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### FAIR DATES RELEASED . . .

B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture this week announced that 86 county and 4-H agricultural fairs and two state fairs have been scheduled for the summer of 1978. The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair will be held in Lowell this year, August 21-26.

Other fair dates and locations in this vicinity include Lake Odessa, June 29-July 4; Hastings, July 16-22; Marne, July 16-22; Greenville, July 17-22; and Ionia, August 4-14 . . .

### RESULTS TRULY GRATIFYING . . .

Mrs. Betty North, chairperson of the Runciman-Riverside PTO Book Fair conducted at the Runciman School May 4-10, revealed that the enthusiasm of the children was refreshing and the interest shown by the parents actually attending the Book Fair was truly gratifying.

An estimated 1,100 books were sold, with sales totalling \$1,018.56. For their sponsorship, the PTO will realize a profit of approximately \$200.00.

"The support of this endeavor was overwhelming," Mrs. North commented, and "We wish to thank everyone who in any way, big or small, helped to make it a success." . . .

### HEARING DATE CHANGED . . .

Because of the scheduling of Mayor's Exchange Day for Monday, May 22, during Michigan Week, the Public Hearings before the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Zoning Board of Appeals has been changed to Tuesday, May 23.

According to City Clerk Ray Quada, the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall at 301 East Main Street.

### TO DISCUSS CELEBRATION . . .

"Lowell's July 4th Celebration," will be the important topic of discussion when the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce meets Wednesday, May 17, at the Village Inn on West Main Street at 7 p.m.

Wednesday's discussion will evolve around the parade, booths, and special events, for the special holiday celebration. Help from area service clubs is needed . . .

### TAKES NEW POSITION . . .

Carol Alexander who has been a waitress at Paul's Showboat Restaurant for the past four years, will be leaving her job there as of Wednesday, May 16 to take a new position at the Attwood Corp. Owner Paul Erickson says that because of Carol's willingness to shoulder many responsibilities at the restaurant, she will be greatly missed by him and the rest of the staff. Erickson and the employees at the restaurant said that they would like to wish Carol the very best of luck on her new job . . .



### JUVENILES ARE CAUGHT . . .

Taken into custody last Saturday evening by Lowell Police officers was a 15-year-old juvenile who had broken into and entered a house on Division Street. The subject was released to his parents, pending Probate Court action.

Investigation and apprehension of a six-year-old was made last Wednesday, by local authorities, when he turned in a false bomb threat at Bushnell School. Another juvenile, 13 years old, was caught Friday, shoplifting in the Ben Franklin Store on West Main Street . . .

### IMPORTANT REMINDER . . .

Lowell's Chief of Police Barry Emmons Monday issued a warning to area motorists about leaving keys in their vehicles. Emmons emphasized that a City ordinance prohibits such action, and a fine is induced if a car owner is found in violation.

"I make this warning," the Chief said, "because our department has spent a lot of time in the last two months investigating car thefts within the city of Lowell. Only last week, two persons who left their keys in their vehicles found themselves without transportation the next morning." . . .

### DRIVERS FLEE OFFICERS . . .

A high speed chase from Lowell to Cascade and Montcalm Avenue last week, resulted in the arrest of Paul Seese of Alto on a charge of fleeing and eluding a police officer.

Also, arrested by Lowell Police officers Friday evening for fleeing and eluding was Mark Dibble. The chase went over a mile before he was apprehended . . .

### GET HIGHWAY FUNDS . . .

Despite steady increases in highway travel and the number of cars and trucks in Michigan, state fuel tax revenues increased by less than one percent in the first quarter of 1978 over the same period of 1977, reports the State Highway Commission.

In announcing their first quarter distribution amounts to cities and villages in this area, the Commission revealed that the City of Lowell received \$23,532; compared to \$22,965 in the same quarter in 1977 . . .

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## 'Poppy Days' May 18-20

On May 18, 19, and 20, the residents of the area will be asked to wear a red memorial poppy, as the two veteran's organizations of Lowell observe their annual "Poppy Days," a voluntary tribute to the dead and disabled veterans.

By accepting one of these poppies from a member of the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 or Veterans of Foreign War Post 8303 of Lowell, and its auxiliaries, aid to the living victims of the past wars is given and honor is paid to those who died for their country.

The Poppy grew in the battlefields of France and Belgium where American servicemen have fallen during two World Wars. In the years following, the first World War, the Poppy came to be recognized as nature's tribute to the war dead, and it was soon adopted into the Legion and V.F.W. organizations as their official memorial flowers.

The poppies worn on "Poppy Days" have an even greater significance than the flowers which bloomed on the battlefields in Europe. These memori-

al flowers are made in hospitals and workshops where the suffering of war still exists. The disabled veterans who make these flowers are able to gain a dual benefit from their work—the poppy program gives them their only opportunity to support themselves and their families, and it offers them a productive pastime with which to combat long hours in the hospital wards.

When a Legion or V.F.W. volunteer approaches you with a Poppy this Thursday, Friday or Saturday, May 18, 19 or 20, don't try to inadvertently slide by, or say "I've already got one." Consider indeed, it a privilege to wear one.

