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## Lowell Police Make Many Drug Arrests

A long investigation by Kent County Sheriff's Deputies and the Lowell Police Department culminated in several arrests Monday and Tuesday. Those arrested were served with warrants for one or more of the following felony counts: Conspiracy to deliver marijuana, delivery of marijuana, conspiracy to deliver LSD, delivery of LSD, conspiracy to deliver PCP, delivery of PCP, conspiracy to deliver cocaine, delivery of cocaine.



THE LOWELL AREA JAYCEES announce that their paper drop has reopened as of Monday, August 21. The Jaycee's paper drop is located in the parking lot of Eberhard's Store on West Main Street.

JUST A REMINDER to all parents that school opens on Tuesday, September 5. In order to answer any questions area residents may have about the start of school, special information booth will be open on Friday, August 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 26 from 9 to 12 noon. The booth will be located in the Showboat Ticket Office on East Main Street.

THREE WOMEN WERE injured on Wednesday, August 9, in an accident at Main and Amity Streets. Sue Thomson of Lowell was injured when her car was hit in the rear on rain slick streets by a vehicle driven by Yvonne Allensma. Allensma and her passenger Elaine Burgess both of Grand Rapids were also injured.

RICK FONGER, PRESIDENT of the Lowell Lions Club, has extended an invitation to area golf enthusiasts to attend the third annual Greg Matthews Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament Monday, August 28, at the Kalamazoo Elks Country Club.

According to Fonger, the tournament, sponsored by Lions Club Leader Dog and Michigan Elks Major Project Committee for Crippled Children, will feature many touring pros and many of the Michigan PGA stars. Tee off time on Monday will be 12 noon.

RICK KINGSLEY, A passenger in a car driven by Terry Kingsley, was injured in an accident on Saturday morning August 13 on Valley Vista Drive near Donna. The Kingsley vehicle collided with one driven by Michael Robinson of Wyoming, Michigan.

THE LOWELL POLICE and Kent County Sheriff's Departments will be among law enforcement agencies participating in a school crossing guard workshop Wednesday, August 30 sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education.

The half-day seminar will take place at the Kent Intermediate Schools offices, 2650 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids, starting at 9 a.m. The program was developed to comply with a new state requirement that all adult school crossing guards receive four hours of training and two hours of annual review from local police in traffic control, first aid and other areas.

THE 1978 LOWELL YMCA Men's Slow Pitch Double Elimination Tourney was held last week with the final win taking place on Sunday. The tourney went relatively smoothly despite a three hour delay because of Saturday's storm.

Eighteen teams were entered, 10 from the Lowell area and 8 from Grand Rapids. Orwantz of Grand Rapids came out on top by beating the Lowell Beer Store twice. LBS took second, VFW surprised everyone coming up with a third and Curly's Club Diner finished in fourth place.

ADVANCED BILLING HAS been received for upcoming attractions at the Strand Theatre on West Main Street. August 5, American Graffiti will be showing; September 1, Smokey and the Bandit, starring Burt Reynolds; September 15, Silver Streak with Gene Wilder; September 26, The Goodbye Girl; September 9, Harper Valley PTA; and October 6, Casey's Shadow, starring Walter Matthau.

Watch your Ledger for the Strand Theatre ad for additional information.

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## Youth Struck By Car, Dies

Thirteen-year-old Robert Myers of Lowell who suffered multiple injuries Thursday when he was struck by a car, died Saturday, August 19 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

According to Lowell Police, Myers darted into the path of a car driven by Genevieve E. Konczel, 56 of Livonia, who was southbound on M-50 (Alden Nash) in Lowell at about 10 a.m. No charges were brought against Konczel, police said.

Myers is survived by his parents, Robert and Etta Myers; a brother, Scott; sisters, Roxanne and Debra all at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers of Petoskey and Mrs. Elsie Greenacre of East Jordan; also several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 23 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Rev. George Coon officiating. Committal services Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., Alanson Cemetery, Alanson, Michigan.

## Snow Club To Hold Annual Picnic

Final plans for the annual picnic of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, to be held Sunday, September 17 at Griffith's Park, were made at the regular meeting held Sunday, August 20. The barbecued chicken dinner will start at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service. All members, children and grandchildren are invited. If you plan to attend, please contact Jack or Julie Condon at 949-2124.

The Annual meeting will also be held that day with election of officers. Candidates for the 1978-79 year are President, Mike Fugitt and Ed Marshall; Vice-President, Brad Potter and Joe Griffith; Secretary, Winnie Snieder and Polly Souser; Treasurer, Fawn Shepard and George Scheck; Advisory Board, Lou Roskamp, Dick Priebe, and Junior DeLoof. The polls will be open from noon until 3 p.m. All members are also reminded that dues are due September 1 and must be paid before balloting.

## TO BUY, SELL, RENT OR TRADE—USE THE LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main St., Lowell. "What A Remarkable Job our City did on cleaning up debris after our little 'Tornado'. A pat on the back to all of them." This Week's Special: Chili Dogs, 3/\$1.00. Tuesday Night, Family Night, Burger Night; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions; Saturday Night, A Delicious Sizzler. c41

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THE EMPLOYEES — Of Vista Inn on West Main Street had a birthday party for Lowell's "Rob Reiner", Steve Martin on Saturday, August 12 at Dick's Lakeside on Big Crooked Lake. According to Jessie Martin "A beautiful time was had by all."

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## Showboat Destroyed

# Storm Rips Through Lowell

At precisely 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, a tornado, or at the very least, an incredibly strong wind struck at the very heart of Lowell. As the sun rose, residents stared in disbelief at their beloved Showboat which lay in splinters atop its own dock and stage. The huge steeple that has graced the Methodist Church for over one hundred years lay in the church yard. Everywhere lay mammoth shade trees, limbs, electrical wires, and debris of every description.

