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Above The Board

New School Precinct Established

Members of the Lowell Board of Education took the necessary steps Monday night to establish a new voting precinct. Now bringing the total precincts to three, the move will ease crowded conditions at the other two polling places, Runciman Elementary School in Lowell and Bowne Township Hall, Alto.

first semester of this school year. Of the suspensions recorded, the major were during the first marking period, with a large reduction recorded after school got well underway. The in-house suspension program is still proving successful in working with discipline problems. Korb also remarked on the gratifying results of his new freshmen orientation program. In the past, the freshman class has always been the greatest offenders of school policy but this year Korb and Principal Gary Kemp held special sessions for incoming freshmen explaining the whys and wherefores of school rules. As a direct result, Korb feels, freshmen offenses went down considerably.

Korb also contributed remarks made by new students entering from other schools to the effect that they "can't believe how straight the Lowell kids are." It was also mentioned that one of the commendations of the North Central Accreditation team, who checked out the local high school last year, was how the staff cooperatively mans the halls, bathrooms, and parking areas which removes a lot of temptation. "All in all, we've got a good bunch of students and it's a good feeling that Lowell is relatively free from a lot of the problems of other schools," the two principals agreed.



POST OFFICE CLOSED
The Lowell Post Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Washington's Birthday, a national holiday. There will be no deliveries on city of rural routes and there will be no window service on that day.

INCH BY INCH
Total snowfall for our area is nearing 84 inches and though the past week saw only minor additions to that figure, locals aren't especially happy with last week's prediction. Seems some fancy groundhog got a glimpse of his shadow on February 2 as we'll be wearing snuggles for at least six more weeks. (Did you figure out, that 84 inches is seven feet? Sure glad some of that white stuff has melted!)

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM
Bushnell teachers have demanded a rematch with the Bushnell PTO after suffering ignominious defeat in volleyball last month. The face-off has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Lowell High School gym. At only 50c per adult and 25c per student, the rematch should be an economical evening of fun.

TRAIN-TRUCK CRASH
Robert Wade of Alto escaped injury last Saturday afternoon when his pickup truck collided with a 90-car Chesapeake and Ohio train at a crossing in Ionia County a quarter mile north of Clarksville Road on Elmdale. Wade was northbound on Elmdale and was unable to stop his vehicle before colliding with the train. He was taken to Pennekot Hospital, examined and released.

DAMAGED
Involved in a property damage accident on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6, on Monroe St. near North St. were Dennis Brenk II and Mary Smith of Grand Rapids. Marian Tokken of Sparta was struck when she made a left turn into the path of oncoming traffic by Anthony Myers of Lowell on East Main St. near Washington on Wednesday. Wyman Douglas of Burton was struck from behind as he attempted to make a left turn off North Hudson Saturday morning. Neither party was injured.

OFF THE BLOTTER
Apprehended Saturday evening for shoplifting in Lipperts was a 14-year-old juvenile male. Arrested for possession of alcohol under the age of 21 and for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle on Saturday evening were Raymond Topping and David Ford, both of Lowell.

STACK 'EM, INSTEAD
The Lowell Jaycee paper drop located in Eberhard's parking lot is closed temporarily. Due to the large surplus at the recycling centers in Grand Rapids, the Jaycees are unable to empty the drop at this time. Guess you'll have to stack them up for the time being.

Fluoride Open To Alto Kids

Topical application of fluoride will again be offered to certain Kent County children that do not drink fluoridated water on a regular basis, according to Dr. Douglas A. Mack, Director, Kent County Health Department. The fluoride program is a joint venture of local volunteer committees, the Kent County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Public Health. It is made available to three- and four-year-old preschoolers, second, fifth and eighth graders, and to special cases referred by dentists who are registered by February 23rd with their local program chairman.