### STOLEN CAR IS FOUND SAME DAY

Elmer Graham of Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell reported to Lowell Police officers Sunday afternoon, that his car was stolen in Lowell.

The vehicle was recovered later that day, southeast of the City of Lowell.

## Woman Dies In Collision

A 47-year-old Grand Rapids woman, Mrs. Dorothy Chambers of 1711 Plainfield Avenue, N.E., was killed Friday morning around 11:30 a.m. in Ada, when she turned her automobile into the path of a semi-tractor-trailer and truck.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at Butterworth Hospital of massive internal injuries.

Deputy Ronald Ditman of the Kent County Sheriff's Department reports that Mrs. Chambers and the King Milling Company truck driven by Lloyd Powell, 51, of Lowell, were both westbound in the 7100 block of East Fulton (M-21) when the mishap occurred.

Ditman reported that Mrs. Chambers was driving in the curb lane and Powell was in the left lane, roughly parallel to her, when she turned left in front of the truck which was loaded with 60,000 pounds of flour.

Despite Powell's efforts to brake, the woman's car was pushed 122 feet from the point of impact. Powell was not injured.

Her body was taken to the Nordman Funeral Home in Cheboygan, where she was originally from.

### Seeks To Establish

#### Ada Branch Bank

Michigan National Bank-Central of Grand Rapids, filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency, May 1, seeking permission to establish a branch bank in the Ada area.

If permitted, the branch would be constructed in the vicinity of the intersection of East Fulton Road, S.E., and Ada Drive.

## Ada To Open Bids May 26

New bids on the \$115,000 fire station for the north part of Ada Township will be opened at 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, in the township hall, reports Ada Clerk Kenneth Anderson.

## Two Injured In Head-On

A head-on collision, north of Lowell around 1:57 a.m. Sunday morning, hospitalized two persons from the Lowell area.

Taken to Butterworth Hospital were Christine Baird, 15, of Three Mile Road and Shawne Hondred, 4, of 1257 Jane Ellen Drive.

Kent County Sheriff's Deputies report that a car driven by Edward J. Loughlin, 18, of 10863 Three Mile Road, Lowell, was northbound on Lincoln Lake Avenue, one-half mile south of Vergennes, when he crossed the centerline and hit a car head-on off the shoulder of the road, driven by Roger Hondred of 1257 Jane Ellen Drive, Lowell.

Shawne, a passenger in her father's car, suffered a broken right leg and closed head injuries. Her condition is listed as good.

Miss Baird, a passenger in the Loughlin vehicle, sustained a broken collarbone. Loughlin was ticketed for careless driving.

He was released on a personal recognizance bond by Magistrate Gerard Shouse.

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### Lowell City Council

## Paving Is Approved

At the Monday, May 15, meeting of the Lowell City Council, a low bid of \$18,662 from Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., for paving and resurfacing of several city parking lots was accepted by the council.

New paving in the bid includes the city-owned parking lot at Monroe and Avery (behind the Lowell Beer Store, Anderson Shoe, etc.), city parking area behind city hall, and the alley on the east side of the D.P.W. garage.

Areas already paved, but to be resurfaced are the city parking lot behind Lowell Savings and Loan, between Broadway and Riverside, the city parking lot on the south side of Main and east of the Flat River, the King Memorial Pool's parking lot, and the two tennis courts in Rec Recreation Park on South Broadway.

Monies for these projects will come from a variety of funds including the Lee Fund, Federal Revenue Sharing and the city's major street fund. No definite date has been set for work to begin.

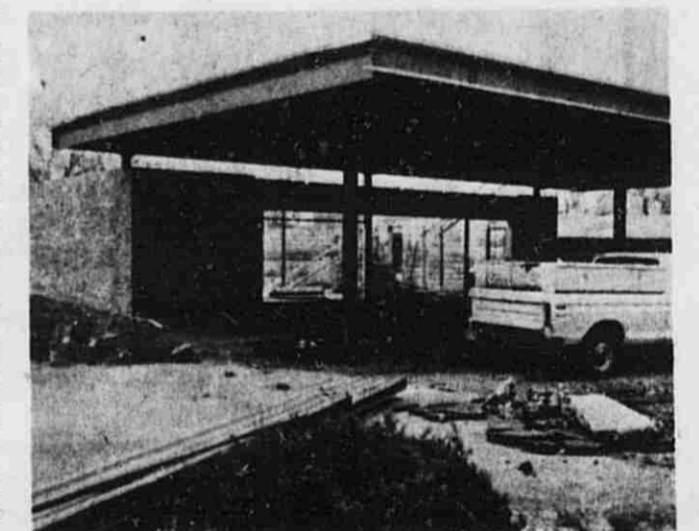
The city's proposed budget came before a public hearing at Monday's meeting. There were no comments from any of the citizens attending the meeting concerning the budget and it was adopted unanimously by the council. City Manager Ray Quada said that he was disappointed by the lack of interest in the budget by the citizens of Lowell.

A public hearing was set for July 17, 1978 to hear a request from Winston Setchfield for a tax reduction under public act 198 on the new machine shop being built by himself and Charles Thomas.

