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April Is Far From Balmy

Life-long Michigan residents just smiled thinly and mumbled about the changeable weather in our beloved state in the aftermath of a wild wind-rain-sleet-snow storm which hit the area Thursday night about 8 p.m.

In Lowell, a huge tree limb downed power lines on Suffolk between Hudson and Lincoln Lake and plunged several blocks into darkness during the height

of the storm. Other downed limbs made roads in the city and townships hazardous.

Winds gusting at times to nearly 70 miles an hour ripped at shingles and tore down at least one city chimney. The plate-glass window at Modern Photographics on Main Street was shattered but was kept intact until city crews could reinforce it from the inside,



ON THE PREMISES

Lowell police officers caught three juveniles and two adults on the premises of the Boy Scout Cabin on North Washington early last Wednesday morning, April 4. All five admitted entering the premises without permission but denied breaking into the cabin. Damage done to the cabin amounted to under \$100 with doors and cupboard doors broken and their contents strewn about. Two juveniles were released to their parents and one was remanded to juvenile-court for probation violation. All are from Lowell. Daniel Balentine and Jeffrey Millering, both of Lowell, are awaiting arraignment with charges pending at press time. Disposition of the case is being handled by the Kent County Sheriff's Department since the incident occurred outside the city limits.

Under investigation by Lowell officers is the breaking and entering of D & D Rebuilders. It was reported to police on Thursday morning, April 5. An unknown amount of damage was taken.

RETIRED

Arthur Howard has retired. If "Arthur" doesn't ring a bell, try "Curly". Curly Howard has been in business in Lowell at various locations for 40 years, most recently at his Curly's Diner on Riverside just off Main Street. He has watched two generations of customers go through his doors and wants to make sure all of his friends and customers know how much he appreciates their business and loyalty through the years. His last day of business, Curly lettered his last special sign on the window—"Aloha".

Jack Lucchesi, owner of Lucchesi's on Main Street, has purchased Curly's Diner and is in the process of remodeling for a new restaurant at that location.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

"It will be business as usual at Cary's, Inc. with no interruption of service to the community," says Helen Thompson, new owner of the Main Street store with her husband Jerry. Mrs. Thompson has been manager of Cary's for two years and finalized the purchase of the business last week. The building which houses Cary's has been purchased by Howard and Evelyn West, owners of Anderson's Shoes on Main Street.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Many Lowell youngsters spent at least part of their spring vacation in the demonstrating artist's car drawing, painting and throwing pots at the potter's wheel on Michigan ARTRAIN. Attendance was good despite horrid weather. Nearly 2,500 braved rain, sleet, snow and generally inhospitable conditions during the six days of the visit. ARTRAIN opens this week in Holland, Michigan.

RUG BEE

There will be a Rug Hooking Bee on Wednesday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. The community is invited to learn more about this nearly lost traditional craft or spend the day on the project you already have in progress. There will be rug-hookers from all over the area to compare notes with. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy. If you need more information, call the Lowell YMCA or Ann Reed at 676-1583.

BENT FENDERS

Ray Miller of Lowell failed to yield the right-of-way at Jefferson and Main on Wednesday, April 4, and collided with Dianne Ralys of Lowell as she was making a left turn onto Jefferson from Main. Craig Haybarker of Lowell lost control of his vehicle on Division Street near the upper bridge and struck a tree and sign early Friday morning, April 6. He was uninjured.

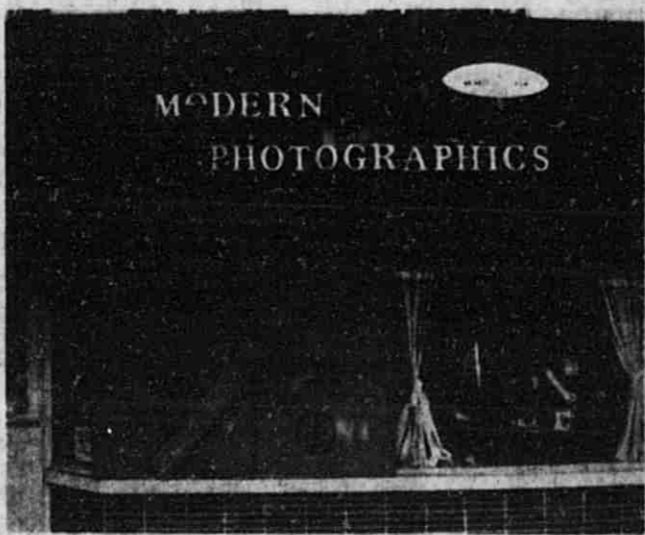
LIGHT FINGERS

Apprehended Tuesday evening, April 3, were two juvenile female shoplifters at Lippert's by store employees. A male shoplifter was apprehended at Johnson's Thrift-T-Mart on Wednesday, April 4. He was referred to his parole officer for juvenile court action.

