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## Antique Cup Back Home Again New Emphasis Newton Found Guilty, Awaits Sentence



This china mustache cup was bought at auction by John and Barb Vos of 403 Hunt St., Lowell last week. On close inspection, they found that the cup had originated in Lowell around 1904. The picture on the front of the cup commemorates the March 27, 1904, flood in Lowell.—Photo by Andrew Schutt.



### NEW BUSINESS

The Ledger welcomes a new advertiser to its pages with this issue, the Village Body Shop, located at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. Owner Mike O'Neill belongs to an automotive-oriented family. O'Neills Body Shop and O'Neills Transmissions, both on 28th St., are owned by two of his brothers. Village Body Shop handles all collision work on both domestic and foreign cars.

### WHITE CANES

Lowell and Alto Lions will hold their annual White Cane week drive now through April 29. This is a principal source of funds for the Lions who dedicate their collective efforts to aiding the sightless. Lions will sell their white canes for the fund raiser at State Savings Bank, Lipperts, Eberhards and Johnsons.

### MAIL BOX SHAPE-UP

The month of May has been designated Mail Box Improvement Month by area postmasters. Rural and city residents are asked to make any repairs that may be necessary to get mail boxes back into shape after the hard winter months. Irregularities to be on the lookout for include no name on the mail box, box loose on post, post may need straightening to level box, no signal flag, box door may need attention or box may need painting. Sometime during the month an inspector will travel with mail carriers to check the condition of mailboxes and write up any irregularities noted.

### CPR CLASSES

Lowell Jaycees will again hold classes in Cardipulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with instructors from Bud's Ambulance. There will be two classes offered this time and each will have two sessions, May 2 & 9 and May 16 & 23. Classes will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lowell High School. Only 25 may register per class so registration is important. Call 897-9981 for information on the free course. Those wishing to renew their CPR certificate should also plan to enroll.

### CAPITOL IDEA

The new flag flying smartly over the Lowell Senior High School was given to the school by Congressman Hal Sawyer after it was flown over the nation's capitol on March 29, 1979. Lowell's Student Congress requested the flag for their school.

### ANOTHER WEEK

Today, April 25, is National Secretaries Day. May 1 has been designated Law Day. April 30 is Agriculture Understanding Day. Lawyers should take their secretaries to lunch and talk about farming.

### CANNON'S BACK

Investigation by Lowell police officers led to the recovery of a cannon taken from the Lowell cemetery sometime during the first weeks of April. Release of further information on the larceny is pending prosecution.

### INJURED

Norton Johnson III of Saranac collided with Barbara Erickson of Alto on Friday afternoon at the intersection of Valley Vista and M-21. Erickson was injured when she was struck by Johnson's vehicle while attempting to make a left turn.

David Whittemore of Lowell was involved in an accident Tuesday morning on Avery St. when he struck and injured a juvenile pedestrian near the high school. Investigation of the incident continues.

Involved in a property damage accident Saturday afternoon on Jefferson and North Streets was James Sisson of Lowell when he failed to yield at the intersection and hit Elizabeth Lucas of Grand Rapids.

### TO COURT

Issued to appear in court for an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle was Robert Wright of Lowell.

John and Barb Vos, 403 Hunt St., Lowell, attend many auctions looking for antique cups, mustache cups and shaving mugs to add to their collection. Their bid on a particular mustache cup at the Zeeland Auction House last Thursday was accepted and then began an unanticipated research project.

Once they had the cup in their possession they found that the cup had originated in Lowell in 1904 and that the picture on the front of the cup commemorated the March 27, 1904 flood in Lowell. The cup was commissioned by Sherman's Bazaar Store on Main St. in Lowell. Long time residents of Lowell, the Voses had no knowledge that there had ever been such a store here and so the search began.