Projected costs in the request were \$125,000 for the building and \$250,000 for the equipment. The new plant will initially employ eight to ten people.

Public Act 198 allows for a fifty percent reduction in local property taxes for twelve years on new buildings or equipment that will provide new jobs.

## Gas Station & Store To Open In Lowell



Construction is well underway on the new Crystal Flash Gas Station and convenience store being built here in Lowell.

Another convenience store and self-serve gas station is scheduled to open here in Lowell by mid-June.

The new building is being constructed at the southwest corner of Main and West Streets.

According to Lloyd Fisher who will manage the store, they will offer a complete line of groceries, magazines, paperbacks and other convenience items at competitive prices. Fisher also said that the station will handle a premium high octane no-lead gasoline which helps eliminate pinging and knocking in autos having those problems.

Fisher and his wife, Jan, who will also work in the station, have moved to Lowell and are looking forward to joining the business community.

Fisher added, that when opened, the station's grounds will be available to local groups for fund raising car washes.



Lloyd Fisher

The new store and gas station is being built by Crystal Flash and will become part of their chain of 24 such establishments

HAPPY — 30th Anniversary Red and Nedra. p27

## Plaque To Be Purchased



The Ledger was informed this week by Showboat board members Jack Beggs and Vince McCambridge that the long promised bronze plaque honoring the large donors to the Showboat Amphitheatre is becoming a reality. In the photo above, Beggs and McCambridge are shown selecting a location for the plaque near the south entrance to the amphitheatre. It is planned that the plaque be mounted there during Showboat week and in the lobby of State Savings Bank's main office during the rest of the year.

The plaque listing the names of those who donated a thousand dollars or more to the amphitheatre has been delayed since 1974 because of the lack of funds. It is expected that the plaque will be ready for this year's Showboat. Beggs said that the smaller plaques honoring those who donated one hundred dollars or more will be figured into next year's budget.

### Informational Meeting

Next Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education offices [located in the west wing of the Middle School Building on Foreman Road] there will be an informational meeting on the Special Millage election coming up on June 12.

This meeting is open to all voters who may have any questions concerning the election.

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**POTPOURRI**

Mike and Phyllis Shinabarger returned home May 10th following a week's vacation in New Orleans. While staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel they attended the Prudential Regional Conference, where Mike received the Northern Star Award for sales achievement and was recognized for excellence in sales of Multi-Lines.

Robert McWhinney who underwent surgery May 3, has been released from Butterworth Hospital, and is recuperating at his home, 9359 F. Fulton Road, Ada.

Ronald Spielmaker, 48, a microbiologist at Airway Corporation of Ada, sustained second

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degree burns on his hands last Wednesday, when a minor explosion in the firm's toxicology laboratory occurred. He was taken to Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

Miss Sally Edwards of Cascade has received an all-expense scholarship for her junior and senior years at the University of Michigan. She received this as a result of her outstanding academic work at Grand Rapids Junior College.

Beverly Ripley of Ada was among the nine young ladies selected to the Kent County Styling Revue Honor Group at the 4-H Style Revue on April 29 at Calvin College Gezon Auditorium. She was also honored for outstanding construction. The program featured creations ranging from fluffy formal to all suits modeled and made by the teens themselves.

Two students from this area have been honored for achieving 4.0 or "straight A" averages during the winter term at Michigan State University in East Lansing. They are: Stephen A. Martini, 8548 Conservation Rd., Ada, senior, telecommunications; and Jill M. Boeskoel, 1360 Spaulding, S.E., Cascade, freshman, urban planning and landscaping. Both of these straight A students graduated from Forest Hills Central High School.

Sandra Troške of Ada and John Laver of Lowell, students in the College of Arts and Sciences at Grand Valley State College have been named to the Dean's List for the winter term. Both students maintained a 3.5 grade point average while carrying a 15-credit hour course load.

Carrie Wennhoff performed in a student musical this Spring at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. A resident of Lowell, Ms. Wennhoff, a soprano, is a senior at CMU.

Kim Zimmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Zimmer of Ada, has been assigned to play the role of Bonnie Harmer, a terrorist who was jailed and has escaped and is out for revenge against "One Life to Live" lead character Paul Kinsel. The afternoon soap opera is on at 2 p.m. daily on Channel 13. Miss Zimmer, who made periodic visits to New York to audition for the show, has been kept busy in Chicago theater and had to cut short her stay with a "Godspell" serial there to take the daytime term assignment.

Top Senior Miss Knitting Stylist and Certificate winner at the "Ye Olde Yarn Shoppe" 4-H

Stylo Revue May 6 in Ionia was Barbara Gasper, 14. Receiving honorable mention in the Senior Knitting was Sharon Gasper, 16. Top Junior Miss Knitter was Kris Gasper, 12. She received a county medal for her beautiful sweater. Mary Gasper, 10, received a county medal as one of the Top Young Miss Knitters. All are members of the Smyrna 4-H Knitters Club.

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Seventeen Lowell members were in attendance. Also going on stage at ARD from Lowell were Pauline Burtle and Irah Melle for KOPS of two years and Arlene Winslow, county medal for her beautiful sweater. Mary Gasper, 10, received a county medal as one of the Top Young Miss Knitters. All are members of the Smyrna 4-H Knitters Club.