Miraculously . . . thankfully . . . virtually no injuries were reported, the only exception known to the Ledger were minor cuts and bruises suffered by the occupants of a mobile home which was tipped over by the storm. Everywhere were close calls, if this tree had tipped that way, or if the steeple had toppled the other way or if they hadn't gotten up to close the windows. Nearly everyone in the section of the city battered worst by the storm begins their recount of the ordeal with "thank God . . ."

The people of Lowell may have been lucky, but the property did not fare so well. The single most expensive bit of destruction dealt out by the storm was of course the famous Lowell Showboat. According to boat maintenance chairman Jim Hall, the boat must have been lifted to a considerable height (15-20 feet) and then flipped upside-down to rest on the concrete stage. Needless to say, the Showboat is in splinters and if replaced, will have to be done so board-by-board. Initial cost estimates a new Showboat range from fifty to sixty thousand dollars. The Showboat is not insured because the cost of insurance is far too great to be practical.

But already, many steps are being taken for the replacement of the Showboat. A workday is scheduled for this Saturday, August 26 at 8 a.m. City trucks have been lined up to haul away the debris and anyone able to, is urged to come and help. Please bring crowbar, hammer, broom, gloves, etc.

Don Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corporation announced on Monday, that Attwood will be donating \$2,000 toward replacing the Showboat. Rocheleau accepted chairmanship of a committee to seek donations from area manufacturers and other businesses, also to be used for replacing the historic boat.

Other fund raising campaigns are already being planned and news of some of these will appear in future Ledgers.

Many Showboat board members however, are not so optimistic, knowing from past experience how difficult it is to raise such large sums of money. Several Showboat supporters doubt if a new boat can be financed and built in time for next year's program.

The Lowell United Methodist Church was also hard-hit as its landmark steeple was toppled by the storm. With many volunteer hands working all day Saturday, the gaping hole in the church tower was sealed off and the church was readied for a 5 p.m. wedding ceremony. Normal services were also held on Sunday.

To try to list any more of the damage specifically would be futile as the destruction was so extensive. A rough description of the storm's path would show it moving west to east and angling slightly to the south with the worst damage commencing west of Richard's Park, then across the Flat River to the Showboat then intersecting Main Street in the vicinity of Lipperts, then following Main



The Lowell Showboat which less than a month ago was steaming around Cattail Bend in all her glory, was reduced to the above pictured mass of rubble by the windstorm. The light towers at either end of the stage incredibly escaped being damaged and must have been missed only by inches when the debris from the Showboat was hurled past. A volunteer work day is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, to clean up the mess.

## More Storm Photos On Back Page

did not open Saturday—or at least closed early. The storm seemed to bring out the best of most residents as everywhere were people helping however they could. There were reports of a couple from Detroit who are avid Showboat support-

ers, driving all the way to Lowell to do whatever they could to help. It was reported to the Ledger that Lucchesi's Pizza House cooked and donated four to the volunteer clean-up crews. And Lowell sounded like a lumber camp with chain saws

buzzing everywhere as neighbor helped neighbor with clearing the brush, limbs and trees. As bad as it was, the whole ordeal was probably best summed up by Paul Erickson, owner of Paul's Showboat Restaurant, when he said, "we were lucky."



Ripping the steeple off from the First United Methodist Church of Lowell was one of the most sensational bits of destruction that the wind dealt out. The belfry portion of the steeple is more than 100 years old, but the very top section of the structure was erected in 1967.



# Lowell Township Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a special meeting on Wednesday.

### August 30, 1978

at 8:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE to reach a decision on the Rocks Realty Company's application to establish a gravel pit in Section Five of Lowell Township.

Carol L. Wells,  
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## Congressman Brown Area Youths Compete To Be In Alto

Third District Congressman Garry Brown will be in Alto next Wednesday (August 30) to meet with constituents.

The Schoolcraft Republican said he is devoting much of the August congressional recess to helping people straighten out problems they are having with the federal government and to discussing issues with interested groups and individuals.

Brown said he hopes to be as accessible as possible through use of a mobile office. He has scheduled 35 mobile office stops throughout the district between now and Labor Day, including the one next Wednesday in Alto.

The mobile office will be parked downtown, in the business district between 3-45 and 4-30 p.m.

"One of my highest priorities as this district's elected representative in Washington is to help people who are having problems with the huge federal bureaucracy," Brown said. "I would encourage anyone who is having a problem with Social Security, the Veteran's Administration, the armed forces, the Small Business Administration or any of the other various

agencies to bring it to my attention when I'm in Alto next Wednesday."

He urged anyone who cannot meet with him Wednesday to address any correspondence to him at his district offices: Room 2-1-36 Federal Center, 74 N. Washington, Battle Creek, or Room 112 Federal Building, 410 Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, or to contact him directly at 2446 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515.

**RITZY RODENT REMOVER**  
Whoever said the world would beat a path to the doorway of the person who invents the perfect mousetrap couldn't have expected Patent number 305,102, which was issued September 16, 1884. Officially titled an Ornamental Rat Exterminator, it consisted of a paper mache figure of a cat, coated with fluorescent paint and dosed with essence of peppermint. The cat was supposed to glow in the dark, scaring the rats that saw it. Peppermint was supposed to be offensive to little rodent noses.

Showing dairy animals from Kent County are Lynn Wilcox, Lowell; Sheila Nugent, Lowell; Jan Meyer, Caledonia; Paul Meyer, Caledonia; Dave Meyer, Byron Center; David Fusz, Alto.

The dairy science exhibit, demonstration and dairy bowl contests are judged on the 4-Hers knowledge of cattle and the dairy industry as well as their skills in presenting this information to an audience, explains Cornelisse.

Local participants in these events are: Valerie Talsma, Caledonia; Lynn Wilcox, Lowell; Paul Meyer, Caledonia; John

Tiemeyer, Caledonia; Jan Meyer, Caledonia; Pam Talsma, Caledonia; Kurt Talsma, Caledonia; and Sheila Nugent, Lowell.

The dairy cattle judging contests are judged on the 4-Hers knowledge of dairy type and character, and correct structure of the animal for efficient milk production.