Congressman Sawyer's Mobile Office Due Next Week

Continuing the practice started several years ago by Gerald Ford, Congressman Hal Sawyer has leased a mobile office which will begin touring the Fifth Congressional District. Congressman Sawyer says the mobile office will make it easier for persons experiencing problems with government to contact him or members of his staff.

Alto Parents To Hear Speaker On Drug Abuse

A reformed drug abuser will be the speaker at the February 20 meeting of the Alto Mother's Club. The speaker will be answering questions that parents have concerning drug problems. All parents and interested citizens, including all middle and high school students, are invited to hear this speaker. The time for the meeting has been changed to 7:30 p.m. and babysitting will be provided at the school. (Please no small babies as there are no cribs.)

Curtain Up For Comedy Next Week

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday night performance of the Lowell Area Arts Council's 2nd Annual Winter Play are going fast. A local cast will romp through the British comedy "See How They Run" by Philip King. The ingredients for an hilarious evening are all there: a staid English bishop (George Dey), his theatrical niece (Melissa McLaury), her upright minister-husband (Don Silvis), her old boyfriend (T.J. Tuinstra), and an escaped Russian spy (Wayne Ramsdell). Throw in a lovesick old maid (Pat Covell), a befuddled visiting vicar (Jim Marron) and the cockney maid Ida (Mary Garrison) and things go from mixed-up to bedlam. Even the policeman (Gil Wise) has trouble figuring out who to arrest.



Miss Skillon, the tipsy spinster played by Pat Covell, pleads with a befuddled visiting minister, played by Jim Marron, to take her away from the "wicked vicarage" in the comedy "See How They Run". Skillon is alternately lovesick, inebriated, stashed in a closet, knocked out cold, the hurdle in the inevitable chase scene and thoroughly nonplussed by the time the curtain rings down. "See How They Run" will be presented next Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 21-24. Photo by Cheryl Blodgett

Attwood Plans Plant Expansion

Donald Rocheleau, President of Attwood Corp., announced that Attwood, world's largest producer of hardware and accessories for pleasure boats, will begin construction on a 90,000 square foot expansion in March. This is the first phase of a 2 to 3 year expansion which will create over 100 jobs for the Lowell area, according to Rocheleau.

Broadside Kills Saranac Youth

A 17-year-old Saranac youth was killed and his passenger, also of Saranac, seriously injured in a two car accident Wednesday morning, Feb. 7, about 8:30 a.m. According to Ionia County Sheriff's deputies, Frederick Michael Raymor, 17, was killed when his car was struck broadside by a truck driven by William A. Daller, Jr., 54, of Belding. According to Deputy Charles Shaylor, investigation shows that Raymor was traveling eastbound on Bowen Rd. and slowed for the intersection at Hawley Highway to turn north onto Hawley. Raymor did not come to a complete stop, apparently afraid his small car would become stuck at the intersection. Daller told officers he did not have time to do anything but hit the brakes when he saw the Raymor car. Daller, who was southbound on Hawley, struck the Raymor vehicle broadside. A passenger in the Raymor car, David L. Hall, 18, also of Saranac, was admitted to Ionia County Memorial Hospital with multiple contusions, abrasions, fractures and head injuries. Daller was treated and released at Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Pilot Safe After Crash

Ruth Gardner, 22, of Muskegon Heights, walked away unharmed after her plane was caught in a crosswind and flipped while landing at Bennett Field in Owosso last Tuesday. Her flight originated at Lowell Airport. Gardner's two-seat Cessna 152 veered off the runway when hit by a crosswind, plowed into a snowbank and flipped over. Damage to the plane appeared to be minor, confined to the bent propeller and slightly damaged wing. Safety harnesses and restraining devices were credited with preventing injury to the pilot who was on a cross-country training flight which she needed for advanced certification. Gardner is enrolled in the pilot training program of the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music based at the Lowell Airport. Additional safety devices were installed in all of the Bible School's 22 training planes after a plane tragedy last year in Lowell. Dean Nereson, 24, was flying the school's plane trying to compile extra hours in the air when his plane nosed-dived into the Flat River. He was pinned in the wreckage for about 45 minutes and was dead on arrival at Butterworth Hospital.

