for Scouting's biggest event, "Scout Expo '78."

Some 2,000 Scouts and leaders will present nearly 100 live demonstrations of Scouting in action on Saturday, May 6, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Calvin College Physical Education Center. The purpose: to show that Scouting today is more than just camping. Those attending "Scout Expo '78" can expect to see many live demonstrations in a five-hour show.

Hosting the grandstand portion of the program will be WOTV's Andy Kent. Highlighting the opening of the show will be a live helicopter search and rescue operation by a crew from the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Traverse City, the largest aviation search and rescue unit in the Great Lakes.

The Scout Expo, held every two years; is sponsored and guided by the Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Scouts are now canvassing their neighborhoods with advance tickets at \$1.00 each. Tickets will also be available at the door, and door prizes will be given. Most of the proceeds will go directly to the Troops and boys, and the remainder pay Expo operating expenses.

The adventure, discovery, and fun of Scouting is what "Scout Expo '78" is all about. It's a family event for the community, a day of excitement for everyone.

4-H Achievement Day At Cascade Church

Achievement Day for South Kent County 4-H members in the Personal Appearance project will be held at Cascade Christian Church this Friday, April 14.

Members will meet at the church after school with garment evaluation conducted between 4 and 5:30 p.m.

The Style Revue program presented for leaders, parents, and the public is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

The committee planning the event includes Mrs. George Doherty of Ada; Mrs. Paul Humphrey of Caledonia; and Mrs. John Talsma of Caledonia.

For more information on this activity or other 4-H programs, please contact Lynn Kay Vandric or Kenneth Cornelisse, 4-H Youth Agents, 836 Fuller, NE, Grand Rapids, (616) 774-3265.

Loaner Guitar . . .



Four hands are better than two, seems to be the reaction as Holly Conlisk, left, returns Lowell Jaycee's loaner guitar to YMCA instructor Jan Mallendine.

The guitar is now available as a loaner for spring lessons; new classes start Wednesday, April 19. Call 897-8445 for more information.

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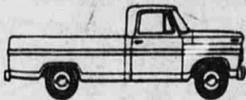
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Ada Bridge Soon To Get New Surface

Contract for the \$210,000 repair and resurfacing of the 480-foot-long bridge over the Grand River at Ada will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder May 17, reports Charles K. Brooks, Grand Rapids district highway engineer.

He says extensive flaking has made the surface rough and patching would be only a temporary measure.

Cracked concrete will be chipped out and removed, and air-blasting will remove 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, states Brooks.

Work is expected to be completed in late summer.

The span, completed in November, 1957, and commonly known as the Ada Bridge, replaced an old, narrow, iron-truss bridge and eliminated two sharp turns on each side of the river.—Dave Barnes.

Diane Ritchie Becomes Mrs. Philip Gerard



Mrs. Philip Gerard

Miss Diane Marie Ritchie and Philip Owen Gerard were united in marriage on Saturday, March 25, in the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Ritchie and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Gerard of Lowell.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor-length gown of organza enhanced with lace appliques. The gown was fashioned with full-length sleeves, fitted bodice, and oval neckline. A picture hat trimmed with organza and lace held her veil of illusion.

Mrs. Janis Oberlin was the matron of honor with Becky Gerard, Dolly Gerard and Kathy Hall assisting as bridesmaids. Junior attendants were Betsy Gerard and Matthew Ritchie.

Best man was Jerry Gaiger, with Bill Walters, John Gerard and Dale Ritchie attending as groomsmen.

The reception, which followed was held in the Lowell Middle School. The newlyweds will make their home in Lowell.

Going Away Party

A "going away party" honoring Steve Hewitt will be held this Saturday night, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room at Key Heights Trailer Park, 11335 East Fulton Road, Lowell.

Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hewitt, 11383 Sara, S.E., Lowell, leaves April 19 for his duties with the United States Air Force.

All of Steve's friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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Special Use Permit Hearing April 17

A Public Hearing to hear any and all objections to the issuance of a Special Use Permit will be conducted April 17 at 7:30 p.m., before the Cascade Township Planning Commission.

The applicant has requested permission to erect an accessory building 48 ft. by 72 ft., on his property at 5540 Whitneyville Road, S.E., to store farm machinery.

Section 7.4 of the township's zoning ordinance requires a Special Use Permit if a building is to exceed 150 square feet in size.

The hearing will be conducted in the township's Administrative offices at 2800 Orange Street, SE.

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