Local participants in the dairy cattle judging contests are: Dave Meyer, Byron Center; John Tiemeyer, Caledonia; Lynn Wilcox, Lowell; Valerie Talsma, Caledonia; Gordon VanLaan, Caledonia; Paul Meyer, Caledonia; Jan Meyer, Caledonia; Sheila Nugent, Lowell; Pam, Kurt, and Craig Talsma, Caledonia.

"Since Michigan is the sixty largest dairy state, it is important for young people to be able to get involved and learn about this important agricultural industry," Cornelisse said.

All the activities at 4-H Youth Dairy Days are open to the public free of charge. For information concerning times and locations of the various contests, contact Ken Cornelisse at the Kent County Cooperative Extension Service office. Phone: 774-3265.

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## Swim Team Awards

The Lowell YMCA swim team finished the season with a 2 and 2 overall record in the West Michigan Swim League. The five teams comprising the league were Lowell YMCA, Hickory Hills (Southeast YMCA), West Grand Rapids YMCA, Northville Park and Linda Park.

Last week the Lowell team traveled to Northville Park for the Conference Meet. Tuesday preliminaries were held, where nearly every Lowell swimmer qualified for finals. On Thursday the final competition was tough in each and every event. Lowell finished fourth with 440 points. Winning first place medals for Lowell were:

James Compton — 18.6 seconds in the boys' 8 and under 25 yd. freestyle.

Michelle Doyle — 15.9 seconds in the girls' 10 and under 25 yard freestyle.

Bob Sarniak — 27.0 seconds in the boy's 14 and under 50 yard freestyle; 1 min. 6 seconds in the boy's 14 and under 100 yard free style.

Chris Vera — 29.7 seconds in the boy's 14 and under 50 yard butterfly.

Steve Doyle — 1 min. 22.7 seconds in the boy's 17 and under 100 yard breast.

Sue Stormzand — 1 min. 17.17 seconds in the girl's 17 and under 100 yard butterfly; 1 min. 14 seconds in the girl's 17 and under 100 yard back.

Others who placed and received Conference ribbons were: Longie Eichhoff, Dave Van Patten, Jeremy Barber, Jason Barber, Mark Lessens, Kelly Compton, Mike Schlieve, Sue Sarniak, Cheryl Backstrom, Andy Vredenberg, Stacy Lippert, Beth Clause, Kristin Hall, Steve Antcliff, Mary Moore, DeeDee Collins, Marty Vredenberg, Scott Bilski, Andy Stormzand, Mike Banfield, and Steve Howard.

A special thanks goes to this year's coaches Dave DeNolf and Jennifer Patrick. Any question concerning next year's season may be directed to them at the pool before the last day of swimming, August 26. Conference Relay ribbons may be picked up at the pool by the appropriate swim team members.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 25: Misty McClure, Charles Therien, Diane Clark, Larry Wittenbach, Emma Miller, Wade Free, Don Phillips, Patricia Elzinga.

August 26: Esther Minges, Gary Buche, Mary E. Miles, Keith R. Beck, Sharon Harver, Kellie Nelson.

August 27: Mark Smith, Jean Kelly, Velma Minges.

August 29: Pat Lombardo, Wanda Sharpe, Roger Nead, Kristi Schroeder, John Jones, str., Marion Noteware, Shawn Gray, Robert Kolberg.

August 30: Charles Ridgway, Joe Monroe, Marva Casler, Leland Cornell.

August 31: Doris Roth, Katie Sherman, Michelle Leiter, Gary Miller, Scott Miller.

Related birthday wishes go to Mark Hines who celebrated his birthday on August 21.

The first power-model dishwasher was developed by Mrs. W. A. Cockran of Shelbyville, Indiana, and completed in 1889.

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Lifebuoy or Camay bar soap, 3bars for 47¢ at the Lowell Kroger Store.

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Cooks had men's shoes from \$4.00. \$86.00 would buy you a Studebaker Erskine Six at W.C. Rogers.

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## 40 On Y Swim Team

The 1978 YMCA Swim Team was made up of 40 area youth from the ages of six to eighteen. Pictured above are seven special awards winners. Front row, left to right: Cheryl Backstrom, Most Improved Medal; Beth Clause, Most Valuable Medal; and Jamie Compton, Most Dedicated Attendance Ribbon. Back row, Sue Sarniak, Most Dedicated Attendance Ribbon; Chris Vera accepting Most Improved Medal for Dave Vera; Bob Sarniak, Most Valuable Medal; and Kelly Compton, Most Dedicated Attendance Ribbon. Not pictured was Stacy Lippert, Most Valuable.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Zoning Appeals has denied Gerrit VanderMark's request for a condition variance which would have allowed him to construct and operate an auction house and flea market in Section 31 of Lowell Township.

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COMING EVENTS

SAT., AUG. 26: The Alaska Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is holding an ice cream social on Saturday, August 26 from 6 until dark at 8147-68th Street.

Receives Grant

The Cascade Township Library recently was recommended by the governing Board of the Lakeland Library Cooperative at its meeting in Grand Rapids on August 8 to receive a \$500 grant for a series of six programs for parents. "Reading Begins at Home."

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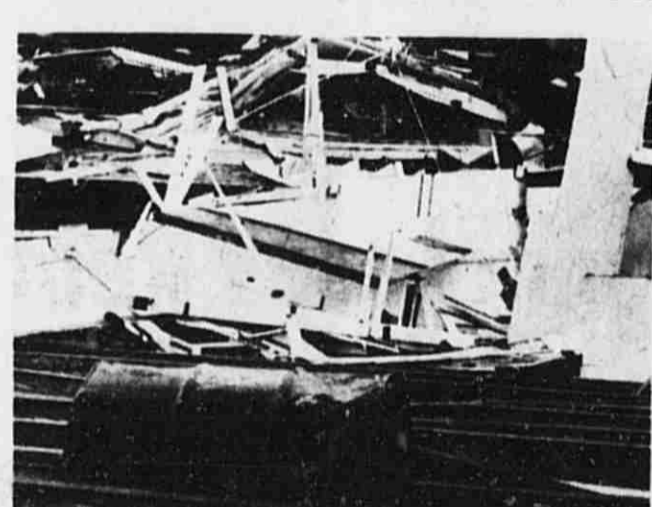
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3rd Annual Road Run



The third annual Lowell YMCA Road Run continued at Fallsburg Park last Saturday, August 12, drew about 200 participants. On the starting line, they await the sound of the starting gun manned by Charlie Doyle.