Issued to appear in 63rd District Court on charges of larceny under \$100 was Richard Sturgis Jr. of Lowell after he was caught shoplifting in Lippert's by store employees.

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Modern Photographics sustained damage to the plate glass window of the studio on Main Street in Thursday night's storm. City crews boarded up the window before it could totally collapse, preventing major damage to the interior of the studio.

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All of Michigan felt the sting of the violent storm and area residents fared better than many others in the state. In Northern Michigan winds gusted as high as 82 miles an hour. The upper peninsula was hard hit with Sault Ste. Marie getting seven inches of snow. The Mackinac Bridge was out of commission nearly eight hours. Blinding whiteouts blocked many roads.

Consumers Power Co. and Detroit Edison crews worked through the night and day to restore power to more than 200,000 customers in the Lower Peninsula, 2,600 in the Montcalm-Ionia county service area. Saranac was in the midst of that hard-hit area.

The National Weather Service said it was one of the worst April snowstorms on record. "Actually, we were lucky," a weather service spokesman said. "Had we had this same storm a month earlier, we would probably have had blizzard conditions. If it were to go through a few weeks from now, we'd probably have a tremendous outbreak of thunderstorms and tornadoes."

City Siren Will Give Warning

Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons has outlined city operations should a tornado warning be issued.

According to Emmons, if a tornado watch is issued, police "spotters" are posted at various points around the city. Residents should be aware of changing weather conditions and keep tuned to radio and TV stations for the possible change to tornado warning status.

If a tornado warning is issued, one long, steady blast will be sounded on the fire department sirens. Residents should take cover in the lowest point in the southwest corner of their homes. Those in public buildings should ask for directions to the nearest public shelter. If traveling in a car, do not try to outrun the twister. Take shelter in a ditch away from trees.

There will be no siren sounded for a tornado watch, only for a tornado warning.

"All calls during such an alert should be directed to the city police, 897-7123, especially if a tornado is sighted locally," said Emmons. "The all-clear signal will be three long blasts of the sirens."

Attwood Expansion Underway

A \$2.5 million expansion project, whose completion will create over 30 jobs in the next two years has begun, according to Donald Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corporation, the world's largest producer of pleasure boating accessories and hardware.

Kicking off the firm's long-range expansion plans, the first phase of the project will add 90,000 square feet to Attwood Corporation's existing 300,000 square-foot manufacturing and warehousing facility in Lowell.

According to Rocheleau, the expansion is geared to increase the firm's capabilities of producing and distributing its marine and recreational vehicle accessories and sporting goods lines. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Steelcase, Inc. and a leader in the marine industry since 1923, Attwood Corporation has tripled its sales in the past five years. The new expansion project is only the latest in a string of Attwood's recent additions, including last year's acquisition of the Viking Anchor Division of Brunswick Corp. and the Pensacola, Florida manufacturer of "Water Reins", a recoil rope device; as well as a 67,000 square-foot expansion of the Lowell plant in 1976.

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SIZZLER NIGHT

Cherry Creek May Be Sold

Cherry Creek Nursing Home, 350 North Center, Lowell, has asked the State to approve leasing the facility.

The owners no longer wish to manage the 123 bed facility. However, Arthur Fochs, owner of the leasing agency is capable and willing to operate the facility.

Leasing costs are estimated to be \$211,140 per year for ten years, bringing the total cost to \$2,111,400.

In keeping with federal regulations requiring State approval prior to change in operation of a health care facility, Cherry Creek Nursing Home has applied for a Certificate of Need. The application is on file with the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Fair Dates Set

"When Michigan's fair season schedule is released, it's a sure sign of approaching summer," says Dean M. Pridgeon, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. "This year there will be 86 county and 4-H agricultural fairs and two state fairs."

The 1979 season opens June 29 at Lake Odessa and closes with the Hillsdale fair September 23-29.

Michigan's two state fairs are the Upper Peninsula State Fair at Escanaba August 14-19, and the Michigan State Fair at Detroit August 24-September 3. Locally, fair dates for Ionia are August 3-12, and for Lowell, August 6-11.

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Above The Board

Four Are To Compete For Two Board Seats

Four candidates will vie for two seats on the Lowell Board of Education in the up-coming June 11 election it was announced at Monday night's school board meeting. Nominating petitions were turned in by Roger Kropf, who will run for re-election; Dr. James A. Dumas of Alto; Bob Elzinga, Lowell; and Mary Yost from the Grattan area.

Dave Miller, the other present member whose term will expire, will not run again. Miller, board president, has served the school district well for the past eight years.