Group Aids Showboat

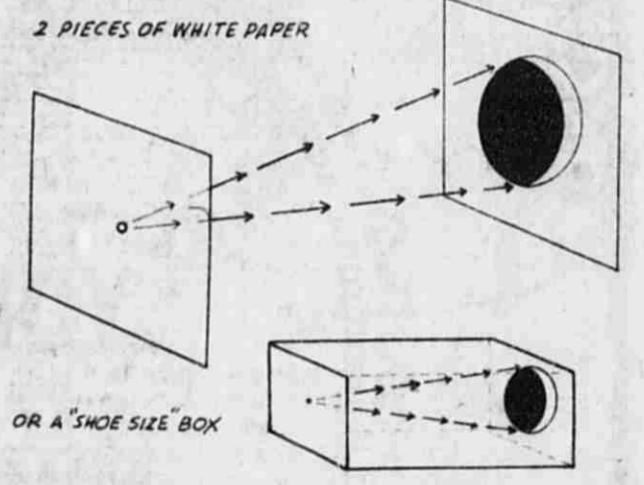


Young people in Lowell have a stake in the Lowell Showboat, too. Patti Haver and Kevin Lambert presented a check from St. Mary's Youth Group for \$50 to Dr. Clark Vredenburg, vice-president of Showboat, to help out in the "Re-float" campaign.

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Eclipse Viewers Risk Eye Damage

The total eclipse of the sun due February 26th will be the last one visible from the continental United States in this century, according to astronomers. It also presents a very real danger of immediate and permanent blindness, according to Philip C. Hessburg, M.D., a Detroit ophthalmologist, in particular to those who may look directly at the sun in eclipse, but only at its reflection. Dr. Hessburg points out, "Eclipse blindness cannot be cured, but it can be prevented with a few relatively simple precautions. Also of particular concern to the eye physicians this year is the increased popularity of backyard telescopes, reflecting the interest in outer space which, in turn, will make people more eclipse conscious and more curious. The dangerous rays focused through such telescopes magnify the hazard even more, according to the MOS. Obviously, camera viewfinders PRECISION & FASHION HAIRSTYLING—For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling. Phone 897-8102. c51f
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February 26 will be the last total eclipse of the sun visible from the continental United States in this century and unless you take precautions, watching it could be the last thing you ever see. Do what the experts do: watch the image of the eclipse with a pinhole device. A simple projector can be made with a shoe box or with two sheets of white cardboard, as shown above. produce the same effect and photographs should not be taken directly into the sun. Remember, this permanent impairment of vision is preventable," Dr. Hessburg advises. "We cannot cure it once the damage is done." No sunglasses, photographic film, smoked glass or other devices provide safety for those who look at the sun in eclipse, according to the ophthalmologist, who says, "Those who have sometimes used such things in the past and escaped injury were just plain lucky." You can see the eclipse better by not watching it, according to Dr. Hessburg. Instead, do what the experts do: watch the image of the eclipse with a pinhole device. A simple projector may be devised with a shoe box, or with two sheets of white card-

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Ninth Grade: Meredith Althaus, Kelly Byrne, Sandie Heemstra, Steven Spencer, Kim VanWeelden. Tenth Grade: Kristy Manteiner, Scott Nothke, Can Parks, Eleventh Grade: Barry Eldridge, Lesa Hartley, Bryan Johnson, Mike Kaye, Kathleen Mauric, Steve Sterick, Twelfth Grade: Mary Benedict, Marcia Ralys, Tony Schwacha.