Must Have Been Quite A Show



As if a spectator to the catastrophe, one of the barrels from under the Showboat rests in the amphitheatre seats where it was hurled by the wind.

Golden Swingers

Hold Election

Lowell's Senior Citizen group, the Golden Swingers recently met and held their election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Emory Bowen, President; Emma Skokna, Vice President; Margaret Miller, Secretary; and Grace Kutchev, Treasurer.

New Buds On



The Family Tree

Larry and Martha Mattson of Hong Kong announce the birth of their son, John Lawrence Mattson, born August 7. Grandparents are Annabelle Wittenbach of Lowell and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Mattson of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hull of Oscego announce the birth of a son, Brandon Jay, August 10, 1978. Mrs. Hull is the former Crista Yeiter of Lowell.

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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

By Pauline E. Sray

The Lord upholdeth the righteous (Psalm 37:17). Our teakettle begins to whistle shrilly when the water reaches the heating point. That is the signal to remove it from the heat.

God has promised the Christian that no temptation will be too great for him to bear. And God has a way of giving warning to the enemy when His child has taken all he can stand. He says, "That is enough! My child has reached the limit of his endurance. Now let him be!"

We have been given the five senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and feeling. The enemy of our soul uses these avenues through which to annoy and tempt us. Often our fellowmen are unaware of our trials. But this does not mean we go unnoticed. Human friends may not have the faintest idea that we are passing through rough waters, but the Heavenly Father knows. He knows exactly how much we can bear. He has set up a limit and allows the enemy to try us to a point. When we reach the "boiling point" of our endurance, He steps in and rescues us from "the heat of trial."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thou has not promised that I would be exempted from temptation and trial, but Thou hast promised to help me in my hour of need. When I reach the limit of my endurance, Thou wilt step in and rescue me from "the heat of trial." Amen.

When thou'f fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flames shall not hurt thee: I only design Thy dress to consume, and thy gold to refine. George Keith

OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends,

If you leave no Will, your estate will be distributed according to the law. The court-appointed administrator may not handle your affairs as you intended—shares going to family and friends may be different than desired, and may lead to conflicts in the family. A Will, reflecting your wishes, helps to preserve harmony.

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Hull-Ellison Vows Exchanged

Gay Lynn Hull and Brian L. Ellison were married Saturday in West Berlin Church with Rev. A.C. Barker performing the ceremonies.

For her wedding, before an altar draped with baskets of white gladioli and blue spider mums, Miss Hull chose an eggshell satin gown highlighted with lace and pearl trim. Her veil was held in place by a crown trimmed in lace. She carried a bouquet of white daisies and blue carnations.

Jan Hywell was matron of honor with Bruce Ellison, Jr. serving as best man. Terry and Dixie Hull seated the guests. A reception was held in the Jaycee Center in Ionia following the ceremonies.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hull of 1177 East Riverside Drive, Ionia and Mrs. Ellison was born August 16, 1987 in Elsie, Michigan, the daughter of Albert and Ida MaGe. She married Harvey Ellison, November 16, 1903. He predeceased her in death in 1952. She had lived in the Saranac area for the past 50 years.

Obituaries

NELSEN — Nels P. Nelsen, age 91 of 7125 Jackson Road, Saranac, passed away Friday evening at his residence.

He was born in Denmark December 3, 1886, the son of Kristian and Elsie (Peterson) Nelsen. He was a farmer most of his life and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ionia. He had lived in Ionia County since 1924.

He married his wife Thora Christensen in Denmark on May 18, 1915. Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Peter Christensen of Illinois; one daughter, Mrs. Karen Rose of Saranac; one brother, Peter C. Nelsen of Nebraska; one sister, Anna Hansen of Denmark; eight grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, August 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Ionia with Pastor Leo Kostian officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

ELLISON — Nina B. Ellison, 91, of Saranac, passed away Thursday morning, August 17 at the Belding Christian Home.

11 Girls Attend Volleyball Camp

Eleven girls from Saranac High School, along with their coaches, attended the Olympic Development Volleyball Camp held last week at Western Michigan University's campus in Kalamazoo.

The coaching staff was excellent, the majority being previous Olympic players who are not professionals, so the girls were able to learn a tremendous amount in their week at camp. On the first day everyone was tested and placed according to their playing ability. DeAnn Eddy and Debbie Stuart tested high enough to be placed with more advanced players. They did a good job and received excellent reports from their coaches. The others tested well also and were placed in a group of 112 girls. Total attendance at the camp was 237 players and 24 coaches. This group was then divided into teams of 14 each. At the end of the week, an All-Star team of six girls was chosen from the 112. Saranac

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Home Loses Roof



The residence of Mrs. Larry Biggs, Jr., 210 Wyandotte Ct., Saranac, had its entire roof removed and carried over 200 yards away. The home is in a subdivision but neighboring houses suffered no damage. Saranac had several trees and limbs downed by the storm but was not nearly so hard-hit as Lowell.

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The Lowell Board of Education offices are located in the South-west corner of the Lowell Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Phone: 897-8415.