Although Monday night's meeting was brief, most of the decisions made were concerned directly with students and the learning process. Following several months of evaluations, 12 teachers will attain tenure status with their new contracts; five from the elementary department, three from Middle School and four from the high school. Fourteen first year teachers were granted second year probation and five interns were evaluated to full teaching status.

New textbooks were also adopted for the Middle School in both science and social studies departments. The vote to adopt the new texts followed the recommendation of a study-research committee comprised of K-12 staff members and parents. Contents of several sam-

ples from the state-approved list of books were studied before the recommendation was made. "This is another step in the continuing effort to coordinate and update the curriculum from kindergarten through senior high," Superintendent Don Kelly said.

In a brief presentation ceremony, recognition was given Board President Dave Miller for

outstanding achievement in another field. Miller was given the 1978 Award of Excellence by the State of Michigan's Highway Dept. for his work as project engineer in the recent widening of M-21. The board, on behalf of the citizens of the school district, presented Miller with a framed statement acknowledging and joining in the state's accolade.

Youth Ball Programs

Sign up for the Lowell YMCA baseball and softball programs of 1979 is underway.

There is a league forming for every boy and girl ages 6 to 15 (as of August 1, 1979) in Lowell and Alto.

For the particulars of the practice schedule, leagues avail-

able, fees and registration, call the YMCA at 897-8445 or stop at the office, 323 W. Main St.

Staff members of the YMCA will conduct practice sessions teaching the basics of batting, fielding, running and throwing. Following these sessions everyone will be placed on a team. Volunteer coaches will then practice with their teams for about four weeks. Games with other teams are held during June and July.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LOWELL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association will be held at its office at 217 West Main Street on Monday, April 16, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing two directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

David F. Coons, Secretary

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Medicare Toll-Free

A toll-free telephone number for Medicare subscribers in the 616 area code communities will be in service beginning Monday, April 9. Blue Cross-Blue Shield has announced.

The number is 1-800-442-8020.

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PROGRESS UPDATE



It's in the Flat River and floating proudly. The construction of the new Lowell Showboat is running along smoothly according to contractor Ivan Blough. The pontoons with the deck completed, was launched last Saturday morning and construction of the superstructure began early this week. The pontoons and deck as pictured above, weigh approximately thirteen tons and draw about twelve inches of water. The completed boat is projected to weigh 66,000 pounds and draw 23 inches of water; these figures include an average load of 150 people. The construction is taking place at the old dock, not at the new one as was reported in last week's Ledger.

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Egg Hunt This Saturday, Kids!

Hope for warmer weather, folks. Last year it was windy and cold and the parents hopped on one foot, then the other. Nearly 400 kids, however forgot the weather and just scrambled for those eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Lowell Jaycees and the Kent Community Center.

This year, the third annual hunt will be held at Bushnell Elementary School on Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m. and all area children are invited.

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Census Survey Visits Next Week

A sample of households in this area will be visited by Bureau of the Census interviewers during the week of April 16-20, 1979, to conduct the Bureau's monthly survey of employment and unemployment...

Resusci-Annie At Work



There will be a new CPR (Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation) Class starting April 19 at the Congregational Church. This course is by the Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Learn To Be A Better Parent

The Contemporary Parenting project of Grand Rapids Junior College announces two new classes for Spring term. "Handling Lying, Dishonesty, and Destructive Behavior in Children" will aid parents in assessing these problems and approaches for solving them.

KCRC Will Update Bridges

Eight small bridges and culverts, one of them in Grand Township, will be modernized or replaced by the Kent County Road Commission during the coming winter season. Reports Donald R. Schofield, KRCRC engineer-manager.

Advertisement for State Savings Bank, featuring 'All Branches Of The State Savings Bank Will Be Closed From Noon Until 3:00 P.M. On Friday, April 13' and 'GOOD FRIDAY Services'.

Large advertisement for 'VALUES THAT HIT HOME!' featuring 'FOAM BACKED PLUSH' and 'ARTIFICIAL GRASS FOAM BACKED SHAGS' with prices like \$1.99 and \$2.99.

Advertisement for 'WRIGHT-WAY CARPET WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE' with a map showing the location at the corner of M-66 and David Hwy.

Advertisement for 'J. R. B. AGENCY, INC.' and 'TAVENNER'S LOUNGE' located on M-21 between Lowell and Ionia.

Real Estate and Farm Machinery advertisements, including 'Total Holstein Herd Dispersal' and '70 HEAD OF HOLSTEIN DAIRY CATTLE'.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ad Rates section with various categories: PERSONAL, WANTED, NOTICE, BUSINESS DIRECTORY, and REAL ESTATE.

Business Directory section listing various services and businesses such as 'CASCADE HILLS SNELL', 'SHADY ACRES FARM', 'P & D AMUSEMENTS', and 'AUTO BODY WORK'.

THANK YOU and IN MEMORIAM notices.

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Advertisement for 'Ada Village Hardware'.