NINTH GRADE
Marta Andrews, Dan Bailey, Tod Bailey, Phillip Beahler, Beth Beauchamp, Ruth Bobko, Diana Beck, Karen Brandt, Lisa Brown, Duke Burdette, Tom Cadwell, Randy Carlson, Sue Christman, Brian DeForest, Katherine Dey, Sheri Eley, Dawn Elwood, Edie Evans, Heidi Elzinga, Laura Frosch.

TENTH GRADE
John Anderson, Paul Beerwilde, Jim Bice, Rose Bigelow, Tom Brown, Jayce Bruce, Mark Buda, Bonnie Carigan, Craig Carter, Kevin Comer, Kevin Conrad, Kelly Dickerson, Jamie Eley, Mark Eschik.

ELEVENTH GRADE
Janice Rasch, Angela Ritze, Leslie Serne, Mary Jo Serne, Kathy Sitzer, Jeff Stormand, Dawn Swan, Deb Timmins, Mark VanWeelden, Sheri Tezalfi, Debra Thomet, Liza Whittemore, Melodie Wilkerson, Tina Zwicki.

ELEVENTH GRADE
Sheila Blain, Susan Beerwilde, Todd Bryan, Rick Churchill, Ted Dalstra, Lori DeaBoer, Bill Green, Phyllis Gresham, LeeAnn Hill, Lynn Homolka, Mar Homolka, Sharon Keim, Kathy Kropp, Mark Lessens.

MONICA MANSZEWSKI, Cliff Mulder, Brenda Noall, Merlene Parsons, Abby Potter, Joe Rathbun, Kim Risner, Kelly Robbins, Tammy Robinson, Brenda Scheidel, Melissa Schoen, David Schuelke, Julie Seif, Ann R. Smith.

ROBERT GESSLER, Troy Hall, Chris Sharon Staal, Debbie Stemmer, Kathy Thebo, Susan Vandawater, Steve Vandeziel, Cindy Weimer, Ellen Wheeler, Jill Groetzer.

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...play, Creston put in their final goal. The final score was Lowell 3 and Creston 5.

The shots on goal for the game were: Lowell 32 and Creston 41. Lowell's goal tender Darryl McGrew survived the barrage of Creston shots with flair.

The Lowell team is now in second place in the Suburban Division, Steve Ries is the leading scorer in the West Michigan High School Hockey Association, with teammates, Bob McGrew and Kerry Kysar in 6th and 7th places, respectively. Ries only needs 12 points to set a one season WMHA record.—Mary Benedict.



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Parents may register at the Library or call 668-6038. There is no charge.

Alto Library is open on Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m., Thursday from noon to 5 p.m., and on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The Library is located on Linfield Ave. and is a member of the Kent County Library System.

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Obituaries...

YETTER — Donald W. Yetter, aged 68, of 350 N. Center St., Lowell, passed away Thursday at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by three brothers, Floyd of Alto, J. Glenn, Elmer C. of Lowell; and three sisters, Mrs. Ella Watson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Audie Yetter of Indiana and Mrs. Olive Mosbeck of Florida.

Funeral services were Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Roger Kubilis officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

SHELDON — Mrs. Bernice M. Sheldon, aged 53, of Bronson, MI, formerly of Lowell, died Saturday, Feb. 10 at Sturgis Community Hospital, Sturgis, MI.

She was born in Kensel, ND, Jan. 10, 1926, the daughter of Earl and Maude (Willow) Strouse. She came to Lowell as a child and attended school here. She married Floyd Hall in 1945. This marriage ended in divorce. She lived in the Lowell area until moving to Hastings in 1959 and has lived in Bronson since 1975.

She is survived by one son, Robert Sheldon of Hastings; one daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Sheldon of Bronson; and three grandchildren, Robert, David and Jennifer.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Leonard-Osgood & Wren Funeral Home, Hastings. Rev. Marvin Sickmiller officiating with burial in Rutland Township Cemetery, Barry County.