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**New Student Enrollment**

It's time to get ready for a new year. Remember to read through the bus schedule, a few changes have been made. There have also been several changes in the staff of the school. All parents who will be registering new students in the Lowell School System are urged to do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure what school to enroll your child at, please call the Board of Education office at 897-8415. Enroll your child between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the following schools:

**Alto Elementary School**  
6150 Bancroft Avenue  
Alto, Michigan 49302  
Principal, Mr. Bill Kirby  
Phone: 868-6111

**Bushnell Elementary School**  
700 Elizabeth Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Principal, Mr. Dave Burdette  
Phone: 897-8471

**Runciman-Riverside Elementary School**  
300 High Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Principal, Mr. Dirk Venema

**Middle School**  
12675 Foreman Road  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Principal, Mr. John Gabrion

**Senior High School**  
750 Foreman Road  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Principal, Mr. Gary Kemp  
Phone: 897-9202

Maintenance: Mr. DeWayne Watson, Mr. John Gratz, Mr. Jim Barnes, Mr. Clare McCaul

**Middle School**

New students should enroll as early as possible. Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Quad lists will be posted on the front entrance window, by August 17, 1978. Quads Baird, Jenette, and Robinson will start out in physical education. Be sure and have your physical education clothes and shoes when school starts. Vocal Music is being reinstated in the Middle School this year. If you wish to take vocal music and did not sign up please call the office, 897-9223.

**8TH GRADE BAIRD QUAD**  
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Mathematics and Science: Mrs. Joyce Stormanzand, Mrs. Judy Ellison

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**Senior High Class Schedules**

The Lowell Senior High school students' class schedules will be mailed on Friday, August 25. Locker and homeroom assignments will accompany the schedules. This student information is important to the student for the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5. Any junior or senior who would like to be placed on the co-op program this fall but did not schedule it last spring, should call or see Mr. Stogehais at the high school student service center during the week before school starts.

The first day of school, all high school students will be expected to attend the classes as printed on the schedule they received in the mail. If any change is necessary in a student's class schedule, a time will be provided to make those changes during the first week of school. Students will be informed by announcements about the time to come to the Student Service Center to see the counselors regarding requests for schedule changes.

During August the Senior High School office is open from 8 to 12 and 1 to 3 daily, Monday through Friday. Parents and students are encouraged to call with any questions they might have. The High School phone number is 897-9202.

High school students who are new to our school system this year and those students returning to school who were not attending school in June 1978 should enroll at the high school office during the week of August 21-25. A parent or guardian should accompany these students who have just moved to the Lowell Area School District to enroll as there will be papers that will require a parent's or guardian's signature.

**Principal Kindergarten**  
Mr. Bill Kirby

**First Grade**  
Mrs. Karen Christiansen, Mrs. Elvis Sheehan, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Mrs. Amy Brown, Mrs. Barbara Schneider, Mrs. Jane Gordon, Mr. Tim Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Dewey, Mr. Dan L'Heraut

**Second Grade**  
Principal Headstart: Mr. David Burdette, Mrs. Frances Hoag, Mr. Kevin Hoag, para-professional

**Third Grade**  
Mrs. Beverly Grottenhuis, Mr. Gary Papke, Mrs. Dee Gabrion, Mrs. Marjorie Kropp, Miss Lori Price, Mrs. Ethel Rivette, Mr. Fred Garcia, Mrs. Judy Kelley, Mrs. Jean Seaman, Mrs. Sue Beute, Mrs. Sharon Vensas, Mrs. Joan Allinder, Mr. Bob Schiefer, Mrs. Jackie Touseley, Mr. Gordon Vandenberg, Mrs. Carol Backstrom, Mrs. Vic DeWard, Miss Margaret Hoats, Miss Nancy Knechtel, Mrs. Cynthia Orr, para-professional

**Fourth Grade**  
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**Fifth Grade**  
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**Bushnell Staff**

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Principal Kindergarten: Mr. Dirk Venema  
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August, 1978

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Lowell Area Schools serve nutritious meals and milk every school day. Students may buy lunch for 35¢ in the Alto, Bushnell and Runciman Schools and 40¢ in the Middle and High Schools, and milk for 5 cents.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown on the attached scale who are eligible for free meals or milk. If your income is greater than those shown but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of your income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, your children may still be eligible.

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	SCALE FOR FREE MEALS AND FREE MILK		SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS	
	A	B	A	B
1	\$ 4,190	\$ 4,191 - \$ 6,530		
2	5,500	5,501 - 8,580		
3	6,810	6,811 - 10,630		
4	8,110	8,111 - 12,660		
5	9,310	9,311 - 14,530		
6	10,510	10,511 - 16,400		
7	11,600	11,601 - 18,100		
8	12,690	12,691 - 19,790		
9	13,680	13,681 - 21,330		
10	14,660	14,661 - 22,870		
11	15,640	15,641 - 24,390		
12	16,610	16,611 - 25,910		
Each additional family member	\$ 970	\$ 1,520		

To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk, or reduced price meals for your children, complete the application on the back of this sheet and return it to the school. Within 5 days of receiving your application, the school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible. If you do not agree with the school's decision, you may discuss it with school officials. If you wish to review the decision further, you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the Superintendent, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, Michigan 49331 - Phone: 897-8415.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such meals and milk for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

Children of unemployed parents may qualify for free or reduced price meals and/or free milk if total family income including welfare payments, unemployment compensation and sub-pay benefits fall within the prescribed family income guidelines.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, creed, color, or national origin.

In order to qualify on the first day of school, you must return this application before Monday, August 28, 1978, and you will receive a reply from the school to let you know if your children are eligible.

This information you give on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility for free meals and milk or reduced price meals. If we can be of any further assistance, or if your income changes during the year, please contact us.

Sincerely, Mrs. Marilyn Bovee, School Food Service Supervisor, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, Mich. 49331. Phone: 897-8415



### Food Service Program

The Lowell Area Schools Food Service Program will begin serving good, nutritious meals the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, 1978 in all schools. We will again invite the St. Mary's School to participate in the Bushnell Cafeteria.

The price of lunches will stay the same until further notice. \$35 for students in the Alto, Bushnell, Runciman and St. Mary's Schools, \$40 for students in the Middle and Senior High Schools. Adults will again be \$6 and all milk will be 5.05 except for the milk included with the Type A lunches.

Students may purchase lunch tickets every morning in their rooms at the Alto and Runciman buildings. Tickets may be purchased in the Bushnell hallway and in the Middle School Cafeteria. Senior High students will pay when they go through the lunch lines.

