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NOTICE!!!

There are only 38 days left until the drawing for a new automobile is held on March 10. Tickets for the drawing for a new car furnished by the Lowell Automobile Dealers Association are one dollar each and are available from the State Savings Bank, many local businesses and any Rotary Club member. PLEASE... If you can help sell tickets to your friends, relatives or fellow employees, contact Bev Hall at 897-8714, Keith Caldwell (State Savings Bank) at 897-9277 or Roger Brown (Grand Valley Ledger) at 897-9261.

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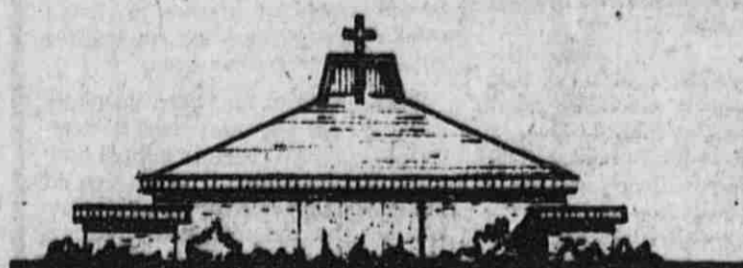
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Will Break Ground In Spring



SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION

Parishioners of St. Mary's Church of Lowell celebrate their centennial year in 1979. In the early days of the settlement of this area, Lowell was a mission, and priests from Grand Rapids served the Catholic residents in their homes. Once the parish grew to thirteen families, homes were not big enough for services and the present church was built. Again, the parish family has outgrown its "home." Nearly 300 families now attend St. Mary's Church. For several years, four Masses have been offered for Sunday worship in order to accommodate the parish.

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell will break ground in the spring for their new church which will be situated at Amity and Howard Streets. The East Elevation shown here will face Amity and the South Elevation will face St. Mary's elementary school. The latter includes plans for the rectory at the left of the South Elevation drawing. The low central portion is the main entrance to the large church vestibule. Entry to the church and chapel is made through the vestibule as well as entry to the offices, rectory and eventually to a parish hall, to be constructed in the future.

In March of 1977, a feasibility study was done on the present church to determine if it could be remodeled and expanded or if construction of a new church was the way to go. In January of 1978 the decision to build was made. Design of the new church and rectory has been released by

Pastor Tom Schiller after months of work by the congregation in cooperation with Dan Vos Construction Co. of Ada. Work on the building by Vos Construction Co. will begin in the spring with completion projected for six to nine months later.

The new St. Mary's Church will seat up to 524 with parking for 186 cars around the perimeter of the building. It will be situated at the corner of Amity and Howard Sts., adjacent to St. Mary's elementary school and extends along east-west lines fronting on Amity.

One-hundred years ago the present church cost \$15,000 to build. The new church will cost \$315,000. A fund raising drive was officially begun on Sunday, Jan. 28, 1979 with a goal of \$150,000 or about \$500 per family. A Memorial Gifts Drive will enable those who donate to designate that their gift be used to purchase specific church furnishings.

The church rectory has also been planned and will be attached to the church and its offices at the rear. The decision to proceed with the building of the rectory will depend on the financial picture. Its projected cost is \$95,000 which includes the church office complex. The offices will be built even if the rectory construction has to be postponed.

With the celebration of St. Mary's Centennial this year, completion of its new church will be its culmination.

Win Las Vegas At 'Las Vegas Night'

Turn five dollars into \$15,000 (play money) and get set for an evening of fun. The Lowell Showboat Corporation will open the doors to its Las Vegas Night at Deer Run Golf Club this Saturday night at 6 p.m. Play begins at 7 p.m. sharp.

Showboat hopes to help you beat the "winter blahs" while they boost the total in their campaign to Re-float the Showboat.

Games will include Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Chuck-a-Luck and others with play ending at 11 p.m. Winnings can be used to "buy" prizes worth \$2,000 with a \$500 limit per person. The grand prize offered will be a weekend for two in Las Vegas, NV.

Dancing begins at 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. with the music of the Steve Evans Band. Deer Run Golf Club is located at 13955 Cascade Rd. (old US 16) just three miles south of Lowell.

If you are at least 18 years old, consider yourself invited.



Prizes for Lowell Showboat's Las Vegas Night this Saturday are stacking up. Keeping track of it all are Diane Scellano, Vegas Night coordinator, and Bev Hall, Showboat board of managers. Fun begins at 7 p.m. with casino games until 11 p.m. and then dancing until 2 a.m.

Open House Sat., Sun.

Cumberland Manor, a senior citizens retirement home located just west of Lowell on M-21, will be staging a two-day open house this Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4. The home is currently in full operation with openings available to those 62 or older.

