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National JC Week Jan. 21-28

Community Richer Due To JC Efforts

January 21 through 28 is National Jaycee Week, which is a week set aside to honor the Jaycee organization of young men 18 to 36 years of age. Jaycees are interested in improving their environments, their communities and their own leadership capabilities.

The Lowell Area Jaycees have successfully completed many community projects such as their paper drop. What started out as a program to benefit the new Lowell police Emergency Unit, turned out to be an excellent conservation and ecology project as well. Jaycees donated \$500 toward the rescue unit. By

collecting newspapers, the club eased some of the city's landfill burden, recycled the paper to insulate homes of the needy and used any profit for other community projects.

Jaycees host the annual Punt Pass and Kick competition with Harold Zeigler Ford Dealership. They also sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt with East Kent Community Center. These youth oriented programs provide healthy outlets for youthful enthusiasm.

Christmas Is For Kids is a Jaycee project designed to entertain area children while their parents shop for the holidays at

the businesses in Lowell. This year, over 100 children enjoyed movies and received treats from Santa.

Lowell Area Jaycees are getting to be professionals at running Walk-a-Thons. Three Walk-a-Thons benefited the

Las Vegas Gala Here Feb. 3

A weekend for two in Las Vegas, NV, is just one of the many prizes to be won by attending "Las Vegas Night" for the Re-Float the Lowell Showboat Campaign.

Just five dollars (\$5.00) will buy fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars of play money to start you on your way to a fun-filled night of games and dancing. Casino games of Black Jack, Roulette, Craps and others will start at 7 p.m. sharp and end at 11 p.m. at which time the band will start playing for dancing until 2:00 a.m.

All this takes place at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Road, Deer Run, Mich. on Saturday, Feb. 3. You must be eighteen or older to attend. There will be two thousand dollars in prizes to win with a five hundred (\$500) prize limit per person.

Save the date for a gala evening of exciting Las Vegas-style entertainment. You won't even have to call the airport to see which flights are leaving.

West Michigan Burn Unit at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids. Lowell spearheaded the area-wide fund raising effort which began in 1975 and saw completion in 1978. Another Walk-a-Thon raised \$1,000 for a portable heart monitor which was placed in area use through Bud's Ambulance Service. The last such Walk raised money for a local substance abuse education program.

In the past, local Jaycees have given aid to the Marine Corps Reserve in collecting Toys for Tots so that underprivileged children would have a happier Christmas. The group donated a "loaner" guitar to the Lowell YMCA for use in their guitar classes by a student who might not otherwise be able to take the class.

Officers of the Lowell Area Jaycees for 1979 are: Jerry Strauss, President; Don Green, External Vice-president (community action vice-president); Terry Raab, Internal Vice President; Dirk Ritzena, Secretary; Lee Peterson, Treasurer; Gary Rash, Ways and Means; Mark Armstrong, Director at Large; Dewey Prins, Director At Large; Doug Warner, Director At Large.

Pipes Burst, Congregational Church Flooded

Unrelenting cold and winter storms took their toll in the area and added the First Congregational Church of Lowell to the list of the "injured."

Last week's blizzard forced cancellation of Sunday worship at the church, located at 404 N. Hudson, and the building was not in use until Tuesday, Jan. 16. Sometime between Saturday afternoon and Tuesday morning when Dr. Richard Greenwood, pastor, arrived at the church, the hot water heating pipe in the upstairs lounge had burst, releasing great quantities of water into the lounge and the dining room below.

Vapor from the hot water condensed on everything in the church including the sanctuary. Carpeting, drapes, furniture and oak flooring in the lounge were ruined. The dining room was flooded with six inches of water. That area had just been remodeled during the summer and the new carpeting fared better than that upstairs.

Workmen and volunteers tackled the cleanup so that whatever possible could be salvaged and heat for the building could be restored. Sunday services were held but regular coffee hour was cancelled. The church was still able to host the Lowell Area Arts Council's concert by the New World Quartet on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Greenwood told the Ledger that repair work would begin as soon as cost appraisals can be completed. The congregation will return to full services this Sunday.

Ledger owner Roger Brown had ironically predicted the disaster in his "Cozy Corner" column after last summer's unkind assault on Lowell landmark church steeples. "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 be one heckuva flood." When reminded of the statement, Dr. Greenwood groaned, "Maybe better the steeple????"

SCRATCH PADS — Assorted weights, colors, sizes... all are priced at a cheap, cheap, cheap 40 cents per pound. The Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

Fire Destroys An Area Home

Fire destroyed a home at 14000 Oberley Dr., Lowell about 11 p.m. Friday night. The structure was unoccupied at the time and is owned by Marge Palinkas of 430 E. Main St., Lowell.