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with a 25 pound weight loss and Esther DeLusha with a 19 1/2 pound loss.

Six Lowell members attend State Recognition Days at Traverse City this Spring. Going on stage there were Pauline Burtle and Irah Melle for KOPS of two years and Margaret Shaw and Vivian Collins for KOPS of ten years.

Anyone interested in visiting or joining the Lowell TOPS Club can join them every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Congregational Church. Weigh-ins are from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

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**Twelve Wins For Softball Team**

The Saranac High Softball team made it twelve in a row with victories last week over Vestaburg and Carson City.

At Vestaburg, the Redskins had 30 runs, 13 hits and 3 errors. Vestaburg was knocked out of a second place tie in the league as they were left scoreless and only posted two hits. Tami Frazer was offensive player of the game with 3 hits which included a double.

Other players with extra base hits were Hollis Opykye with a triple and Tammy Hardy with a double. Defensive player of the game was pitcher Teri Frazer, who had 5 putouts, 3 assists and

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of the game as she showed alot of hustle, had 3 putouts and 1 assist. Kay Thompson, shortstop, also put in a good performance with 1 putout, 2 assists and 1 error. Freshman first baseman Deb Stuart was errorless with 9 putouts.

As Saranac continues its bid for the league title they will play their next home game on Friday, May 26, against Vestaburg. This Friday Saranac will travel to Montebello and on Monday to Maple Valley. —Barb Zeino.

**Simmons Is Recognized**

Robin A. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Simmons of 5855 Sayles Road, Saranac, has been recognized as an outstanding U.S. Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) Cadet at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Simmons received the rank of second lieutenant in the AFROTC program. Upon graduation and completion of an Air Force second lieutenant.

The cadet is a 1976 graduate of Saranac High School.

**Trains In Food Service**

Pvt. Lisa G. Pitsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laradon L. Pitsch, 184 Partridge St., Saranac, recently completed a food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The course trains personnel to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities. Students receive training in baking, field kitchen operations, and the operation of an Army dining facility.

She entered the Army in January of this year. The private is a 1977 graduate of Saranac High School.

**BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET ON MAY 22**

The Saranac Band Boosters will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are urged to attend the meeting which will be held in Room 113 of Saranac High School.

**Saranac Students Chosen For Creative Ability**

The 16th annual Michigan Week Youth Festival will be held at Central Michigan University, May 20.

In conjunction with this event, the Michigan Art Education Association sponsors an exhibit of student work to recognize students with significant creative ability.

Saranac students juried whose works were accepted to this exhibit are: Brenda Campbell, Kim Coulson, Peggy Grieves, Cathy O'berbeck, Tim Patrick, Lynda Stuart and Lori Swiger.

**Annual Old Homes Tour**

When the annual Old Homes Tour in Ionia resumes May 20-21 one of the fine old Italianate homes visitors will see is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coykendall at 152 East Washington Street.

Built in 1875, the Coykendall home is historic for more than its age. Among its many owners was the late Circuit Judge Royal Hawley. Another owner, who might be even better known than Judge Hawley was the Rev. Elam Branch. Some 60 years ago Rev. Branch wrote a two volume history of Ionia and Montcalm counties. Though not totally accurate, the books have become collector's items.

**Paul Hunter Is Promoted**

The U.S. Air Force has promoted Paul P. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hunter of 1090 Johnson Road, Saranac, to the rank of senior airman.

Airman Hunter is serving at Sembach Air Force Base, Germany, as an operations systems management specialist.

The airman is a 1975 graduate of Saranac High School.

**GETS SHARE OF HIGHWAY FUNDS**

The State Highway Commission this week announced that the Village of Saranac will receive as their share of first quarter distribution of Highway funds, \$9,382.

In the same period in 1977, Saranac received \$9,162.

Other News  
 Ionia Hospital Admissions: Mrs. Donald Shields, 8690 McArthur Rd., Thomas Jagen, 161 Vosper; Harold Lillie, Rt. 2; Richard Nead, 7516 Peck Lake Rd.; Sarah Harrington, 128 Division St.

**Tri-County**

This Sunday, May 21, the 1978 season of action in the Tri-County Baseball League will begin, with teams from Lowell and Saranac seeing action on opening day.

Lowell's team, coached by Alan Baird, will play at Pawama Sunday at 3 p.m., with Saranac hosting Belding in a game at 2 p.m.

The remaining season schedules for these two teams will be as follows:

May 27, Saranac at Portland, 5 p.m.; May 28, Westphalia at Lowell, June 4, Ionia at Saranac, Lowell at Portland, June 8, Ionia at Lowell, 6:30 p.m.; June 9, Saranac at Caledonia, 6:30 p.m.; June 10, Lowell at Belding, 5 p.m.; June 11, Westphalia at Saranac, June 18, Pawama at Lowell, Saranac at Belding, June 23, 24, and 25, League Tourney at Portland.

July 2, Lowell at Saranac; July 8, Caledonia at Lowell, 5 p.m.; and Pawama at Saranac, 4 p.m.; July 9, Lowell at Westphalia and Portland at Saranac.