Spokesman for the home, John Ramjeet, is very proud of the numerous activities, services, and facilities that Cumberland Manor has to offer to the area's retired people. Ramjeet says, "I hope those who are interested in this type of facility will take advantage of our invitation to this open house and see what we have to offer." The public is invited to the open house which runs from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

Refreshments will be served both days and special treats include a senior citizen style show hosted by WOTV's Barb Borello at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and a visit from WOTV's Buck Matthews at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Delay Food Stamp Pick-Up

In an attempt to alleviate congestion at food stamp issuance sites, Michigan Department of Social Services officials have asked coupon recipients to delay redeeming their Authorization-to-Purchase (ATP) cards if possible in February.

"We're asking recipients to please wait a couple of days before redeeming the ATP cards for stamps to avoid long lines at the issuance sites," explained Dave Wigent, in charge of Corrective Actions for the MDSS Office of Food Programs.

Wigent said the problem was anticipated by U.S. Post Service officials who "feared run on post office issuance sites" because of the elimination of the purchase requirement for food stamps.

IS THERE A FAVORITE — Person or loved one in your life? Take advantage of our third annual SWEETHEART SPECIAL at Modern Photographics. Call or stop for details at 104 W. Main, Lowell, 897-5606 or 938 4th Ave., Lake Odessa, 374-7337. c10

ROSE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main, Lowell. This Week's Special: Roasted Sausages, 89c. Tuesday night, Family Night, Burger Night, Wednesday Night, Chicken Night.

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

SEZZLER NIGHT — BREAKFAST SPECIAL 2 Eggs, toast, coffee, 99c. c12

Cast Picked For Comedy

Cast selections for the Lowell Area Arts Council's 2nd Annual winter play have been announced by Director Kim Hoag. Most of the actors live or work in the Lowell area.

Melissa McLauri will play the female lead Penelope Toop, in the English farce "See How They Run" by Philip King. Don Silvis will play the male lead, Rev. Lionel Toop.

Pat Covell plays Miss Skillon. T. J. Tuinstra is Corporal Clive Winston. Mary Garrison is Ida, the maid. George Dey is the Bishop of Lax and Jim Marron plays Rev. Arthur Humphrey. Wayne Ramsdell is The Intruder (a spy) and Gil Wise is Sergeant Towers.

The play title is the tip-off to this fast paced comedy. Galloping in and out of the four doors of an English Vicarage are an American actor and actress, a cockney maid who has seen too many American movies, an old maid who "touches alcohol for the first time in her life," four men in clergyman's suits (one is actually an escaped prisoner) and the sedate bishop who stands aghast at all the goings on.

"See How They Run" will be presented at the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria on Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. February 21 through February 24. The Friday and Saturday night performances are by reservation only. Tickets can be purchased from LAAC members or at the Grand Valley Ledger. For Information and Reservations, call 897-5658.

JAN. 31-FEB. 7 & 14: Adventures of The Wilderness Family, Part 2 starting Fri., Feb. 16 at the Strand Theatre, Lowell. c12-14

GOOD COFFEE — Still 25 cents at Paul's Family Showboat Restaurant. c11f

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY — At its Best! Your wedding will be one of the great occasions of your life and your wedding pictures will be a treasured keepsake. Let photographing your wedding be our responsibility, when only professionals handle this memorable day. Stop in and see us at Modern Photographics, 104 W. Main, Lowell, 897-5606 or 938 4th Ave., Lake Odessa, 374-7337. c10



IN TRAINING — If you promised to deal, dispense play money or help out Saturday night in any other way, organizers of Showboat's Las Vegas Night on Feb. 3 will hold a training session for you on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the YFW Hall on Main St. Please attend to learn the fine points of working the games properly.

RECORD — West Michigan in general and our area in particular bettered the snowfall record with over 82 inches so far. A few warm days this week caused the volume to diminish but piled snow still hampers a driver's vision in driveways all over town. The run-off from recent warmer days has already caused the river level to rise. It could be a verrrrry wet spring.

UP ON THE ROOF — If you decide to remove ice and snow from your roof, the Kent County Health Department has some wise tips. Be sure to keep all metal ladders or tools away from electrical service wires. Wear safety glasses or other eye protection when chipping ice, as ice fragments can cause serious eye injuries or blindness. People standing ladders for persons working on roofs should be alert for falling ice. Some chunks of ice may weigh several hundred pounds.

LUNCH AGAIN — February is National Salesman's Month. If you feel moved to commemorate the occasion, this time see if the salesman of your choice has an expense account and have him take you to lunch.

DERAILED — Early Sunday morning, a southbound C&O train got hung up on snow and ice that had accumulated on the tracks near Wittenbecks, and several cars were derailed. Railroad workers finally cleared the tracks early Monday morning.

DAMAGED — Esther Clemenz of Lowell and Christopher Mercado of Ionia were involved in a property damage accident on Monday afternoon, Jan. 22.