Lowell firemen report that the house was fully involved on their arrival. Two fire trucks from Lowell responded to the fire as well as one truck from Alto which supplied water. The home burned to the ground with damage estimated at \$40,000. Firemen stayed at the scene for over 2 hours.

Officials believe the fire started when a "salamander", a machine used to thaw frozen water pipes, overheated. It had been left unattended.

Alto Man Sentenced

Jack Hostetler, 28, of Alto, who pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of careless use of firearms was placed on two years probation and was ordered to spend the first 90 days in the Barry County jail, with credit for 20 days already served.

Hostetler who was sentenced last Friday by Circuit Judge Hudson Deming was placed on the work release program and ordered to pay a \$100 fine and \$400 court costs at the rate of \$30 a month. He is to have substance abuse counseling.

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Jaycees Aid Safety Fund

Lowell Area Jaycees raised \$500 through this year's Walk-a-Thon and donated the money to the Lowell Police Safety Fund.

The money will be used to purchase needed films, cassettes, filmstrips and projectors used to present various safety talks in the schools and community.

In addition to the Jaycees, the following groups have donated to the Safety Fund: Hi-Lo Gun Club, Flat River Snowmobile Club and the Lowell Moose organization. Several individuals have also donated.

The Lowell Police Department is very appreciative of these donations.

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ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main, Lowell. This Week's Special: Fishwives, 69c. Tuesday night, Family Night, Burger Night, Wednesday Night, Chicken Night.

CHICKEN TAKE-OUT Thursday night, Liver & Onions; Saturday night.

SHRIMP NIGHT BREAKFAST SPECIAL 2 Eggs, toast, coffee, 99c



Don Green, Lowell Area Jaycee External Vice President, recently presented a check for \$500 to Lowell Police officer Al Eckman and Chief Barry Emmons. The money was raised through a Jaycee Walk-a-thon and will be used by the Lowell police for safety education.

Schools Devise Snow Route For Buses

Lowell Area Schools will face future inclement weather prepared with an alternate bus route. The route covers main roads in the district and will be used ONLY when area radio stations announce "Main Roads Only".

The abbreviated bus route will go out to residents of the district this week as part of the monthly Lowell Area Schools Newsletter. School officials urge parents to keep the map handy and familiarize themselves with the pick-up point nearest to their homes.

Whenever there is concern regarding the calling off of school, officials ask that parents refrain from calling school offices. Instead, parents should listen to one of the following stations: WOOD, WZZM, WLAV, WMAX, WJEF, WCUZ, WCSG, WZZR, WION.

They will announce if school has been cancelled or if the alternate bus route will be in effect. During severe weather conditions, bus students should follow these procedures: Students are not expected to wait more than 20 minutes at

their bus pick-up point. If the bus is more than 15 minutes late and the student waited and missed it, he will receive an excused absence. It is required that the parent call the principal's office to notify the school of the absence if school was not called off.

Parents are not expected to permit their children to ride a bus if, in their judgment, it is unsafe to do so. Again, the principal's office must be notified so that the student will receive an excused absence.



LOANED AND MISSING

Some time last summer, 30 brown metal folding chairs were loaned by St. Mary's School. The chairs were new and as yet unutilized with the school's name. The group or individual who borrowed them should contact Nancy Zwicki at the school. She's trying to track them down and have them returned before St. Mary's holds its dance planned for late February.

TRAINING SESSION

Volunteer workers for the upcoming Showboat Las Vegas Night will have a training session on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Main St. Special rules for workers will be explained as well as directions for handling each specific game of chance. Workers, please attend!

Las Vegas Night is slated for February 3. Save that evening for fun, prizes and dancing.

PROCLAMATION

Lowell Mayor Dean Collins has proclaimed the week of January 21-27 as Jaycee Week and urges all citizens of our community to give full regard to the many services of the Lowell Area Jaycees over the past seven years. The United States Jaycees were founded fifty-nine years ago this month.

SAFETY TOWN

The Community Education office of the Lowell Area Schools will sponsor "Safety Town", an early childhood safety education center. A special meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room in the Middle School. At the meeting, parents will hear about a new program geared to teach four and five year olds how to handle traffic situations. A miniature town will be built outdoors for use in a 20 hour course. Parents and interested public should attend.

RESCHEDULED

School wasn't the only thing cancelled last week due to the weather. The Fish Fry scheduled for last Saturday had to be scotched but will be held this Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Masonic Temple. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. As always, it's all you can eat for \$3. (Children under 12 eat less usually so their dinners only cost \$1.50)

SNOWMOBILE WEEK

Gov. William G. Milliken has declared the week of February 3-10 as Michigan Snowmobile Week in recognition of some 1.3 million Michigan residents who participate in this activity. Snowmobilers have organized to promote safe vehicle practices, conservation, trail development and have proven themselves ready to respond in times of emergency. We're telling you early so that you'll have time to make a lunch date with the only people who enjoy the kind of weather we've been having. Lately, they are really on the go. In honor of Michigan Snowmobile Week, take a snowmobile to lunch.