July 15, Lowell at Ionia, 5 p.m.; July 16, Saranac at Pawama, Lowell at Caledonia, July 23, Belding at Lowell, 5 p.m.; August 5, Saranac at Ionia, 5 p.m.; Portland at Lowell, 5 p.m.; August 6, Saranac at Lowell, August 10, 13 and 17, first round playoffs, August 20, 24 and 27, Championships.

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### Open House For Overways

An open house commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Overway of 1338 Covered Bridge Road, Lowell, will be held at their home this Sunday, May 21.

The Overways who were united in marriage on April 14, 1928, will greet their friends and relatives between the hours of one and five o'clock in the afternoon. They have requested no gifts, please.

Hosting the open house will be their children, Gerrit and Mary VanderMark, William and Loren Overway, Bruce and Ruth Christiansen and John Overway.

They have nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



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### Richard Visser Virginia Stephenson To Is Ordained Head VFW Auxiliary

An ordination service was held at the First Baptist Church of Lowell on April 30 for Richard Visser.

### Golden Open House For Victor S. Clums



An open house commemorating the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Victor S. Clums will be held this Saturday, May 20, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Lakewood Baptist Church, two miles east of Lake Odessa on M-50.

### COMING EVENTS

- WED., MAY 17: Past. Matrons will meet at the home of Mrs. Doris Boyd on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. A Stanley Party will be held also.
- WED., MAY 17: The Alto Garden Club will meet at the Alto United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 17, at 2 p.m. Hostesses are Esther Bancroft, Eldora Graham, Mable Thompson and Florence Richardson.
- THURS., MAY 18: The Lowell Middle School Band Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18.
- THURS., MAY 18: The Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Grace Kutchev on Thursday, May 18, at 1 p.m.
- MON., MAY 22: The May 22nd meeting of the Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will be a dinner meeting held at the Howard Johnsons Restaurant, 28th St., Grand Rapids. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. May order from the menu. Installation of officers. The installing officer will be Charlotte Sours, Assistant Director of District IV, from Nashville.
- WED., MAY 24: Lowell High School Boy's Varsity Club will serve their annual Charcoal Chicken barbecue on Wednesday, May 24, 5 to 7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.
- WED., MAY 24: To all members of Ladies' Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8303—There will be a Planning Conference at the Post on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m., at which time we hope to make plans for upcoming projects for the year. Please come and bring your ideas.

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### OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends, Sometimes the bereaved do not talk at all. Their grief produces a kind of numbness and silence. It is difficult to comfort or help this kind of person. They do not respond to your presence or the things you say. There is no easy way to penetrate this silence and you do not need to intrude in their grief. The friend who expresses sympathy and love can do no more.

**HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS**  
By Pauline E. Spray

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live... (Psalm 104:33). Before leaving for the basement to do the ironing, I wrote out a list of duties for the girls—their assignments for the day. When I left instructions for my young daughters, I didn't dream the influence of television commercials would prove profitable where their work was concerned.

First, Sybil was to wash the kitchen floor.

In no time at all, she had finished this task. When she came down to tell me about it, she said, "I played I was advertising Spic and Span. Now Sue is vaccuuming the Mohawk rug and she is advertising Airway Sweepers.

Come to think about it, life is a lot like that. We can decide to be happy and make a game of it, or on the other hand, we can go through life living in a drudgery.

Life is what we make it. We can dwell on our burdens and trials until life is one great chore, or we can sing praises unto the Lord as the Psalmist did and "enjoy life to the fullest."

Prayer: "I will sing of mercy and judgment; unto thee, O Lord, will I sing. I shall give Thee for Thy great salvation and Thy power to save. I shall 'enjoy life to the fullest' because Thou has put joy in my soul. Amen.

I will sing of Jesus and His power to save. I will shout His praise while Here I stay; For the great salvation that to me He gave Is the joy of my soul today. J. B. MacKay

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### Camp Fire Girls Get Highest Ranks

Four members of the eighth-grade Discovery Club, led by Gay Rivers, received the highest rank in the Camp Fire Girls program at the annual Council Fire held Tuesday evening.

Discovery Club members, including this year's sixth graders who have completed their Trail Maker requirements, will attend a special camp at Wabasis Lake and will work toward the Gypsy award.

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**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF MAY 22**

Monday, May 22: Spaghetti or Lasagne, Green Beans, Hill-billy Rolls, Assorted Whipped Desserts, Milk.

Tuesday, May 23: Barbeques & Pickles, French Fries or Tossed Salad, Butters Corn, Bars or Cookies, Chilled Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday, May 24: Turkey and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits or Jello, Green Beans, Assorted Rolls with Whip, Milk.

Thursday, May 25: Pizza, Cole Slaw, Mixed Vegetables, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

Friday, May 26: Macaroni and Cheese, Garden Peas, Raisin Rolls, Chocolate Pudding with Whip, Milk.

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# CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 1, 1978.

The Meeting was called to Order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Heath, Warning and Collins.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17 be approved as written, supported by Councilman Heath.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Heath.

Yes: All.

No: None.

Absent: None.