Involved in another property damage accident on Sunday were Cathy Jankowski and Yvonne Swift, both of Lowell, when they collided on the narrow pavement at the north end of the Division St. bridge.

Ionia County Sheriff's deputies investigated an accident on Kuser road involving Gregory Grieves of Lowell who was struck as he backed out of a driveway by a car driven by William S. Holmes of Saranac. Snow banks reduced Grieves' view of the road and Holmes could not stop because of ice on the roadway.

ARRESTED — Arrested Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, by Lowell officers was Glenn Woffington on two bench warrants. He was lodged in the Kent County Jail.

On Wednesday evening, Lowell officers arrested Barry Mosteller of Grand Rapids for driving while his license was suspended. He was also held on charges of two FAC warrants from Rockford and a felony warrant from the city of Grand Rapids.

A Kentwood man, Robert Wayne Hill, was arrested on Saturday evening by Lowell police for driving while his license was revoked.

LARKIN'S SALOON — Sat. nite Steak Special: 8 oz. Steaks, Baked Potato, Roll, Salad, \$5.50 Sun. Special: Baked Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Roll, Veg. \$5.25 Daily Special Teal c12

GREAT CURL! GREAT BODY! With Uniform at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7596. c12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEDRA — Love, Red. c12

Armchair Travelers Invited

The Lowell Rotary will sponsor their annual travelogue, Thursday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School auditorium.

This year's presentation will be "Australia." The film was made by and will be presented with live narration by Monroe MacPherson, radio broadcaster, world traveler and film maker.



Monroe MacPherson, radio broadcaster, world traveler and film maker, will narrate his travel film on Australia on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School auditorium. Lowell Rotary sponsors this travelogue each year to help area residents ignore for a little while Michigan's winter.

The tour begins in Sidney, a bustling city of 3 million people. After roaming the streets of this busy, clean and exhilarating

city, a cruise in one of the world's most beautiful harbors takes us past Sidney's 100 million dollar opera house.

From Australia's largest city, the road leads south to Canberra, the national capital. The beautiful gardens, Lake Burley Griffin, Parliament House and other public buildings make Canberra, a planned city, one of the most attractive capitals on the globe.

Continuing south, MacPherson takes his camera to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain and to Thredbo, an alpine village, the main ski area of the Snowy Mountains.

After enjoying the sights of Melbourne, Australia's second largest city, MacPherson crossed the Bass Strait to Tasmania, Australia's island state which is very different from the mainland. On Tasmania you will visit villages where time stands still, an abandoned penal colony, waterfalls, farms and the beautiful city of Hobart.

From Tasmania, arm chair travelers will be taken suddenly to Australia's famous "Out Back." To call it the wide open spaces is considered a gross understatement. Some of the out back sheep and cattle stations rival the size of smaller countries of Europe for size.

The hub of the Out Back is Alice Springs, a modern town of about 15 thousand people and jumping off place for the flight by light plane to Ayers Rock, the world's largest monolith. After

a flight of nearly 300 miles over almost totally empty country, the pilot sets the plane down on a small strip directly alongside the giant boulder that is approximately 6 miles across its base and about 1,100 feet high.

Then, by jet our adventure takes us from the desert to Australia's tropical north where palm trees and heavy rainfall are the common sights. The film is climaxed by travel by catamaran to Green Island for a look at the Great Barrier Reef.

The full length film also features an abundance of Australia's unique wild life including kangaroos, wombats, koala bears and a variety of rare birds. MacPherson, owner of Radio Station WION in Ionia, has been making and presenting such films since 1965.

Tickets are available at State Savings Bank, Lippers and from members of the Rotary. A limited number of tickets will be available at the 6-

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SURPASS PRIVATE SECTOR

Economists at the Ford Motor Company have confirmed that there are more people supported by tax dollars than there are people employed in the private sector. Government employees, active duty military personnel and those on social security or welfare number 80.6 million, with only 71.6 million persons found within the non-government workers.

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MASON - Kayren E. Mason, age 74 of Lowell passed away Monday morning. He is survived by his wife Euzefa "Jo" (Byrne-Potter) Mason; his children, Joseph Lansing, David and William of Iron Mountain, Kitty Brink, Sharon Miles, Gerard Francis all of Lowell and Susan Meisel of Dayton Plains; two brothers, Martin of Grand Rapids and Kenneth of Swartz Creek; a sister, Mrs. Muri Peterson of Ionia; 34 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass will be said Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Rev. Thomas Schiller officiating. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

SHARPE - Mary A. Sharpe, 86, of 300 Summit St., Saranac died Saturday at Ionia County Memorial Hospital. She was born in West Branch, March 15, 1892, the daughter of James and Eleanor Gibbons Sharpe. Miss Sharpe was an inspector for Ford Motor Company before retirement. She lived in Detroit before moving to Saranac in 1975 and was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Harold (Alice) Vovilla of Saranac and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Edward J. Comer officiating. Burial in Saranac Cemetery. Arrangements by Roetman-Lake Funeral Home.