BY THE CASE

Lowell police are investigating the larceny of seven cases of beer from a delivery truck on Monday, Jan. 15. The truck was parked behind the Moose Club.

DENTED

Ricky Eickoff, Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on Tuesday evening, January 16, on West Main St. when the truck he was driving slid on slippery pavement and struck both a mail box and the newsstand.

That same evening, Mark Behrens of Lowell, sustained damage to his vehicle as he backed out of a driveway on Bowes Road into the path of Lloyd Powell, Jr.

Paula Russ of Clarksville was struck on Main St. near Jefferson when Robert VanSprosen entered Main from a private drive on Thursday evening, Jan. 18.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

"Take me any place that it's warm," is repeated daily at airline ticket counters. Lowell Rotarians plan to take you to Australia, by armchair of course, through their travelogue on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Auditorium. Admission is \$2, much cheaper than flight tickets. Monroe MacPherson hosts and narrates his study of the land "down under."

REVERSED

Information in this column last week was inadvertently reversed. The facts are that Terry Grindle of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Main and Hudson Streets when he hit the rear of a car driven by Terry Estes of Lowell. Guess the gremlins in charge of mistakes can't handle that many Terrys.

Obituaries...

Pete Mulder Dies At 82

Peter Mulder, aged 82, of 932 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, passed away suddenly Saturday, Jan. 20 at Butterworth Hospital. Mulder was a Main St. businessman for forty years and a former Councilman for the city of Lowell.

BUSHNELL PARENT-TEACHER VOLLEYBALL GAME

Thurs., Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Gym Admission 50c Adults 25c K-5 Grades

DOMINIAK — Mrs. Betty M. Dominiak, aged 56, of 1314 Northlawn St. NE, passed away suddenly Sunday, January 14, 1979 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Raymond J. Dominiak; two daughters, Mrs. David (Beverly) Skinner of Kentwood, and Mrs. Steven (Sandra) Schutte of Alto; two sons, Raymond Dominiak and wife, Cynthia, Michael Dominiak and wife, Valerie both of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson; a sister, Mrs. Donald (Janice) Silvia of Lowell; a son, Keith of Howard City; seven granddaughters; and one great-grandson; a sister, Mrs. Donald (Phyllis) Novak of Dwyer, three brothers, Ward Haner Sr. and wife, Eva of Wyoming, Donald Haner of Portage, William Haner and wife, Pat of Oregon; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Dr. Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

CASTLE — Henry C. Castle, 74, of 209 Hasford Dr., South Lonia, died Tuesday at his residence.

He was born October 15, 1904 in Lonia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Castle. Castle was married January 31, 1927 to Edith P. Merkle who preceded him in death March 16, 1978.

He was a former employee of Oldsmobile of Lansing, retiring in 1969 and was also a member of the Moose Lodge. Survivors include two sons, Lamar and Henry Jr., both of Lonia. One son Clifford was killed in Korea and a son, Max, preceded him in death.

Also surviving is one daughter, Pauline Knepper of Lonia; one sister, Mrs. Bertha Butler of Saranac; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday at Myers-Roetman funeral home. Burial in Balcon Cemetery.

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YMCA Needs Your Help

January is traditionally the month selected by the YMCA to launch their local effort to raise support money for their programs.

Jan Rochelleau, chairperson of the YMCA Sustaining Membership Drive this year, reports that letters have gone out to friends of the Lowell Y asking for continued financial support.

Lowell Rotarians sustaining membership drive last week with a check for \$125. Rotary has traditionally supported the YMCA and its programs for young people.

Basically, the YMCA and its programs are funded by several different sources. The United Fund each year provides about 10 percent of the budget; 70 percent comes from the fees charged for each program and Y memberships; the other 14 percent is supplied through this annual fund drive and endowment income.

All the fees charged by the YMCA for activities cover the actual expenses of those activities. The difference is made up through the fund raising drive.

Board of Directors of the Lowell Y will be contacting those who have supported the organization in the past, either through the fund drive or through participation in its programs. The amount of the donation is tax deductible and any amount is received with gratitude.

If the spirit is willing but the wallet is thin at this particular time, arrangements can easily be made to bill quarterly. For example, your club might be interested in becoming a Century Club member by donating \$100 with payment either in

Festival '79 To Have Film Contest

An invitation is extended to all residents of Kent County and its seven contiguous counties to enter a film competition. All entries will be shown as part of the regular Festival '79 events June 1, 2, and 3, 1979.