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**

General Fund	\$104,038.93
Major Street Fund	1,321.25
Local Street Fund	1,361.08
Sewer Fund	4,721.46
Water Fund	5,078.77
Equipment Fund	2,645.86
Water Revenue	52,142.00
Storm Sewer Fund	20,025.00
Building and Site Fund	45,590.00
Improvement Fund	5,479.00
Federal Revenue Sharing	33,340.00

The first item of business for discussion was a request from Walbro Corporation for release from the sale contract for the parcel of property on Foreman Street, east of the Middle School, (old well site) since they no longer plan on developing the property as an industrial site.

**Release of Walbro Corp. From Purchase Agreement**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Carter for adoption.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 1977 the City of Lowell approved the sale of certain City-owned property to the Walbro Corporation of Cass City, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Walbro Corporation has determined that said land will not be required for their expansion program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary release from said documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City does hereby retain the right to sell said property as a portion thereof for an amount equal to or greater than two thousand dollars, (\$2,000.00 per acre.)

Carried.

**Request—Winston Setchfield-Purchase Of Foreman St. Well Site**

Council then discussed a request by Mr. Winston Setchfield to purchase the same piece of property on which to construct a small toll and die operation.

Mr. Setchfield and Mr. Charles Thomas, of Industrial Tool and Die were both present, and gave details of the type of operation they wished to build.

The discussion included the fact that the Middle School parking lot is located on City owned property, being leased to the School until 1983, and the need for some type of easement to allow access to the rear section of the property behind the parking lot if a building were built on the front of the property east of the lot.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Mayor and City Manager negotiate for sale of the property with Mr. Setchfield, supported by Councilman Heath.

**Discussion on Sewage Treatment Expansion**

Manager Quada then reported on meeting with Thomas Carpenter of the D.N.R. on the Step II expansion of the Sewage Treatment program. He stated that the City could possibly be eligible for additional funding from the Farmers Home Administration. He stated that it would be necessary to pick an engineering firm by May 31, 1978, and that the design fees would be approximately 8% of the total construction cost.

Councilman Christiansen brought up a point of meeting a representative of a company that is working with a new

## 'Career' Presentations Eighth Grade Given

On Wednesday, May 10, Lowell Middle School hosted its first "Career Morning" as a highlight of the eighth grade career education unit.

The students were given the opportunity to choose one of sixteen career presentations. Each student could ask questions of the professional in his chosen area and learn such aspects of the career as: what a day on the job is like, necessary training and personal requirements, salary ranges and advantages and disadvantages of the job.

Careers represented included: Kim Hays, actor; Mrs. Lucille Green, Banker; Ms. Sharon Jacobi, Beautician; Ivan Blough, Builder; Counselors, Ms. Vicki Casner and Gary Vincent, artist; Joe Klabrowski, Chief Barry Emmons, Law Enforcement Officer; Frederick Althaus, Jr., Lawyer; John Schneider, Mechanic; Photographer, Jim Maatman; Profes-

sional Athlete, Ralph Huston; Naturalist, Steve Hartington; Mrs. Shirley Townsend, Secretary; our own Ms. Garrison, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Stegmier and Mr. White, teachers; U.S. Armed Services representative, Skip Gieseking, and Dr. James Main, Veterinarian.

The eighth grade students, teachers and Mrs. Blodgett would like to express very warm thanks to those people for sharing their knowledge, expertise and very valuable time, and for making our "career morning" such a success.

**PAY AS YOU TALK**

America's first pay station telephone was inaugurated June 1, 1880, in the Yale Bank Building, New Haven, Conn. Sponsored by the Connecticut Telephone Company, the program required an attendant to stand by and collect money from each person who used the phones, which were placed in the lobby for public use.

**Discussion on Use of Lee Fund for Pool Improvement**

Council then discussed the possibility of using Lee fund monies for improving the King Memorial Pool.

Councilman Warning stated that he and Manager Quada had toured the Pool building and had found it in a sad state of affairs. He stated that he felt it was wrong for the City to give away use of City owned buildings to the Schools or "Y" or other organizations to be abused and never maintained or fixed up. He also feels that it is wrong to expect the City to foot the bill for repairs while other organizations are using such buildings or properties.

Manager Quada replied that the bulk of the blame lay with the City that no one had ever checked into whose responsibility the maintenance was to be. He also noted that it would definitely be included in any future contracts or agreements with outside organizations.

The Manager then stated that a step in that direction would be the purpose of the request for the \$71,800 to be spent on a 15 foot square cement apron, with outside head showers, that way the summer swimmers would not have access to the interior of the pool building. Swimmers would be instructed to wear swimsuits to the pool, there would be no change of clothing on the premises. Showers located outside would be used to rinse off chlorine before leaving the premises. There would be access to newly located restrooms. The School would then be responsible for the interior of the building used by the athletic teams.

A lengthy discussion followed about the baseball bleachers, ball diamond, etc., and the City's responsibility for maintenance.

**IT WAS THEN MOVED** by Councilman Heath that Council approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 for the proposed improvements to the King Memorial Pool Building from the Lee Fund, supported by Councilman Carter.