SPICER - Pearl K. Spicer, aged 89, of 109 Love Joy St., Durand, MI, died Wednesday, January 24, 1979. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Richard (Diana) Mankel with whom she resided, Mrs. Patricia (Dolores) Dunning, Mrs. James (Mary Clare) Gee; Miss Lisa Verlin, at home; one brother, Tom Verlin of Grand Rapids; several uncles and aunts. Funeral Mass was offered Friday morning at St. Jude's Church, Interment St. Patrick's, Durand Cemetery.

BUSSELL - A South Ionia businessman, Gary L. Bussett, 33, of 142 Arnold St., Ionia, died Monday in Grand Rapids Hospital, Grand Rapids following a lengthy illness. Bussett, the owner of Arnold Machine Shop in South Ionia, which he purchased in 1975 had previously been employed by Jacks Automotive, You-Mar Tool and Die and General Tire. He had lived his entire life in Ionia where he attended school and graduated from Ionia High School. He was also a graduate of Montana Community College. For six years, he was a member of the Michigan National Guard.

Bussett was born in Ionia on July 9, 1945, the son of William and Shirley (Belcher) Bussett. On July 23, 1966 in the Belding Congregational Church he married Judy Meyer and they have lived in Ionia since. Survivors include his wife Judy; daughter, Christine; mother and father, William and Shirley Bussett; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Beattie Bussett, all of Ionia and maternal grand-

Dangerous of Durand, Mrs. Theodora Cassell of Lyons; four sons, Theron of Lyons, Tom of Pompano Beach, Fla., Therald of Lowell, Tholand of Cascade; 36 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were Saturday in Linden.

VERLIN - Michael P. Verlin, aged 30, of 3505 Grand River Dr., N.E., passed away Tuesday morning in Blodgett Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness. Mr. Verlin was employed as a supervisor of International Accounting for the Amway Corp. He was also a graduate of Aquinas College, class of 1972. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Clare) Verlin; four sisters, Mrs. Richard (Diana) Mankel with whom she resided, Mrs. Patricia (Dolores) Dunning, Mrs. James (Mary Clare) Gee; Miss Lisa Verlin, at home; one brother, Tom Verlin of Grand Rapids; several uncles and aunts. Funeral Mass was offered Friday morning at St. Jude's Church, Interment St. Patrick's, Durand Cemetery.

SWITZER - Arthur Switzer passed away Sunday, January 21. He is survived by his wife, Etta Mae; one son, Billy of Newaygo; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Osborn of Newaygo, and Mrs. Betty Bottrol of Ada; 12 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Florence Verstrate of Hudsonville. Services were Wednesday, 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Hudsonville.

mother, Mrs. Alta Borning of Cadillac; He is survived by four brothers, William Jr. and Tony of Ionia; Larry of Muir and Barry of Saranac. Funeral services were Thursday at the Ledick Funeral Home with Rev. James Frank of Galilee Baptist Church of Saranac officiating. Committal service at the funeral home with later interment in Easton cemetery. GLENNEY - Aura Maxine Glenney, 47, died in Las Vegas, Nev. Friday evening, January 19. She was born February 26, 1931 in Saranac, the daughter of Alton and Bernice Lautzenbecker. She attended Saranac Schools and was an employee of Gibson Inc., of Belding and then operated Maxine's Sewing Shop in Sunfield until 1976 when she moved to Las Vegas. She is survived by her husband Donald Glenney; four sons, Brad and Steve Fletcher of West Palm Beach, Fla.; David Fletcher of DeWitt; Alton Heffebower of Las Vegas; one brother Robert Lautzenbecker of Saranac; one sister, Mrs. Rosemary Bricker of Ionia and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were Saturday at Hull Memorial Chapel in Muir. Rev. Nolan Williams of Easton United Methodist Church officiated. Burial in Easton cemetery. BE A LEDGER SUBSCRIBER CALL 897-9261

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OPEN LETTER. Dear Friends, Occasionally we are called upon to arrange for funeral services and burial in distant cities. Through our various professional associations we can arrange a dependable service at point of destination. We arrange for transportation and complete the necessary forms with minimum burden to the family. Respectfully, David C. Roth, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Michigan.

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Obituaries...

Do You Wear Glasses?