BAKER — Mrs. Gertrude Baker, aged 82, wife of Gerrit Baker, who is retired Supervisor of Cascade Township, passed away Monday noon.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Daniel J. (Martha) Vandenberg of Cascade, Mrs. Cornelia DeLager of the Fulton Manor; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday at the Cascade Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Wesley Timmer and Rev. Raymond Gaylord officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cascade Christian Reformed Church Mission Fund.

RAYMOND — Laural M. Raymond, aged 17, 5418 Page Road, Saranac, passed away Wednesday morning, February 7 of accidental injuries.

Born in Belding June 16, 1961, he was the son of Stuart and Gladys (Dickerson) Raymond. He was a senior at Saranac High School and a first year student at Montclair Community College. He had lived in the Saranac area all of his life.

He is survived by his father, Stuart Raymond of Arizona; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. James (Gladys) Parker of Saranac; four brothers, Stuart Lee Raymond of Saranac, Lowell Scott Parker of Saranac, Scott John Parker of Saranac; and Brian James Parker of Grand Rapids; grandparents, Mr. Harold Dickerson of Belding, Mrs. Lele Dickerson of Edmore, Mr.

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SPERSTRA — Matilda F. Sperstra, aged 83, of 819 Lincoln Lake Rd., Lowell, passed away Wednesday, February 7.

She is survived by three daughters, Irene Osborne, Ida Yetter, and Alice Wilczewski; a son, Richard all of Lowell; a brother, Raymond Fase and sisters, Alta Callan and Katie Fase; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Dr. Richard Greenwood officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

KIRBY — James W. Kirby, 38, of 3099 N. Bellamy Road, Orleans Township, died at his residence Friday, Feb. 2, after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 8, 1940 in Maitz, the son of Julius and Myrtle Kirby.

He attended Lyons high school and was a construction worker until 1973 when he retired due to ill health.

PATRICK — Laura L. Patrick, age 55, 320 Summit St., Saranac, passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, at Ionia Hospital.

She was born in Berlin Township, Jan. 17, 1924, to Dea and Madie Meyers of Penfield.

She has lived in the Saranac area all of her life, and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Ionia.

She is survived by one brother, Merrill Patrick of Saranac; one nephew, Duane Patrick of Saranac; one niece, Mrs. Douglas (Anita) Sanderson.

Services were held Tuesday at the Bootman-Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Elder Gordon Frase officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Any one wishing to do so may make contributions to the Crippled Children's Foundation.

COMING EVENTS

WED., FEB. 14: Womens Club will meet at Schneider Manor in the lounge. Speaker on "Girls' Town."

FEB. 16: Bushnell PTO will have a popcorn sale. Kids remember your 15c.

SAT., FEB. 17: The Greats and the Greatest Exhibition Doubles Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 1 p.m. at Lowell Lanes. Joe Joseph, Hall of Fame Bowler, Jim Matuzak, Grand Rapids All-City Bowler and Grand Rapids' Mike Marks and Lowell Lanes own John Matuzak will be participating. A Bowlers Clinic will be held immediately following the match.

SAT., FEB. 17: Benefit Dance, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lowell P.W. Hall, Main St., Lowell. Proceeds to benefit the Saranac Girl's Volleyball Team. Tickets \$3.50 single, \$6 couple. Music by Country Pride.

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Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kirby of Ionia; wife, Marilyn of Orleans; one son, Marty Joe; one step-daughter, Angela Head; all at home; three brothers, Louis of Greenville; Bud of Stanwood and Leonard of Saranac.

Also surviving are six sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Ward of Lake Odessa; Mrs. Dorothy Jackson of Lake Odessa; Mrs. Marie Dye of Ionia; Mrs. Emma Jean Stanton of Ionia and Mrs. Mildred Edmonds of Belding.

Funeral services were Monday at Hull Memorial Chapel, Rev. Ralph Barton of the Temple Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Muir Cemetery.

STAMP — Frederick A. Stamp, 59, R2 Howard City, died last week Thursday at Kelsey Memorial Hospital, Ionia.