Awards will be given in the following categories: Under 17: 1st Place, \$30; 2nd Place \$20; 3rd Place \$10; 4th Place \$5; 5th Place \$2.50; 6th Place \$1.25; 7th Place \$0.625.

Those who wish to enter must be non-professional. Depending upon the amount of interest shown, a series of film workshops may possibly be held to help entrants with the more technical aspects of filmmaking and provide access to filmmaking equipment.

For more information or to enter the Festival '79 Film Competition, write Festival '79 Film Committee, 545 Old Kent Bank Building, Vandenberg Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Funeral services will be held

Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Ascension Lutheran Church, 2627 44th St. SE, Pastor Richard A. Carnes officiating. Interment Grand Rapids Memorial Park. Contributions to the Church Organ Fund will be appreciated.

LINTON — Mrs. Doris I. Linton, aged 73, of 2380 Valleywood Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, and formerly of 8901 - 52nd St., Cascade Township, passed away Sunday evening, January 21, 1979 at Butterworth Hospital.

Survivors are her children, Richard and Barbara Doezema of Lowell; Marjory and Gerrit Post of Caledonia; Donna and Paul Blocher of Alto and John and Ardis Linton of Ada; two step-sons, Raymond of Alto and Howard Linton of California; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; four sisters, Dorothy McIntire, Bessie Terpenning, Mabel McCaleb, Marie Walker all of Muskegon; a brother, Ever Weh of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Linton reposes at the Jack R. Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 616 East Main St., Caledonia. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. with her pastor Rev. Harlan Vandendine of the Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church officiating. Interment to follow in Whitneysville Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.

HOW TO FIGHT BEING RIPPED OFF

Your car doesn't need to be shiny and new to be stolen. It just has to be easy to steal.

Fact: 80 percent of the million cars stolen in the U.S. last year were unlocked at the time.

Fact: 40 percent actually had their keys right in the ignition.

According to the F.B.I., most cars are stolen by amateurs.

And if you lock up and pocket the keys, most amateurs won't bother breaking in. It's easier to shop for another car. Although you can't make it impossible for a professional thief to steal your car, you can make it more difficult for him. These tips from the "Car Crime Prevention Book" could help.

If you make it time-consuming to steal your car, the thief will probably try his luck on someone else's.

Besides locking your car, roll windows up tight. Store spare keys in your wallet, not the car. Register standard lock buttons with slim, tapered ones. No matter how quick the errand, never leave your car running.

In the driveway, park your car with the nose toward the street, so anyone tampering with it can be easily seen.

You should also mark your engine, C.B. - type decks, hub caps and mag wheels with identifying numbers. This will help police identify your car or its parts if located.

Park in well-lighted areas. Keep valuables in the locked trunk. Have keys ready before you get into the car. Then check the back seat. Keep doors locked and windows up. Know where safe spots—police, fire stations—are in case someone tries to get in.

If you car breaks down, tie a white flag on the door handle, open the hood and get back into the car. Don't open the door until police come. These suggestions can protect you even in an unsafe situation.

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DNR Says Fishing Good: Hunting Frozen

Michigan Department of Natural Resources reports very good ice fishing in all lakes now for all types of winter activities.

In Kent County good catches of panfish, mainly perch, are being taken from Reeds Lake; bluegills and spucks from Wabeno, Camp, Campus and Cranberry Lakes. Best lakes for pike are Bostwick, Reeds and Lincoln.

We will have lots of bunnies in our district. Hopefully, the "January thaw" will melt the snow enough to once again allow the bunnies and people to move out.

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No. 4 In Tournament

Redskin wrestlers brought home a fourth-place honor Saturday afternoon at an eight-team tournament at Alendale Saturday.

The Redskins had nine wrestlers place, with one first, a second, two thirds, and four fourths.

Alendale took first place in the match with 127 points. The proclamation cited the first followed by Unity Christian with 124 1/2, Tri-County 102 1/2, Saranac 95, Gobbles, 90, Martin 87, Coopersville 81, and Kent Occupational 41.

Brian Starckweather at 105 pounds, brought Saranac its first honors with a fourth place finish. Greg Madigan took an other fourth for Saranac at 126 while Jim Cahoon brought home a third at 132.

Tom Krieger took a fourth place at 138 as did Dan Banaitis at 145.

Jim Heaton came away with a second place in the tournament.

Teammate Scott Krieger brought the lone championship pin in 130 and Doug Heintzelman (178) in a 7-5 decision.

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We will have lots of bunnies in our district. Hopefully, the "January thaw" will melt the snow enough to once again allow the bunnies and people to move out.

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Wrestlers Take Two

Last week Lowell's Varsity wrestling team hosted Coopersville and Ionia. With the word "Pin" in their minds, they beat Coopersville 56-12 and Ionia 52-18.