Here's an effective new eye-exercise program that can produce astonishing results in a very short time... By Dr. James Kennedy

The Betteverson Eye Clinic is now offering a program of eye-exercises that can completely cure most cases of near-sight, farsight, and astigmatism... Aldous Huxley - Nobel Author: "My vision was getting steadily worse, even with greatly strengthened glasses. To my dismay I realized I was going blind. On the advice of my Doctor I decided to try the Bates Method. There was an immediate improvement. After only 2 months I was able to read clearly without glasses. Better still, the cataract which had covered part of one eye for over 16 yrs was beginning to clear up."

AN YES MY LITTLE CHICKADEE... YOU'D BETTER NOT MISS THE REFLOAT THE SNOWBOAT "LAS VEGAS NIGHT". WHAT: LAS VEGAS NIGHT. WHERE: DEER RUN GOLF CLUB. WHEN: SATURDAY, FEB. 3, FROM 7 - 11 PM DANCING FROM 11 PM - 2 AM. NOW MUCH: \$5.00 PER PERSON COVERS ADMISSION AND \$15.00 IN PLAY MONEY. WIN: ALL PROCEEDS TO HELP REFLOAT THE LOWELL SNOWBOAT. *BLACK JACK *CRAPS *OVER & UNDER *ROULETTE *BIG SIX *CHUCK-A-LUCK *RACE HORSE WHEELS. \$2,000 IN PRIZES! "Don't Miss It And Bring Your Friends". YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES!

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Letters Happy Birthday

Dear Editor,
In tribute to Sam Myers who passed away this week, Sam served the Lowell Community in Gee Hardware for over 50 years with courtesy, expertise and honesty.

February 4: Jim Sullivan, Jim Lasauky.
February 5: Dorothy Leasure, Edna Adams, Fran Hoag, Victor Sturgeon, Lorenz Geelhood, Karl Felier.
February 7: Liz Sparks, Gaylene Adams, Timothy Blocher, Ron Wittenbach.
February 8: Danny Budres, Mary Post.
GREENFIELD VILLAGE 50
Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, the senior Henry Ford's pioneering preservation of America's past that has been visited by 40 million people, is 50 years old in 1979.

The Dearborn, Michigan historical attraction is marking the occasion by completing a striking new eight-acre Hall of Technology exhibit in June and by being the world-wide focus for October 21 100th anniversary observances of Thomas Edison's invention of the first successful incandescent lamp.

May this dedicated example be forever remembered.
Donald McPherson

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

ten years ago
Roger Roberts, manager of Root-Lowell Corporation and other executives of the firm, are on hand to welcome the first piece of equipment to the new plant on Foreman Road. In all 225 pieces of equipment will be moved from the old Main St. location.

twenty years ago
A front page article in this issue described the recent weather in Lowell as "an old fashioned winter", with 18 inches of snow falling in the past 3 weeks. That hardly holds a candle to the 45 plus inches that we have had so far in January of 1979.

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As has been the case with recent Ledgers, weather dominated the news in this issue. A blizzard sent Lowell students home early with one of the school system's four buses being stranded in drifts with 18 students aboard. County snow plows soon had the bus free and teachers who had come to the scene, took the students home in their cars.
In the "Along Main Street" column, it was noted that the Lowell Rotary Club has enjoyed perfect attendance from its thirty members for 74 consecutive weeks.

fifty years ago
Two Lowell men are sentenced to two to seven year prison terms in the Ionia Reformatory for their conviction of chicken theft.
It was reported that the Kent County Infirmary (county home), which served residents of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township had a total of 380 patients for the year 1928. The headline for the front page article read, "1928 Sees 380 Go Over the Hill". Throughout the article, it was clear that the writer felt that entering the county home was truly the end of the earth for those forced into such a position. Total cost for operating the home for a one year period with an average of 177 "indigents" in residence at any one time, was \$26,347.77.

Potpourri...
One hundred sixty-four Kalamazoo College students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter, 1978, including John Hosley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hosley, 607 N. Washington, Lowell. Students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List, which is issued at the end of each academic quarter.
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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS
by Pauline E. Spray

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you (John 13:15). I used to look enviously at my mother's hands. She never had a manicure at a beauty parlor. Her nails were not carefully shaped nor highly polished. Neither were her fingers long and tapered as we usually think of beautiful hands. Instead, Mom's hands were stained with labor until every fine line was discolored. But to me they were the most attractive hands I had ever seen. I could hardly wait until mine looked like hers. When I told her that, she laughed at my childish whim. Mom used her hands to perform acts of love. Hers was a humble lot and demanded much sacrifice. Because I have never had to work as hard as she did, my hands may never look like Mom's and my childhood wish may not come true. Likewise, probably none of us will ever be as much like the Lord as we could like to be. "We cannot attain to His perfection; but we can be like Him in Spirit, in love, in humility, and in sacrifice."
Fellow Christians, let us strive daily to be like Him, to emulate His attitudes and His example of sacrificial living. Freely we have received, so also we must give freely if we are "to be like Christ."
Prayer: Dear Jesus, accept my humble thanks for Thy mercy and Thy sacrificial love. Help me to emulate Thy Spirit in all my attitudes and actions and to follow Thy example. My desire is "to be like Christ."
Amen.
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Society Notes...