Mr. Stamp is survived by his wife, Ellen; a daughter, Ruby Schutter, at home; four sons, Robert Stamp, Howard City, Michael Stamp, Cedar Springs; Ronald Moon, Howard City; Fred McIntyre, Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Holmes, Lowell; Mrs. Fran Krupa, Flint; Mrs. Helen Barthol, Detroit; three brothers, Albert Stamp, Florida; Robert Stamp, Walled Lake, Jay McStamp, Grand Rapids; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Germain Funeral Home, Howard City. Interment in Reynolds Cemetery.

HART — Mrs. Joy Hart, 48, of St. Johns, passed away Saturday, Feb. 3, at her residence.

She was born in Ionia County July 8, 1930 to Maurice and Leona (Ward) Winters. She married Douglas Hart in Wilkerson on Oct. 15, 1949 and he survives his wife.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Deborah Harvey and Miss Dawn Hart, both of St. Johns; two sons, Ricky Hart of St. Johns and Randy Hart of Lansing; her mother Mrs. Leona Winters of Saranac; two sisters, Miss Patricia Winters and Mrs. Connie Biggs, both of Saranac; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Hart was employed as a secretary at Hart Sales and Service. She had resided in St. Johns since 1975.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns. Rev. Terry MacArthur officiated and interment was in Union Home Cemetery.

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The Back Page...

Redskins Win A Squeaker 51-50

Eighth rated Saranac High School won a squeaker last Friday night against the Portland Raiders 51-50. The Portland team seems intent upon upsetting the league leaders. Last week they defeated the first place Lakeview team.

Although the Saranac team is much taller than the Raiders, SHS had trouble rebounding against the much shorter Portland team. The Raiders held a

40-27 advantage on the boards with Troy Click hauling down 15, Mark Brown nine and Steve Lawless six.

Redskin Kevin Reynolds managed to pull down ten for Saranac.

Saranac converted seven of nine from the charity line with Portland hitting on 14 of 16.

From the floor the Redskins hit 22-58 for 47 percent. Portland connected on 18 of 48 for 38 percent.

After a 12-12 first quarter deadlock, Saranac took control with a 28-21 halftime lead. Portland came out fired up in the third period pumping in 16 points giving the Raiders a 37-34 lead going into the final eight minutes of play.

The Redskins finally iced the game on a one and one free throw situation by Kevin Theisen with 23 seconds left. Theisen hit both to put Saranac ahead for good 51-48.

With :23 left on the clock, Portland's Steve Lawless hit an outside shot and at :06 Lawless went in for a lay-up which left the Raiders down by one.

Theisen led Saranac with 20 points, Kevin Reynolds added another 13, Ben Tower had seven, Gary Raimier six, Scott Metternick and Ted Heilman two.

Portland's Troy Click netted 22 points, Mark Brown had 13, Andy Wallace seven, Steve Lawless six and Kurt Goodman two.

DIAMOND ISN'T A MUST

Today a diamond engagement ring is no longer 'derigueur'. Many brides, when faced with the choice, will in fact opt for their birthstone.

January — Garnet or Hyacinth
February — Amethyst
March — Bloodstone, Aquamarine or Jasper
April — Diamond
May — Emerald
June — Pearl, Moonstone, or Agate
July — Ruby or Onyx
August — Sardonyx, Peridot or Carnelian
September — Sapphire
October — Opal or Tourmaline
November — Topaz
December — Turquoise or Lapis Lazuli



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Today is Valentine's Day. Well, it isn't really, because I'm writing this on Tuesday but you will probably get the paper and read this on Wednesday which is Valentine's Day. Unless of course you live outside of Lowell's mail routes and then you won't get the paper until Thursday or even Friday if you live way out like Florida or California. All of which means absolutely nothing except that what I intend to write about this week probably won't take up much space, so maybe some of this gibberish will help fill out the column.