After poring over the yellowed pages of the 1904 Ledgers and other sources, they found that indeed there was such a variety store located approximately where Vanity Hair Fashions now stands. It was owned by one Harrison Sherman who came to Lowell from St. Johns. He stocked toys, dolls, china, cut glass, hammocks, lamps, school supplies and fireworks. In April of '04, Sherman's advertised that 24 cups had been ordered and that Lowellites should watch the store window for their arrival.

The picture on the cup shows the Studebaker Wagon store, located where Art's TV is now, where the water was the highest during the flood.

On April 11, 1905, a major fire leveled much of Main Street and Sherman's Bazaar burned. The owner chose not to rebuild and returned to St. Johns.

Mrs. Vos would be interested in hearing from the owners of any other of the remaining matching cups and receiving other information about them.

## Killed In Crash

A 30-year-old Lowell man was killed late Friday when the pickup truck he was driving struck a tree on westbound M-21 near Sargeant Avenue SE. Jerry Metternick, of 1083 Grand River Drive SE died when he lost control of the truck and smashed into a tree about 11:45 p.m., according to Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Metternick was pronounced dead at the scene by Kent County Medical Examiner Dr. Bernard Kool. He suffered a fractured neck and larynx and internal injuries when nearly 1,000 pounds of animal feed stored in the rear of the truck slid forward crushing the cab from the rear.

A graduate of Lowell High School, Metternick worked and lived on a dairy farm with his mother, Ruth.

### LEDGER DEADLINES

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## New Emphasis At Cary's

Don't push the panic button. Cary's is staying right where it has been for many, many years.

The liquidation advertisement elsewhere in this issue refers to close-out bargains in yard goods and dry goods only. The new owners, Howard and Evelyn West, and manager Helen Thompson, will use the big sale to phase out that merchandise so that a larger inventory of women's apparel can be added.

Plans call for the addition of the latest fashions for gals and several new customer services. Senior Citizen discounts will be offered and two of the major charge cards will be accepted, VISA and Master Charge.

The doors open for the big yard goods and dry goods sale at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

## Arrest Made In Pellet Gun Incident

An Ionia man was arrested Monday, April 9, shortly after noon on charges of firing a pellet hand pistol and breaking an automobile window in Lake Odessa.

According to the owner of the car, Richard Nordhoff of Alto, he and his fellow carpenter Marlin Kauffman were sitting in a pickup truck parked in the driveway of a home they were working on when the incident occurred. The truck was facing the street when someone fired three times from a northbound vehicle.

Nordhoff said they thought the person was just kidding around but when they looked at the window on the driver's side of the 1973 Buick, they saw it had been shattered. Police were summoned immediately.

Brian W. Henry, 23, of Ionia was apprehended at the Scale House Restaurant in Ionia by Lake Odessa Police Chief Glenn Desgranges and Michigan State Police officers. A pellet handgun was confiscated from Henry's vehicle at the restaurant.

Desgranges said there were two other men besides Henry who were in the vehicle at the time of the shooting and the incident is still under investigation.

State police said they appreciated the help of citizens hearing the report on scanners and CB radios in the arrest which followed a chase from Lake Odessa.

## Bid Accepted

D. J. McQuestion of Dearborn, Mich., low bidder of four at \$308,231, has been awarded the contract for improving Lincoln Lake Avenue between Downes Street and Three-Mile Road, a distance of 1 1/2 miles, reports Donald R. Schofield, engineer-manager for the Kent County Road Commission.

Improvement to the section includes removing the present blacktopping of the narrow road, putting in a proper base and drainage structures, blacktopping to a width of 24 feet, widening and resurfacing the shoulders.

Lincoln Lake Avenue is a county primary road and the project will be paid for by the road commission, Schofield says.—Dave Barnes.

Roger Newton, of Saranac, was found guilty of assault with intent to commit murder on a police officer by a jury after only one hour of deliberation in Kent County Circuit Court last Wednesday, April 18. The trial lasted three days.