Valerie Adams Honored
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Gen DeVries Retires
That familiar face at the offices of Drs. McKay and Gerard is missing. Genevieve "Gen" DeVries, R.N., has retired after nearly 25 years of service. Her husband Ray also took his retirement this month from Root-Lowell Corp.
Mr. and Mrs. DeVries plan to escape the rigors of Michigan's winter with a trip to Arizona in early February to visit Mrs. DeVries' sister and niece for a month.

WOTM To Hear Nurse
Helen DeMull is chairman of the Hospital Committee and in charge of the Chapter Night program for the Women of the Moose on February 5 at 8 p.m. Patricia Gober, RN from Butterworth Hospital will speak on "Progressive Changes in Maternity Care." Ms. Gober is the daughter of Jerry and Helen DeMull.

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Nursery—Come & Worship With Us

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By Roger Brown

Since winter itself seems to be about the only thing happening around here, I'm going to devote yet another column to the subject. Have you noticed how dry your house seems to get from your furnace constantly heating the humidity out of the air? This dry air causes more problems than just flaky skin and wooden furniture

if it fitz?

By Jim Fitzgerald

When customers enter a car wash in Oakland County, they are given tickets indicating they have paid for gas or a wash or both. When they retrieve their cars at the end of the wash line, they're supposed to return the tickets to prove they've paid their debt. A sign posted at the exit says:



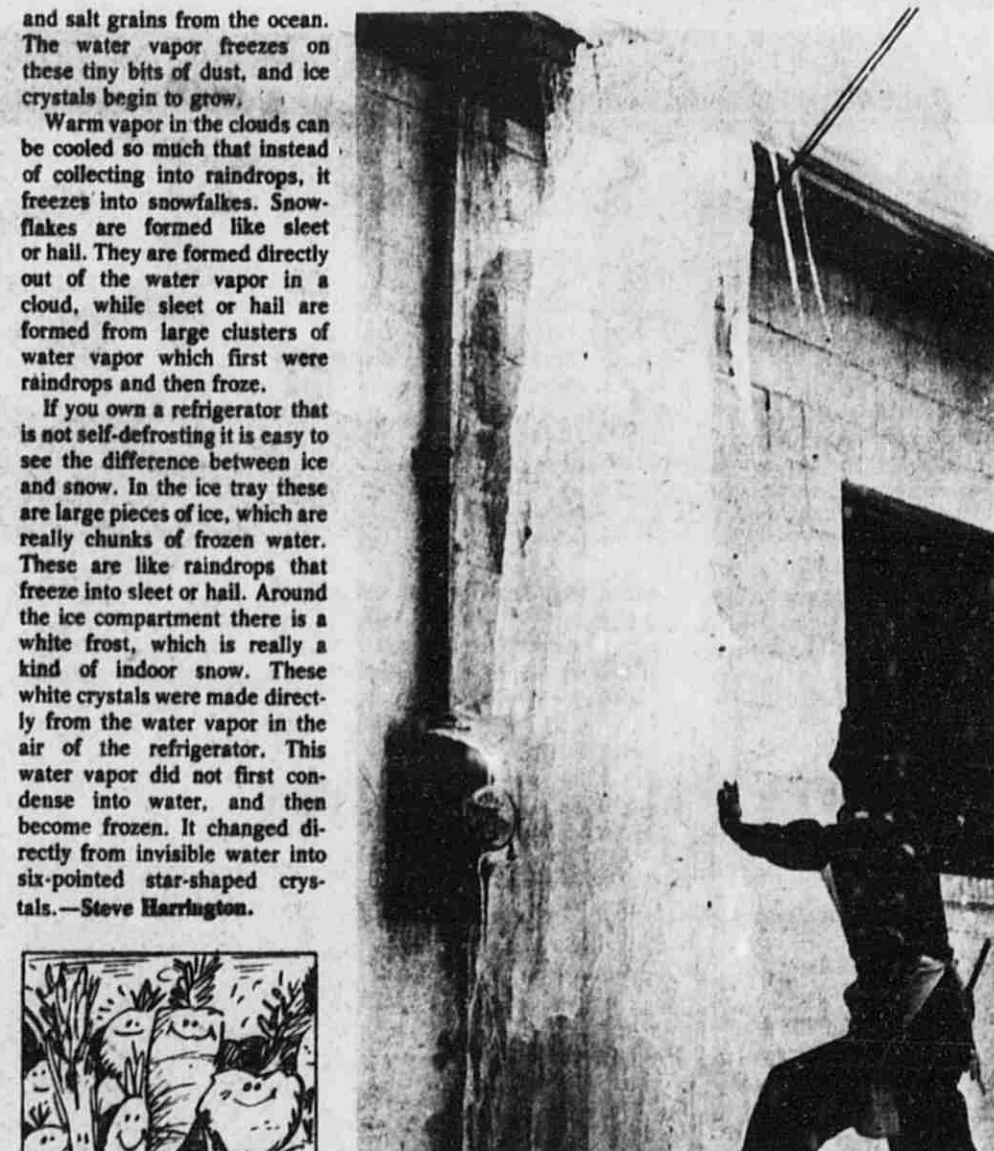
Some of the foods unknown in Europe until Columbus brought them back from America are turkey, pumpkins, and potatoes.