Free and reduced price lunches are available upon PROPER APPLICATION, to families who qualify for the program. A letter to the parents and application is included in this publication. Applications will also be available at all of the school offices. Parents who think they may be eligible are urged to get their application in to Mrs. Marilyn Bovee before Friday, August 25, 1978, so that they can be advised whether their children are eligible before the first day of school. Families MUST HAVE RECEIVED a letter of approval for free lunches from the school or they must send lunch money to school with their children every day until they do.

We wish to inform the parents of the Lowell Area School students that we do not use any mixes or pre-prepared main dishes. We make all our own bread, dinner rolls, cookies, cakes, casseroles, etc., from "scratch" in our own kitchen. We are required to give the elementary school students fruits and vegetables every day. The lunches in the Lowell Area Schools include salads and fresh fruits at least three times each week. The Middle School and Senior High School students may choose any three of the five components (protein, bread, vegetables, fruit, milk) of the Type A lunch for the same price. This eliminates plate waste. We also have an a-la-carte line and snack bar combination at the Senior High School. There, the students may, if they wish, pick out different, individually priced items. This, of course, costs more than the unit priced Type A lunch which includes milk. We sell ice cream, milk, orange drink, cookies and fresh fruit at our snack bar, which will be open before school in the morning, during the lunch period and after school. In addition, at noon we sell hot sandwiches, pizzas and tossed salads. There are no junk foods, in the form of carbonated drinks, candy or potato chips, sold in the Lowell Area Schools. We serve 2300 Type A lunches every day and another 100 a-la-carte meals besides our snack bar items.

Parents having any questions about the Hot Lunch Program should call Mrs. Marilyn Bovee at 897-8415.

### Food Service Staff

- Marilyn Bovee, Director
- Alto School: Mrs. Hilda Strick, High; Mrs. Gwen Rosburg, Mrs. Pat Thomet, Mrs. Ruth Hoag; Mrs. Norma Noall, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt; Mrs. Nancy Zywicki, Mrs. Margaret Myers; Mrs. Runciman: Mrs. Ruby Rittersdorf, Mrs. Rita Rittersdorf; Mrs. Marc Steward, Mrs. Sue VanderMolen; Mrs. Susan Wester, Substitutes; Mrs. Juanita Baker, Mrs. MacDean Alexander; Mrs. Mary Intrain, Mrs. Ruth Rittersdorf; Mrs. Virginia Nebbing, Mrs. Marion Rutherford; Mrs. Gertrude Stefens, Mrs. Elizabeth Wittenbach.

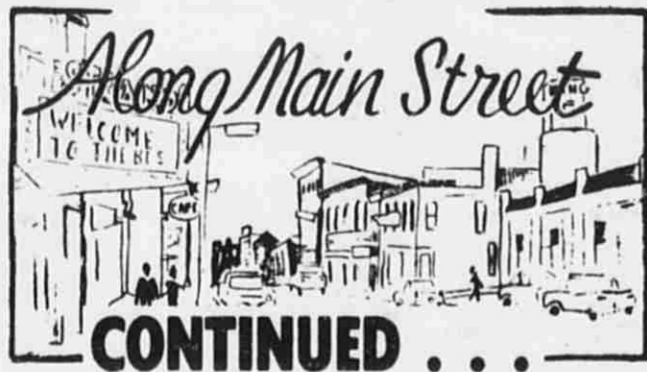
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**TONYA GACHTER** WAS involved in a property damage accident August 8 at Main and Monroe Streets when her brakes failed, causing her to run a stop sign. Her vehicle was hit by a car driven by Barbara Briggs of Morley.

**AN ALTO MAN**, Robert Mendez, was involved in an accident at Main and Jefferson on August 16 when he turned left in front of a vehicle driven by Joyce VanDyke of Lowell.

**THE DOOR OF** a vehicle driven by Opal Sweet was damaged at Main and Water Streets on Saturday, August 19 when she opened it and it was caught by the bumper of a car driven by Marshall Canerday of Flint.

**A BREAKING AND** entering attempt failed at the Zephyr Station, 606 W. Main, Monday morning when two citizens saw the suspect come from behind the building causing him to flee the scene. Lowell officers are still investigating the incident.

**OFFICERS ARE ALSO** investigating a breaking and entering of the Lucchesi Bros. Tire Company, 2400 W. Main Saturday morning. Thieves entered an east window and took an undetermined amount of cash.

**A CONFESSION BY** George Taylor of Lowell to Lowell Police Officers last week closed a case of auto theft from November, 1977.

**ARRESTED BY THE** Kent County Sheriff's Department and Lowell officers on charges of disobeying a police officer, resisting and obstructing and assault were Roman Hrynchshyn and Michael Stiles. The arrest occurred after the subjects repeatedly ran barricades on Saturday afternoon which were set up for damage removal after the storm.

Arrested in Savanna, Tennessee Sunday evening, August 20 were two unidentified subjects who reportedly stole a vehicle from a residence on Lincoln Lake Saturday. Further information was not available at press time.

**FLEMING THIEVES OF** Beaverton, Oregon was arrested for attempted suicide, felonious assault and two other charges Tuesday morning after Lowell officers stopped the car he was driving. Thieves reportedly attempted to shoot himself then turned the shotgun on police officers before he was apprehended. Thiebes remains in custody at the county jail.

**A BREAKING AND** entering of the Michigan Wire Processing Company was reported to Lowell officers on August 11. Taken were old motors and fire extinguishers.

**JACK ALLEN BENT** of Grand Rapids was arrested in the Attwood parking lot on August 11 for possession of marijuana.

**NORMAN STEVEN KELLY** of Lowell was cited for disobeying police officers and going through barricades Saturday. Kelly will report to the 63rd District Court at a later date to answer to the charge.

**INJURED IN AN** accident on Riverside Drive near Foreman Tuesday, August 8 was Ronald Chesebro of Rockford, when the vehicle he was driving hit a parked car about 11:30 p.m. The impact from the crash forced the parked car over the embankment and into the Flat River.