Advertisement for 'MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'.

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Advertisement for 'ART'S RADIO - TV SERVICE'.

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Advertisement for 'DEADLINE TUESDAYS AT NOON'.

Advertisement for 'FOR SALE'.

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The Back Page...

Plan Y Swim Program

Lowell's YMCA will be holding an open Pool Committee meeting to finalize the 1979 King Memorial Pool Program. The public is welcome to attend and bring comments or concerns on Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. at the "Y" office. Of special interest will be the direction of the swim team and a new competitive swim class.

This year there will be a new session for pre-beginners called the "YMCA Learn To Swim Program." This five day intensive program will be held after school the week of June 11. Following the new session the Lowell YMCA will then hold four two week sessions of total

"Y" swim lessons from Minnow to Flying Fish.

Applications are now being taken for summer swim instructors, who must have a current Life Saving card. All new instructors will be required to take a YSI course at Central Grand Rapids YMCA in May. CPR training is also recommended. Interviews will be scheduled at the April 11 meeting.

The only survivor of the Battle of Little Big Horn, where Custer made his last stand, was the horse Comanche, whose embalmed body now stands on display at the University of Kansas.

James Kozminski Aboard USS Downes

Navy Boiler Technician Third Class James P. Kozminski, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Kozminski of 4466 Causeway Drive, Lowell, recently departed for a deployment in the Western Pacific.

He is a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Downes, homeported in San Diego. While deployed, his ship will operate as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

During the cruise, his ship is scheduled to participate in training exercises with other Seventh Fleet units and with ships of allied nations. Additionally, port visits are scheduled in several Far Eastern countries.

His ship is a 428-foot long, "Knox" class frigate and carries a crew of 283 officers and enlisted men. She is equipped with guns, missiles, rockets and can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, she is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light multi-purpose helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarine.

Kozminski joined the Navy in November 1975.

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April 15: Lou Oesch, Susan Burton, Mary Shores, Stacie Story.
April 16: Jackie Ryder, Angie Kehoe, Linda Aldrich.
April 17: Edward Rasch, Dennis R. der, Candie Wood, Lucille Erickson.
April 19: Ron Essich, Carlen Anderson, Harvey Phillips.

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The next pack meeting will be a bake goods auction on April 17.

Scouts Trick Folks With Magic Show

Mystery abounded on March 20 at the Bushnell School as Pack #3102 Cub Scouts, Webelos and parents met. The five-Cub Scout Dens were clever with all the magic tricks they planned and performed themselves.

The Webelos den had an entertaining puppet show using puppets they had each made and a program they had written. Alan Johnson, Webelos leader, gave a brief explanation of the Klondike Derby that the Webelos had competed in. Out of nine dens, Lowell boys had placed third.

Bill Ward presented awards to the following scouts: Tom Barnes, Mark Dumbuck, Mike Lucas, Chad Sayen, Garth Snyder, Chris Borton, Ron Puleski, Ed Walling, Billy Ward, Bill Johnson, Brett Black, James Shearer and Ron Monks.

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Parents were astounded at their tricky offspring at the March 20 meeting of Lowell Cub Scouts and Webelos. The Scouts planned and performed their own magic show and the Webelos made puppet magic with their individual creations.

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Craft projects are favorite activities at both of the Grand Rapids YMCA summer camps, Resident Camp Manitou-Lin and Day Camp Optimist.

The Grand Rapids YMCA will launch its 63rd season of camping services this year by observing "YMCA Camping Week" April 16-20, announced Harry Brace, General Director of the Grand Rapids YMCA.

"Camp Information Nights" will be held at branch Y's that week with Day Camp Optimist Director, Judy Wilcox and Resident Camp Manitou-Lin Director, John Kiewit on hand to show slides and explain the camp program to families.

Locally, the Camp Night's program will begin at 7 p.m. on April 17, Lowell YMCA Branch, 323 W. Main, Lowell.

At camp nights, parents and children can learn more about the 6 different camping sessions offered at Day Camp Optimist this summer. The camp provides bus transportation to Optimist where 120 acres of rolling hills, woods and creeks, a

swimming pool, horse stables, and over 30 staff await to make each child's stay a real adventure.

Optimist is open to all children ages 7-12. YMCA membership is not required to sign up for camp. A special program for 6th and 7th graders involving out of camp trips and overnight campouts is planned again for this summer.

Resident camp at Manitou-Lin is the next stage of camping. Separate sessions are set for boys and girls, open to children 8-14. "The development and physical abilities of boys and girls are different", Kiewit explained. "Separate sessions are set up to handle the unique abilities of boys and girls within three age groups, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15."

Maintou-Lin is located on Barlow Lake, near Middleville, about 20 miles South of Grand Rapids. Being adjacent to Yankee Springs Recreation Area

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