Lately there has been one thing that everyone can relate to, SNOW. In order to understand this abundant white stuff, I have gleaned the following letter from a winter ecology unit compiled by Dennis Yockers.

Snow is cold, but snow is also warm. In bitter-cold snowy weather, chickadees, bobwhite and snow buntings dive into a snowbank to keep warm. Snow becomes a warm blanket because of the air in it. If you look closely at a snowflake you will see that it is a clump of six-sided crystals with lacy designs. There is air in each crystal and also between the crystals as they pile up on the ground. The air in a snowbank is still. It stays the same temperature as the ice crystals around it, 32 degrees above zero. The air above the snowbank might be much colder because moving air cools much faster. In fact, the more windy it is, the cooler the air.

Water in the form of gas is called water vapor. This vapor is carried by the air high above the earth where it is very cold. Warm air also rises and carries tiny bits of dust from the earth and salt grains from the ocean. The water vapor freezes on these tiny bits of dust, and ice crystals begin to grow. Warm vapor in the clouds can be cooled so much that instead of collecting into raindrops, it freezes into snowflakes. Snowflakes are formed like sleet or hail. They are formed directly out of the water vapor in a cloud, while sleet or hail are formed from large clusters of water vapor which first were raindrops and then froze.



Jay Veslco, Grand Valley Ledger printer, figured this giant icicle would fall on Monday before we could get a picture of it but it is still glistening in size at press time. Warmer days this week made porch steps treacherous and roads icy with the ice. Residents are urged to remember that Old Man Winter isn't through with us yet.



Carrots, parsley, celery, parsnips, dill, anise and caraway are all part of the same plant family.

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Safety Town Meeting

Safety of Pre-school youngsters and what a community can do about it will be examined in a special meeting planned for Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Sponsored by Lowell Community Education, the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room in the Middle School.

"Safety Town," an early childhood program, will help children learn how to handle traffic situations, know when and how to cross a street and how to resist strangers.

Mrs. Dorothy Chlad, National Safety Town chairman, will explain the project and illustrate her talk with a 15 minute movie showing just how Safety Town works. She has been active in this program for the past 12 years.

The project is geared to teach four and five year old children. A small town is established in miniature on an outdoor layout built to the scale of a small child with houses, cars, traffic lights, crosswalks, driveways and signs. A teacher and police

officer and ten volunteer instructors conduct the program.

Parents play an important role in the classes by attending a number of the daily classes with their child.

"This 20 hour course is just building a foundation of safety on which the parents and schools can elaborate," said Mrs. Chlad. "Learning to cross on a real street is certainly not the place to learn. This development must begin in the formative years."

The meeting on Wednesday, January 31 is open to the public so that those interested in the program may attend, be informed and ask questions.

Pre-School Program At Library

"February Fuzzies," a program of international stories and folktales in celebration of the International Year of the Child will be presented at the Lowell Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. for pre-school children.

Financial Aid Workshop Is Rescheduled

All parents of college bound juniors and seniors are invited to a financial assistance workshop. The workshop will be held this Thursday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Senior High School, room J-3.

The workshop leader will be Don Schriemer, Director of Financial Aid at Grand Rapids Junior College. The workshop will deal mainly with the Financial Aid Form (FAF).

The Lowell High School counseling department strongly urges all parents who have (or will have in the near future; students attending any college to attend this important workshop.

Lions Host District Tourney



The Lowell Lions Club hosted the Annual Lions District Bowling Tournament last Saturday at the Lowell Lanes. Fifty-two teams from West Michigan participated with the Ravenna team (pictured above) capturing both actual and handicap trophies. Alto took a second place and Lowell placed third. Ravenna bowlers are Doane, Speelman, Nutt, Pice and Smith.

Lowell Lions Club hosted the annual Lions District 11-C-1 Bowling Tournament on Saturday at the Lowell Lanes. It is the first time the local Lions have hosted the event.