**Michigan Week Proclamation**

Mayor Collins then proclaimed the week of May 20 to 27 as Michigan Week announcing that Lowell will be exchanging Mayors with the City of Gladwin.

**Manager's Report**

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada announced a Council work session on the proposed 1978-79 Budget for Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

He also reported that quite a bit of damage had been done to the City's refuse unit barn. The front northeast corner had been run into with some type of vehicle and was smashed in. The incident is under investigation.

The Manager also commended five volunteer firemen for their performance in a 66 hour fire fighting school, noting that test scores range from 88% to 95% for Lowell Firemen.

**Council Remarks and Reports**

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Heath requested information concerning a need to establish responsibility for the removal of dead animals and other debris from the rivers inside the City. Councilman Carter gave a brief report on the progress of an Industrial Development Commission.

Also discussed were the numerous stop signs throughout the community and a schedule for replacement.

Manager Quada then advised the Council that legislation is currently being considered that would reduce state police funds while increasing funds to the county sheriff's department for road patrol outside home rule cities. He advised that such legislation would "double dip" city taxpayers, currently bearing a portion of county sheriff costs through county taxes, by extracting state taxes for the same purpose.

**cozy corner**

By Roger Brown

Excuses, Excuses... Here it is mid May and I'm well on my way to becoming the scourge of the neighborhood again this year. My lawn, if you can call it that, has grown well past my ankles in places and I haven't even fixed the flat tire on my mower yet.

Up until a couple of weeks ago I was using the excuse of letting the new grass seed that we sowed some up before I mowed, but now that it has a good start, I really don't have an excuse.

It's just one of those springs where I have more projects in the works than time to get them done and mowing the grass is one project that keeps getting put off. I don't know why I'm telling you all of this other than I wouldn't want anyone to think that my lawn has gone unmowed just because I'm lazy. You would probably be right, but I still wouldn't want you to think that.

The next time that I happened to glance over at his diggings, guess which items were laying unused beside the sand pile and which ones were being used for digging? Come Christmas, Casey is getting a big gift wrapped box full of rusty old tin cans.

Last week, I got some color prints back from the processors and when I looked through them, I found there were a couple of prints that weren't mine. One was of a cute young blond and the other was of a cute young oriental girl and a black doorman loading luggage into a car parked in front of a hotel.

As you might well imagine, pictures like these mixed in with pictures of my son's birthday party, etc., would require considerable explaining when my wife looked through them. Not being able to resist the temptation for a little fun, I left the mysterious prints in the envelope.

What a blow to my ego when my wife immediately recognized them for what they were, somebody else's pictures. I guess she knows all too well that I don't have the time, money or desire to be running around with strange women but it sure took all the fun out of those stray prints.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Your readers should be made aware they are about to lose the services of the Michigan State Police, who will be relegated to the duties of highway patrol if Senate Bills 157 and 158 become law. I am among those in the Michigan Legislature who are concerned under consideration in the Michigan Legislature.

**Golden Tiara Is Presented**

Mrs. Virginia Stephenson, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8303, Lowell, has been given the privilege of owning the Golden Tiara, as a result of the Auxiliary being 100% in membership as of January, 1978.

The tiara was presented to Mrs. Lucille Erickson at the 8th District Council meeting held in Delton, on Sunday, May 7th.

Mrs. Erickson in turn presented the tiara to President Stephenson at the installation of officers meeting of the Auxiliary on May 11.

I hope your newspaper will encourage your readers to write their legislators.

Sincerely, Ernest W. Nash, State Representative, 56th District

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**LOWELL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

A public hearing will be held beginning at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 21, 1978

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Aiden Nash, SE, to review the proposed Land Use and Development Plan for Lowell Township.

A copy of the plan will be available for inspection at the Township Hall after June 14, 1978.

**LOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

Henry VanderZiel, Chairman

c27 & c31

**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held before the Planning Commission-Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, May 23, 1978

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

Purpose of the Hearing will be the following:

1. A request by Douglas Schoon for a variance from setback requirements to allow the construction of a garage less than six (6) feet from property line.
2. A request by John Ramjet to rezone a parcel of property (15.2 acres) located on West Main Street, (West of the Branch Bank) from AA-Agricultural-Residential and P.U.D. 2, to C-3 Highway Commercial.

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

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# Forensics Team Ends Season



Lowell High School Multiple readers presenting a 15-minute Reader's Theatre piece based on "The Hobbit," were, from left, Mike Lessons, John Walte, Kim Ritterdorf, Michelle Ralys, Brad Eloy and Sheila Thompson.

Extemporaneous Speaking, Oral Interpretation, Radio Broadcasting and Storytelling are only several of the areas the Lowell High School Forensics Team competed in this season. These areas of competition are regulated in the State by the Michigan High School Forensics Association at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After hours of preparation and rehearsal, the local team presented programs for the Area Arts Council, the Historical Society, at St. Mary's, Bushnell School and the Middle School.

Actual competition began at the District Contest in Ionia where Glenn Bailey (1st - Extemporaneous Speaking), Dawn Condon (2nd - Informative Speaking), Kent Dickerson and Laurie McMahon (1st - Dramatic Duo), Julisa Grooters (1st - Story Telling), Mary Magle (1st Humorous Interpretation), Ron Moore (1st - Impromptu Speaking), and the Multiple Readers (1st in Multiple Reading) took awards.