Starting for the Red Arrows against Coopersville, Joe Rathburn (112) pinned his man in :50 seconds and Greg Martinez (119) did the same in 3:35. Tony Posthumus (132) pinned his opponent in the first period.

Co-captains Nathan Swift (145) and Doug Heintzelman (178), showing their seniority in wrestling, both put their men on mat with Swift getting his pin in 2:42 and Heintzelman in 3:43. Jay Rickert pinned his opponent in :52.

Ken Stuart (165) and Dave Christman (191) both won major decisions, 8-0 for Stuart and 9-0 for Christman. Mark Kloosterman (105) and Chuck Schrenk (138) won by forfeit.

The host, Lowell grapplers blitzed Ionia winning 10 matches and only losing three.

Jeff Dykhuizen (98) started off getting his pin in 1:30. Joe Rathburn (105) won by a major decision 8-0. From there on, it was one pin after another for Lowell. Greg Martinez (119) got the fall in 1:50. Bill Nagy (126) pinned his man in the second period and Tony Posthumus (132) in the first period.

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The Red Arrows took three first place finishes; Ted Kaz-

Happy Birthday

Related Greetings—Jan. 21: James Vezino, Jr., Jan. 26: Bobbie Kleinman, Kattie Brenk, Annette Sterling.

January 27: George Roberts.

January 28: Pat Bierl, Jr., Bill Wierenga, Kathie Dey.

January 29: Brenda Baker, James Miles, Erin Johnson.

January 30: Jo Goudswaard, Jenny Dineen.

January 31: Shirley Marvin.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 1979

Mon., Jan. 29: Pizza W/Meat and Cheese, Fiesta Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Chilled Fruit, Milk.

Tues., Jan. 30: Barbeques and Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Fresh Peas, Cookies or Bars, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

Wed., Jan. 31: Swiss Steak, Fluffy Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls or Bread, Jelly W/Whip or Fruit, Milk.

Thurs., Feb. 1: Italian Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, French Bread, Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.

Fri., Feb. 2: Macaroni and Cheese, Buttered Fresh Peas, Hillbilly Bread or Rolls, Pudding W/Whip or Fresh Fruit, Milk.

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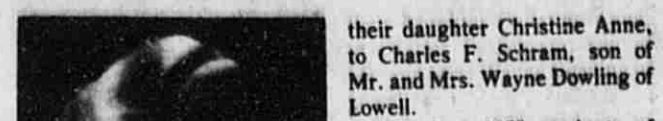
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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

It is expedient that I go away; for if I go not away, you will not come unto me... (John 16:7).

Synkowski, Hale To Wed

The engagement of Debbie Synkowski to Gerald Hale has been announced. Debbie is the daughter of Steven and Patricia Synkowski of Rockford.

Young Gospel Group To Sing

The Bond of Love, a group of teenage singers from Holland, MI, will give a concert at the West Berlin Wesleyan Church, Portland and Bliss Roads, Lake Odessa, on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

Susan Hull Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hull announce the engagement of their daughter Susan, to Kenneth Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Davis of Saranac.

Help Your Neighbors

Voluntary Action Center wishes to remind you that senior citizens are most adversely affected by the heavy snowfall.

New Dads On The Family Tree

Roger and Dianne MacNaughton, 124 Amity, Lowell, are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, Mark Andrew, on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Lunchbreak Series Announced

The Grand Rapids Symphony Brass Quintet will appear on Wednesday, January 31. The program for the performance will include "Sonatine" by Bozza and Bach's "Contrapunctus IX."

NUTRITION FUN

What's green and white and makes spinach as much fun as ice cream? A bright new publication from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, entitled "Fun with Good Foods."

Highway Safety Is WC Concern

The afternoon concluded with a social time and refreshments served by our hostess Mrs. Ella and her committee of Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Kropf and Mrs. Johnson.

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At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Summit and Bridge Streets in Saranac, a vehicle driven by Kimberly Troke, 19, of Saranac was stopped for a stop sign and was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Joan Shields, 28, also of Saranac.

Other News At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Summit and Bridge Streets in Saranac, a vehicle driven by Kimberly Troke, 19, of Saranac was stopped for a stop sign and was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Joan Shields, 28, also of Saranac.

Parents will be notified when a student accumulates three unexcused absences per semester.

Saranac Doin's...

Named Bank President

Edgar E. Henning of the First State Bank of Newayo announced that the Board of Directors has named Werner Meyer as President of the bank.

Saranac Youth Wounded

Ionia County Sheriff's deputies investigated the accidental shooting of a Saranac youth in the foot Tuesday, Jan. 16.

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THURS., JAN. 25: Bushnell Parent-Teacher Volleyball Game, at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Gym. Admission 50c adults, 25c grades K-5.