Fifty-one teams from 21 Western Michigan cities competed in the day-long event. Besides Lowell, there were entries from Fruitport, Muskegon, Coopersville, Marne, Ravenna, Holland, Grandville, Wyoming, Alto, Dor, Cedar Springs, Comstock Park, Northeast Grand Rapids, Rockford, Cutlerville, Downtown Grand Rapids, Belding, Ionia, Lake Odessa, and Saranac.

Trophies were given to the following winners: 1st Place Actual Team, Ravenna; 2nd Place Actual Team, Alto's Over-the-Hill-Gang; 1st Place Actual High Game, Steve Grace of Grandville (257); 2nd Place Actual High Game, J. Doane of Ravenna (244).

1st Place Actual High Series, J. Doane of Ravenna (628); 2nd Place Actual High Series, B. Smith of Ravenna (608); 1st Place Handicap Series, Steve Grace (719); 1st Place Handicap Team, Ravenna; 2nd Place Handicap Team, Alto's Over-the-Hill-Gang; 1st Place Handicap High Game, Steve Grace (298).

Jerry Poll of Alto was a local winner of one of three 50-50 drawings. Others came from Comstock Park and Coopersville. Bob Wernet of Lowell was one of the half gallon winners. The Grand Prize, a bowling ball and bag, went to a Lion from Coopersville.

Lowell Lion President Rick Fonger reports that the event was successful and credits the Lion membership with a job well done.

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Law Prohibits Piled Snow At Driveways

A new state law designed to eliminate piled snow as a traffic hazard is in effect this winter, the Michigan Department of Transportation reports.

Basically, it prohibits businesses and citizens from dumping snow on roadways and shoulders or piling it so high at driveway entrances that it obstructs the vision of motorists.

Under the law, enacted last spring, snow, ice or slush may not be removed from a driveway or other property and placed across a roadway or its shoulders. Snow piled near a driveway entrance must not obstruct the view of a motorist entering the roadway.

Pushing snow from a driveway to the opposite side of the road also is prohibited.

"Citizens or hired snowplowing services usually clear drive-

ways after the highway crews have cleared the roadway and shoulders," said John P. Woodford, department director.

"The snowplowing vehicle moving back and forth across the roadway from the driveway in itself is unsafe, but the snow that this activity leaves on the pavement is spread down the roadway and makes a slippery spot that is hazardous and could be the cause of an accident."

Violation of the new law is a misdemeanor. Both property owners and persons hired to remove snow are responsible for any illegal snow-removal activities.

In addition, any accidents caused by illegal snow removal will leave violators open to lawsuits for public liability and property damage.

NATURE CENTER'S TRAILS POPULAR WITH SKIERS

Not everyone is unhappy about this year's big snow. Cross country skiers have been out in unprecedented numbers. The Blandford Nature Center offers skiers an in town opportunity to get away from cars, horns and lights for a time. The Center offers trails that are a pleasant experience for the novice or experienced skier.

The trails are available at any time, and the Center's Interpretive Building is open to the public from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday and from 2 to 5 on Sunday. It is located at 1715 Hillburn Avenue N.W. Admission is free. Blandford Nature Center is a division of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

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Area Parks Reserved For Summer

More than 40 reservations for use of the shelterhouse in Fallsburg, Townsend and Douglas Walker Parks have been made at the Kent County Park Department and two of the reservations are for weddings at Douglas Walker, says William Wight, park superintendent.

"There apparently is a trend to having weddings in a Kent County park," he adds. "Last year there were 10 or 12 weddings in Fallsburg, Townsend and Douglas Walker parks which have unusually picturesque settings."

Also, several reservations have been made for wedding receptions in different parks, Wight states.

"Fallsburg, Townsend and Douglas Walker are among the most popular in the park system," he says. "Organizations

which want to be assured of a shelterhouse and an adequate number of picnic tables get their reservations in early. This year is no exception."

Reservations are made on a first-come, first served basis. Fee for shelterhouse is \$50 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and \$50 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations for 16 picnic tables cost \$5.

Wight points out that many visitors to Kent County parks come not only from outside the county, but also from outside Michigan.

Other popular county parks are Caledonia Lakeside, Long Lake, Wabasis, Johnson, Palmer and Brewer. Fallsburg is the only county park with a covered bridge, which, incidentally, is still in use by vehicles. The span goes over the Flat River that flows through the park.

New System Of Registration Begins In October

The traditional March 31 line-up for license plates at secretary of state branch offices soon will be a thing of the past in Michigan.

The new system will be phased in starting next October with all vehicles to be switched over by June 1, 1980.

Personalized, amateur radio operator and motorcycle plates will continue to have March 31 expiration dates.

Advocates of the new system say it will be more efficient, and special help no longer will be needed because the annual rush will be eliminated.

The governor also signed a bill extending to three years the one-year probationary period for all newly licensed drivers.

The lengthened probationary period will enable state officials to keep a closer eye on new, problem drivers.

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