**THERE WILL BE A** paper drive at the Lowell Middle School on Thursday, August 24. Papers may be dropped off at the front of the school anytime that day and will be picked up for recycling. For pick-up of your papers call 897-9223 or 676-9230.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to purchase outdoor education equipment for the upcoming school year.

**ARRESTED FOR DRIVING** under the influence of intoxicating liquor Friday afternoon August 12 was Lovie Beebe. Beebe was involved in an accident earlier in the county and left the scene without identifying herself.



**cozy corner**

By Roger Brown

Just a few thoughts concerning the storm... **NEW SHOWBOAT PROGRAM???**

Before the City Manager shut off Main Street last Saturday, Lowell was bumper-to-bumper traffic everywhere. This town was so full of people, (Mostly curious on-lookers) that Showboat Week traffic seems like a drop-in-the-bucket by comparison.

Pardon the pun but, the Showboat board probably missed the boat by not charging admission into the amphitheatre to see the damage. Hence, my idea for a new Showboat program.

When and if the Showboat is re-built, it should be constructed in panels that could easily be knocked down and reassembled. Then every night, the house would be packed at about ten bucks a head and the Showboat would be blown up right before their eyes with a small charge of dynamite. The next day, crews would come in, reassemble it so that it could be blown up again. All of this could probably be done cheaper than one week of today's high priced talent acts and if last weekend's traffic is any indication of the kind of crowds it would draw, then again pardon the pun, but the Showboat could really CLEAN-UP with such an act.

**THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT**  
Up until a month ago, Lowell had three very old landmark steeples in town. In early July, the steeple on St. Mary's Catholic Church was so severely damaged by lightning that it had to be demolished.

Last weekend the magnificent steeple atop the United Methodist Church was toppled by the wind. Which leaves the steeple on the Lowell Congregational Church as the only steeple of its type left in the city.

The parishioners of the Congregational Church have got to be thinking one of two things. Either they must be doing something right as the Almighty has seen fit to leave their steeple standing, or else they are wondering when their steeple is going to go.

And if it does go, how will it go? We've already lost one by lightning and one by wind, so what's left? Well, it would sure be one heckuva flood.

**WHAT IF, WHAT IF, WHAT IF...**

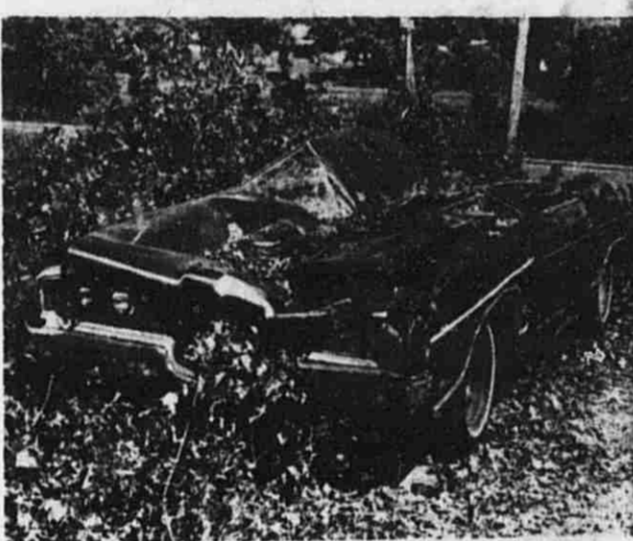
I've heard a lot of comments around town regarding "what if the storm had hit during the day instead of 4:30 in the morning." Such as...

What if you were canoeing on the Flat River when that baby came roaring across? If that wind was strong enough to throw the Showboat up onto the stage, then you and your canoe would probably have wound up somewhere over by Lansing.

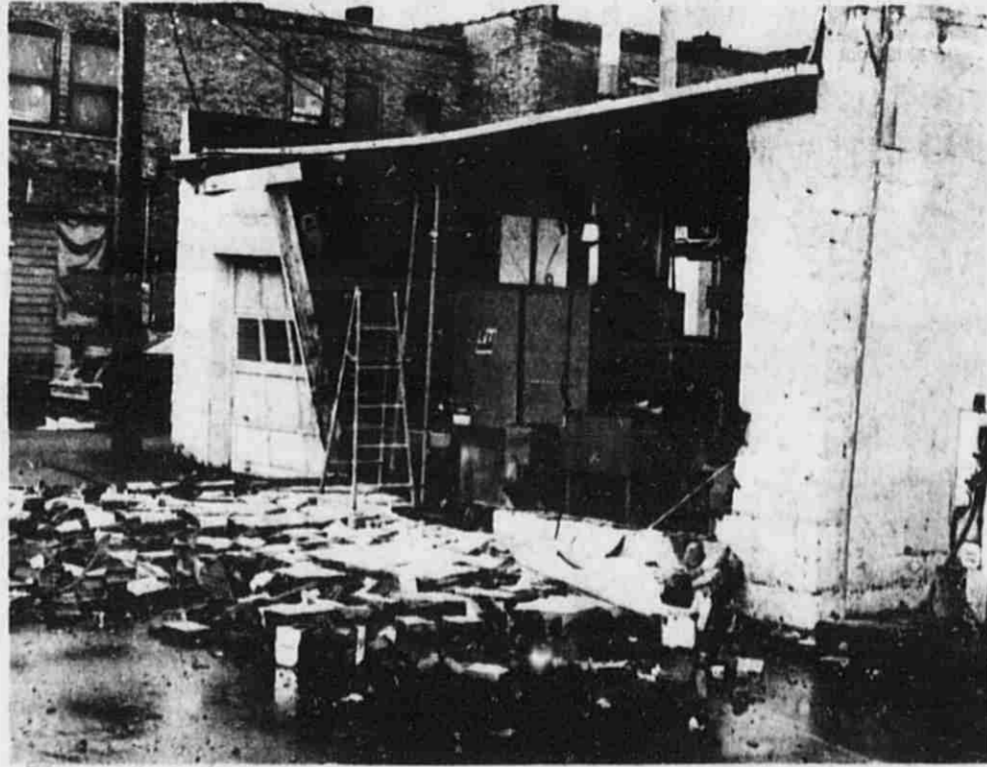
What if the storm hit this afternoon with Kent County 4-H Fair in progress? The skies would be full of prize chickens and the ferris wheel would probably be rolled into Ionia County.