FRI., SAT., SUN., Jan. 26, 27, 28: The Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, will host a special Youth Emphasis Weekend. Speaker Rev. Wayne Schmidt, 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Everyone welcome.

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if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

Dear Ann Landers:
You may be embarrassed to learn that I keep a file on cats. But I mean you no harm.

Last month your column contained a letter from a woman who claimed to be the mother of three cats, a Siamese and two Persians. She said the ancient Egyptians were very wise—they killed anyone who hated cats.

As I put her letter into my cat file, I thumbed through some old cat clippings. And I discovered a letter that appeared in your column in 1972. Almost word for word, it is the same letter you printed six years later.

What's going on, Ann? Reruns are perfectly acceptable in the entertainment field, but they should be clearly labeled as such. You didn't tell your readers that the woman who urges death for all who hate cats in 1978 is actually a reprint from 1972. This is irresponsible, and could be frustrating for your readers, especially those of Egyptian descent. They could go looking for cat haters to murder in 1978 and not find any because they were all killed in 1972. Certainly the great number of cats in the world today indicates that cat haters have been hiding and ineffective lately, if not downright dead.

Ann, I realize cat haters are far from the biggest problem threatening the world today, and it really doesn't matter much where they are wiped out, as long as they are kept away from the pyramids. But you should beware of establishing a pattern of reruns that might damage your more important work.

For instance, it was only a few months ago that your column awoke your readers to the devastating reality that many of them were, unwittingly, hanging their toilet paper incorrectly. This revelation had a traumatic effect on millions of homemakers who scurried to reorient their toilet paper rolls before being found out and publicly humiliated.

Historians will probably record this as the beginning of roll reversals in the American home. You can be proud of that, Ann. But you should also realize that, for many people, it is difficult to fully grasp the complex concept which determines whether a roll of toilet paper should be unrolled with an underhand or overhead motion. It's a lot easier to understand why all cat haters should be sphinctered to death.

So, Ann, you should be very careful about rerunning your toilet paper advice six years from now. If readers aren't told it's a rerun, they may misunderstand and think you have reversed yourself on roll reversals. Confusion and insecurity could result, with half the nation locking itself inside the bathroom and refusing to open the door until determining what Ann Landers really wants—underhand or overhead.

Speaking of underhand motions, Ann, let's get back to your column about killing cat haters. 1978 versions. Several people, especially my wife, called it to my attention. They knew I'd be interested because I've long insisted that cats are useless except for testing myths—is there really more than one way to skin one, do they always land on their feet, do they really have nine lives, and so on.

You quoted the mother of the three cats as saying: "I've always known in my heart that people who hate cats are not to be trusted. Such persons are invariably underhanded, mean and vicious. I have never met a cat hater who wasn't a chronic liar, a crook or a hypocrite."

Ann, my wife underlined that paragraph and spread it on my morning toilet. As a sincere cat hater, I deny all the charges except the one about being underhanded, and of this one I am only recently guilty.

This is because I hurt my shoulder playing tennis last summer. Now, when a cat jumps on my sleeping face, I can no longer throw it overhead at the nearest wall. But underhand is better than a barefooted dropkick.

You are probably puzzled, Ann. If I hate cats so much, why have I always allowed them to live in my home, sometimes as many as four at a time? It's because my wife loves cats and I was introduced to her by an archeologist who said he dug her. That's how ancient Egyptians are discovered.

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looking back... a few notes from Ledgers of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years ago...

ten years ago

There will be no new faces on the Lowell City Council as only Arnold Wittenbach, Harold Jefferys, and Herb Reynolds, all incumbents, are the only persons to file petitions for election by the deadline. The scheduled primary election is cancelled for lack of a need for one.

Gordon Kelley, Mark Ritzema, and Dennis Nowak all receive the Boy Scouts of America's esteemed Eagle award. The three boys are members of Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 and all have had perfect attendance records since joining the troop.

Interested citizens are urged to attend a meeting of the Lowell Showboat Corporation where a financial report and plans for the upcoming year will be revealed.

twenty years ago

While closed for remodeling, the Showboat Drive-in Restaurant was hit by fire and \$5,000 in damages was suffered by the interior of the building. The owner of the building, Robert C. Christiansen, said that the building was covered by insurance and that it would be re-opened.

The Lowell P.T.A. votes to officially endorse the \$100,000 bond issue that is to come before area voters for the addition of classrooms to the Runciman School.

Donald Ayars, Sales Manager at the Jay Bolens Ford Garage had a close call when he slid through the Hudson Street C&O railroad crossing and his new car was clipped in the rear by an oncoming freight.

thirty years ago

Superior Furniture Company of Lowell, wins a statewide safety contest for plants involved with woodworking.

A new state law requiring vehicles from both directions to stop when a school bus is loading or unloading, is in great part being ignored by area motorists. The Ledger calls for drivers to take heed of the new law.