As I mentioned, it's somewhere around Valentine's Day which is the day celebrated by lovers everywhere. It was seven years ago at about this time that Terese and I became engaged. I was still in the Army, not to get out until April 3 and we set a May 20 wedding date. A short engagement to say the least. The Guinness Book of World Records tells us that the record engagement was that of Octavio Guillen and Adrianna Martinez of Mexico City. When both were 82 years old in 1969 and had been engaged for 62 years, they took the plunge and were married. We were barely engaged 62 days, let alone 62 years.

Guinness tells us that the longest marriage to date is that of James Burgess to his wife Sarah. They celebrated their 82nd anniversary in 1965 before Sarah's death that same year.

To match that, I would have to live to the age of 104 and Terese to 103, which in this day of modern medicine, is entirely possible I suppose. The only problem with Terese and I ever achieving a record like that is that I don't think I could put up with her for 82 years and I know, darned well she couldn't live with me that long.

Which brings us around to divorce, the new national pastime, and it just so happens that Guinness lists divorce records on the same page as engagements and marriages. The world record for the most divorces was set by Mrs. Beverly Avery in Los Angeles in 1957. Her divorce from Gabriel Avery was her sixteenth in her 48 years and she had been married to fourteen different men.

Somehow, I can't even picture myself getting a single divorce, let alone fifteen of them, so that's a record better left alone as far as I'm concerned. Just think of the alimony.

Speaking of alimony, Guinness says the highest amount ever paid was that of Reuben Fleet, a millionaire aircraft manufacturer, to his wife Dorothy. The total settlement amounted to \$11,550,000, all because of a divorce on the grounds of "verban abuse". I guess I'd better watch what I say to Terese.

Thanks to the proximity of Valentine's Day and the Guinness Book of World Records, I've got another column under my belt when I didn't know what the heck I was going to write about when I sat down at the typewriter. Happy somewhere near Valentine's Day.

To The Editor

Dear Parents of School Age Children:

I am writing this letter as I feel it is my obligation as a concerned parent. I am sure most of you are aware of Monday's abduction and murder of a child from the Grand Rapids Public School area. This could happen at any school. None of us are immune.

I have made a suggestion to my children's principal that I hope you will also make to yours. This suggestion could give you and the authorities the extra time that could mean life and death of your child in a similar situation.

When we send our children off to school, we must take it for granted that they arrive there safely. I know the impossibility of calling every parent to assure them that this is the case, but I do believe if the schools made an effort to contact the absent students in the first hour of school to verify their absenteeism that a tragedy such as yesterday's would have the advantage of several hours alert.

I realize this is asking our schools to do added work, but I know this program could be beneficial. As a student I worked in the school's office for four years and this was part of my duties.

I know that the Lowell area schools have a call-in policy for students that are absent. However, as a parent myself, I know that I have sometimes been guilty of not doing this when my children are home. This call-in policy would cut half the load from the school officials' job of verifying student's absences if they checked them off as they came in. Then the officials would only have to verify those who did not call in and report their child's absence.

As a parent, I feel that anything that can aid the safety of our children is worth the effort. If one child can be helped, we have done something. When I send my children off to school, I want to be certain



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Stillwater is now appearing at The Silo Gopher at Marna, MI Tuesday evenings through Saturday evening.

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- Tues., Feb. 20: Barbeques, Tossed Salad, Fresh Cooked Corn, Cookies and Fruit, Milk.
- Wed., Feb. 21: Turkey and Gravy on Fluffy Potatoes or Rice, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls or Biscuits, Jello with Whip or Fruit, Milk.
- Thurs., Feb. 22: Tacos with Meat and Cheese, Johnny Cake with Syrup, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.
- Fri., Feb. 23: Fishwiches or Hamburgers, Potato Chips and Pickles, Buttered Green or Wax Beans, Bars or Cookies. Assorted Fruits or Jello, Milk.

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