Enough of this trash, it's time to get back to work.

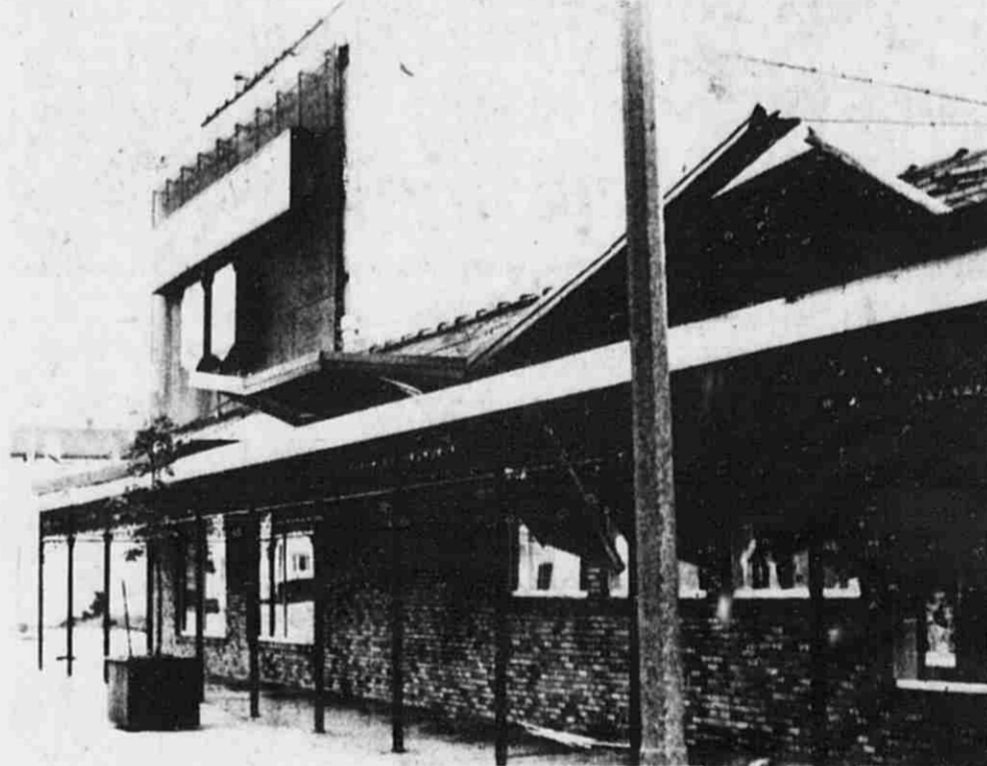
# More Storm Photos . . . .



These three photos typify the type of damage caused by the storm. Most of the actual destruction came about as a result of large trees being uprooted and falling on or against houses, outbuildings, fences, cars, etc. Much of the damage was in the form of shingled roofs being blown off by the high winds and there was also a lot of broken glass from the flying debris.



The wind smashed through the large plate glass windows in the front of Lowell Automotive, 113 Lafayette St. and not to be stopped it proceeded out the back of the building after knocking down the concrete block wall. Inside the building, damage was minimal with only one rack being knocked over. Ironically, the wall that was knocked down was very recently painted with a multi-color sign.



The large metal awning on the front of Lippert's Pharmacy was severely damaged by the wind as the above photo indicates. Charles Lippert, owner of the store and president of the Lowell Showboat was vacationing out of town when the storm hit but has been appraised of the damages by phone.

### Awarded Contract

Grand Rapids Asphalt Co., low bidder of four at \$62,622, has been awarded the contract for blacktopping Alden Nash Avenue between Foreman St. and M-21 by the Kent County Road Commission, Homer Preston, KCRC secretary reports. L.&S. Construction Co. of Alto is widening, graveling and installing drainage structures along this part of Alden Nash Avenue at a cost of \$192,176. Work on the primary county road is slated to be completed by Oct. 20. Total cost of the improvement is \$254,798.—Dave Barnes.



Pharaoh Pepi II of Egypt reigned for 90 years.

## Initial Work Under Way

Preliminary work on the \$7,439,183 widening of the East Beltline between just north of Cascade Road and Lake Eastbrook Boulevard to four lanes with left-turn slots is well under way.

Gas mains along the 3.2-mile-long stretch are being relocated to a new depth, clearing of brush and trees is taking place, utility lines are being shifted to make way for the new highway and sand has replaced a muck hole a short distance south of the East Beltline and Cascade Road SE.

Some clearing of brush for the new southbound lanes south of Burton Street has taken place, and a "path" where the new northbound lanes will be laid has been bulldozed just south of Cascade Road.

A major phase of the project will be the removal of such muck directly east of Reeds Lake to be replaced with proper fill and the building of a complicated drainage unit at this site.

Work will continue until Nov. 15 when it will stop for two months and then will resume Jan. 15 if there are no delays. L.W. Edison Co. of Grand Rapids is the contractor.

The project is slated to be completed Nov. 15, 1979. — Dave Barnes.

## Reunion Honors Ruby Avery

On Saturday, August 5, former pupils who attended the Star School in Bowne Township during the years 1913-16 returned to the home of Olive and Lawrence Bieri for the sixth year to honor their teacher of those years, Ruby Willette Avery.

Following a picnic dinner on the pleasant lawn the usual pleasantries of renewing long time friendships, relating interesting experiences and sharing letters from those unable to attend caused the time to pass rapidly.

A cake prepared by the hostess in honor of the Avery's 61st wedding anniversary was served before all returned to their various homes. A hope to return in 1979 was expressed by all as they departed.

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