At the Regional Contest in Marshall, Glenn Bailey, Julisa Grooters and the Multiple Readers all placed, qualifying for the State Contest May 6th. Although none of the three State entries made the finals last weekend in Ann Arbor, all are proud that they reached such a high level of competition.

Also participating this season of 1978 were Kevin Blanding and Randy Adams (Dramatic Duo), Kim Grudzinskas (Radio Broadcasting), Brenda Scheidel (Serious Interpretation), and Dale Towne (Informative Speaking).

Congratulations 1978 Lowell High School Forensics Team on your terrific season!

**TAX LIMITATION PETITIONS**  
More than 100,000 signatures have been collected to put a lid on State spending: the campaign is really building momentum. If you would like information on this issue, if you need petitions to circulate, or if you would like a slide presentation for employees or service club, call our office (517) 371-2100 or Taxpayers United at (313) 358-1978.

**HAPPY — 30th Anniversary**  
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## Along Main Street, Continued...

**TAKE SOME ALONG...**  
Brochures, heralding the 1978 Lowell Showboat and star Vic Damone are now available for distribution by Lowell area residents who will be traveling out-of-town. Take some along to friends, relatives or drop them off in towns you'll be passing through. The brochures can be picked up at That "Special" Place, 215 W. Main Street. Orders for Showboat tickets can be placed by calling 897-9237 or by writing to Box 56, Lowell Showboat, Lowell.

The Showboat Board of Directors and Managers will meet Tuesday, May 23, at the high school at 7 p.m. . . .

**ELECTION ISSUES, PROPOSALS...**  
Lowell school officials have set June 12 as the date for trying again to get a yes vote on operational millage. The proposal on the ballot will ask for the same increases sought in the May 2 vote, which was defeated; 17.5 mills for 1978, 17.7 mills for 1979 and 17.9 mills for 1980.

Also on the June 12 ballot will be the election of two members to the Board of Education for four year terms. In the running are incumbents Orion Thaler and Roger Roberts, and Mary Greenwalde and Tom Heintzleman.

Another issue on the ballot will be the special Education millage proposition by the Kent Intermediate School District asking for an increase of 1.25 mills.

Voters seeking to know more about the election's issues and answers are asked to call 897-8415 . . .

# Married

Miss Paula Ann Termeer and Rudd Thomas Pilarz were united in marriage on Friday evening, May 5, at seven o'clock in the Second Congregational Church of Grand Rapids.

Parents of the newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Termeer and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pilarz, all of Grand Rapids.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Gerald (Randi) Ellis of Lowell. Bridesmaids were Judy Shively, Patricia Termeer and Nancy DeBres.

Theodore Diduch was the best man and the guests were seated by Rex Termeer, Leonard DeBres and Paul Lehman.

At the reception following in Meijer's Cosmopolitan Room, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Butler of Ada presided as the master and mistress of ceremonies.

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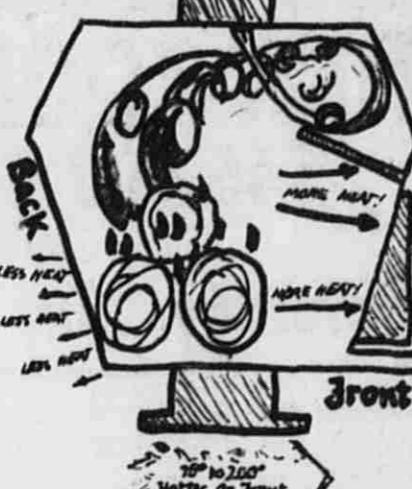
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## Buildings To Be Moved From Site

Kent County Road Commission has advertised for bids on buildings at 10185 East Fulton Street (M-21), which must be removed to make way for the Parnell Avenue relocation. reports Donald R. Schofield, KCRS engineer-manager.

The sealed bids on a 16x22-foot, wood frame, storage barn, and on a one-story, frame house with breezeway and attached, two-stall garage will be opened at the commission meeting May 23. All units must be removed from their respective sites so that the new Parnell Avenue section can be built to connect at right angles with M-21.

Bidders inspected the premises Tuesday and picked up a copy of the specifications.

The present south tip of Parnell Avenue, which runs in a northwesterly-southeasterly direction not only forms a hazardous intersection at M-21, but it is also on a steep grade.

Parnell Avenue is a primary county road and the entire improvement will run between M-21 and Foreman Street, a distance of 1.2 miles.

The present north-south part of Parnell Avenue will be graded and graveled and have drainage structures put in, to be followed by blacktopping.

The new part of Parnell Avenue will swing in a wide arc, first westerly, then southwesterly and finally southerly to M-21. A road commission crew already has cleared the site of trees and bushes, says Schofield.

D. J. McQuestion of Dearborn, Mich., has the contract for all work on the improvement except for blacktopping, bids on which will be advertised for later.

McQuestion, low bidder at \$320,057, has started work at the north end. — Dave Barnes.

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