The Lowell Kruger Store had a big promotion ad for Chesterfield cigarettes featuring the faces of Perry Como and Arthur Godfrey whose radio shows were sponsored by Chesterfield. Chesterfields were selling for \$1.79 per carton at the Kruger Store.

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forty years ago

Walter Cronin, a construction engineer, has been hired by the federal government to rent a home and stay in Lowell to oversee the construction of the new post office here.

H. C. Callier, who has owned and operated the Northern Ice Company in Lowell for a good many years, has sold out to a Grand Rapids ice firm and will raise his ice warehouse in the spring. The article goes on to explain that with the advent of electric refrigerators, the ice business will be going the way of the center and buggy business when auto took over.

Pork Chops and Beef Pot Roast are 19 cents per pound and pork spare ribs were 17 cents per pound at Weaver's Food Market in Lowell.

fifty years ago

A curiosity check of the current status of members of the Lowell Board of Trade from 20 years ago, shows that of 102 members, 32 have moved, 26 still live here, and 42 are dead. Of the 28 still living here, only twenty are still engaged in business. Kinda shows that things change fast back there too.

Beef pot roast was 25 cents per pound and pork chops were 30 cents per pound at Weaver's Food Market in Lowell.

The merger of the Hudson Manufacturing Co. of Minnesota and the Lowell Specialty Co. is now complete, with great plans for expansion being anticipated by the new firm.

Potpourri...

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This past football season, George Lessans has performed with the Penn State Blue Band. George was one of 48 trumpets in the 180 member marching organization. Lessans recently returned from New Orleans, LA where he took part in the Sugar Bowl festivities in the Superdome on January 1. The Blue Band performed alongside the "Million Dollar Band" from the University of Alabama for pre-game festivities and was the first band featured at halftime. Lessans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lessans of Lowell.

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"Letter From Washington"

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Fallasburg Damage Set At \$3,500

Of the \$3,500 in vandalism in Kent County parks last year, more damage occurred in Fallasburg Park than in any other county park, reports William Wight, park superintendent. About \$950 in damage and stolen goods occurred at this park, but in terms of the number of vandalism acts, eight happened at Dwight Lydell Park in Comstock Park, Wight adds. The shelterhouse at Fallasburg suffered broken windows, theft of tools and damage to the lawns and grassy areas by vehicles driving over them, he states.

Other vandalized parks in the Lowell area are Townsend Park at \$250; Wabasis Park in Oakfield Township, \$75, and Chief Hazy Cloud Park along the Grand River at Ada, also \$75. Vandalism generally occurs at night, says Wight, who adds that no arrests were made for vandalism. "We would have to have security guards at each park to minimize damage and catch the culprits," states the park superintendent, "but we just don't have the money for that kind of service." —Dave Barnes.

Euchre League Holds Winter Party

An enthusiastic group of Euchre players gathered at Schneider Manor for the Annual Winter Party of the YMCA Euchre League. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Comdure and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Krebs were the committee in charge with Mr. S.D. Winger acting as host. Following the games, refreshments were served by the committee. Prize winners for the evening were: Vera and Fred Wingeier, Esther and Wes Clemenz, Ed Steffens and Maggie MacNaughton. The Euchre League will continue its bi-monthly play and end the season with a Spring Party in May.



around city hall...

by Ray Gunda

Recently the City of Lowell solicited and acquired the services of an engineering firm, Flashbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Inc., to review the conclusions of a 1975 study regarding sanitary sewers and to assist the community in its efforts to meet certain sewer discharge requirements in the Grand River. Since in the very near future, much will be said and written about these efforts, perhaps a brief overview of the steps that have been taken and will be taken would be helpful to the residents of Lowell.

In the late '60's and early '70's, a great amount of attention was focused on the condition of our environment and the first major legislation passed was aimed at cleaning the waterways throughout the nation. The legislation also included provisions for federal and state assistance to local units of government for new construction or restoration of existing sewer systems. The basic breakdown of the funding system follows: Step I-Review existing sewer system and offer preliminary plans for correction of the problem; Step II-Design new facility; Step III-Construct new facility.

Step I-Analysis of the sewer in 1973 required the separation of storm and sanitary sewers throughout the city, which rid the city of the cost of treating storm run-off water and allowed it to concentrate on the sanitary waste from homes and industries.

Later in 1975, a further study called an SSES indicated that numerous breaks and improper connections to the sewer system are allowing hundreds of thousands of gallons of groundwater and river water to flow through the system along with the normal septage, which results in higher chemical costs and increased operating costs in general. These problems must also be corrected.

Step II-The city is now embarking on the design of a wastewater treatment plant, utilizing wherever possible the existing structure and facility. The current plant is a primary treatment plant, which means that the sewer water flows into a large tank where it is held while the solids settle to the bottom. The balance of the water, full of suspended solids, is then pumped to the river. The new plant will be designed to remove the suspended waste in the water, thereby allowing a cleaner discharge to the river.

Step III-Construction of a new facility will undoubtedly begin within the next 12 to 18 months and should be completed, depending upon the scope of construction and the type of facility designed, within 9 to 12 months thereafter.

The process of cleaning our rivers is an expensive one but obviously one that needs attention both at the national and local level. However, if we hesitate any longer as a community, we may find ourselves picking up an ever-increasing share of the cost without the benefit of federal assistance.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST: Members are still needed to serve on the City's Cemetery Board for the purpose of reviewing cemetery rules and regulations, and recommending changes when appropriate to the City Council.

Still Time To Enroll

Winter YMCA classes have started. The YMCA announces there is open enrollment in all areas. Youth classes include Tumbling, Gymnastics, and Baton. Lowell Youth Basketball is underway. Late sign-ups will be placed on teams, with regular practices starting this week. There is a need for girls in grades 3, 4 and 5. Dance FIT is a cardiovascular fitness program that combines the basic elements of a good fitness workout with the fun of dancing. The winter ten week session is exercise to disco music. The last day to enroll is Thursday, Jan. 25. Participants may attend any or all of the classes listed below. Day sessions are Tuesday and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at Cumberland Manor, who offered their building after the Congregational Church became unavailable. Evening sessions are Monday and Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Runciman Elementary Gym. By popular request, there will be an extra after-school session on Tuesdays, 3:15-4 p.m., at Runciman Gym. An evening adult bridge class will be starting in late February. Guitar lessons have been cancelled. In March, guitar and disco dance lessons will be back.



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

I mentioned in passing in one of these columns a couple of weeks ago, that I was on a post-holiday diet. The fact of the matter is, that when I quit smoking, I started eating like a horse and now, about six months later, I look like a well-kept balloon.

Once, about eight years ago, I was topping the 240 pound point, which for me seems to be the magic mark of pure disgust for myself and I started a low carbohydrate diet. Being very faithful to the diet and getting lots of exercise, I lost fifty pounds in two months. Having worked once before for me, I decided to use the low carbohydrate diet again. Being eight years later, I'm finding some differences.

Eight years ago, I was in the army and they were paying for the food and I could fill up on meats and salads. Eight years later, I'm the breadwinner and have to buy the meats, cheeses, fish, eggs, lettuce, etc., and it gets downright expensive to try to fill up on just these types of foods.

Eight years ago, I was playing handball for at least an hour every day. Eight years later, having a family, business, and other obligations, I find it difficult to get to a racquetball court more than once a week.

Despite these problems, I'm determined to lose about forty pounds and have been very loyal to this diet for three weeks now. At the three week point, some of the worst cravings seem to be behind me and my body is getting used to eating only low or no carbohydrate foods. But, for a while, I didn't know if I was going to make it or not.

Terese fixed me a dinner of Alaskan King Crab and a nice green salad about a week ago, and I remember looking at it and wishing for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich instead. I charcoaled steaks in the garage a week or so ago and they were done to perfection. Along with a heaping green salad with bleu cheese dressing, it would normally be a meal that I would relish with a passion. As it was though, I would much rather have had a hamburger and an order of fries.

Ah, but it was all worth it yesterday when I wore a pair of pants that I had received as a birthday present but hadn't been able to wear because they were too tight. Now I can't wait until I can't wear them because they are too big.

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Tax Rate Increased

Workers may notice a higher deduction for social security when they get their paychecks in 1979, Robert Fleminger social security district manager in Grand Rapids said recently. This is because the social security tax rate for 1979 will be 6.13 percent, compared to 6.05 percent in 1978, Fleminger explained. The increase amounts to an additional eight cents on every \$100 in pay.

In addition to paying the higher rates, workers who earn more than \$17,700 will pay the tax on a larger share of their income in 1979, Fleminger said. The maximum amount of earnings subject to social security taxes in 1979 is \$22,900, compared to the \$17,700 maximum in 1978.

People who earn \$22,900 or more in 1979 will pay \$1,403.77 in social security taxes, which is \$332.92 more than the maximum payable in 1978, Fleminger said. But they also can count on higher social security benefits later. Monthly benefit amounts are based on average covered earnings so higher earnings generally mean higher benefit rates.

Employers match the social security taxes paid by employees on a dollar for dollar basis. The increases in the tax rate and the amount of earnings taxable in 1979 were part of a new financing package enacted by Congress in 1977 to keep the social security system on a sound footing until well into the next century.

More information about social security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Grand Rapids social security office located at 110 Michigan N.W. The telephone number is 456-2241.

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