Judge Roman Snow remanded Newton to jail to await sentencing at a later date.

Kent County Sheriff's deputy Patrick McCullough was driving a county E-unit last September when he was injured by a blast of buckshot fired through his

windshield from a yellow Mustang during a high-speed chase through the streets of Lowell. Lowell police Sgt. Jim Hutson was also injured in that chase.

Newton was apprehended at his Saranac home the morning after the shooting after police

traced the yellow Mustang to him through his license plate.

Prosecutor Ellwyn Bloemers called almost 20 witnesses for the state in the case against Newton.

## Area Townships Are Upset With DNR

An attempt by the Department of Natural Resources to designate the Flat River and some of its tributaries under the Natural River Act (P.A. 231, 1970) has met with stiff opposition from residents of several townships in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties.

Three public hearings on the plan were held last week to allow citizens to comment on the designation plan. Those opposing the plan offered the example of the negative impact designation has had on the Betsie River with increased usage, pollution and debris accomplishing the exact opposite of the DNR's intentions. Once designated, it opens the river to public use.

Supervisors of Spencer, Nelson, Oakfield and Grattan town-

ships were told by a private citizen that their townships are included in the DNR's plans. They told Al Barrett of Lowell that they had received no official notification.

Barrett found out that his farm, which is bounded along one edge by the Flat River, was included in the designation when he called the DNR in Lansing. The four Kent County townships have been included because "tributaries of tributaries" run through them.

The Natural Rivers Act allows the DNR to control land in the townships 300 feet back from both sides of a river. Barrett is against the designation and said, "You take 300 feet back when the river runs along one side of your farm and you are

talking about a lot of land. You'd think we had no rights to our property and this farm has been in my family well over a hundred years."

Local ordinances were adopted by eight townships and accepted by the DNR after area residents protested attempts to designate the Flat River in 1975. Belvidere, Pine, Douglass, Montcalm, Eureka and Fairplains townships in Montcalm County, Otisco Township in Ionia County and Vergennes Township in Kent County have all adopted ordinances providing for river management. Keene Township in Ionia County chose not to adopt an ordinance since it has only 13 landowners with Flat River frontage.

The ordinances were adopted with the understanding that if the townships provided for river management, the DNR would not designate the river. At that time a Tri-County River Planning Committee was formed to devise the management plan incorporated in the adopted ordinances. That group is staunchly opposed to the designation and has said through spokesmen that the T-CRPC members, who represent those eight townships, feel betrayed.

The hearings record will remain open for comments until April 27. Those interested should send letters to the DNR to be included in the record. The address is: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land Resource Programs, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909.

## 3 New Track Records Are Set At LHS

Lowell Boys Track team opened its 1979 track season with a strong third place finish in the Sparta Relays. The team then moved to Ionia for their first dual meet of the season for their first win, 74 to 36.

Lowell next faced a strong Caledonia team only to come up short in the last event, losing 62-70. Last Saturday, Lowell placed 10th at Hastings.

During the past week's meets, three individuals had outstanding performances, each breaking local school records. In the two-mile, Mark Johnson set a new time of 10:02.0. Carl Kloosterman bettered the record in shot with a distance of 48' 11 1/4". Steve DeNolf's new record is in 330 low hurdles with a time of :40.7.

## Search Is On For New Headliner

It's back to the drawing boards for the Showboat's entertainment selection committee. Della Reese has sent word that she will not be able to fulfill her contract with the Lowell Showboat. The singer-comedienne will be in Europe filming a major motion picture through the month of July. Her Showboat contract carried the stipulation that it could be broken for that reason.

While the movie is a career plus for Miss Reese, the gracious lady has offered to help line up replacement talent since she had to bow out at this advanced date, according to committee chairman Jim Hall. She also asked that she be given first consideration as headliner for Showboat 1980.

Showboat officials are working with agents to line up a star for this year's special event and hope to announce the name within the next two weeks.

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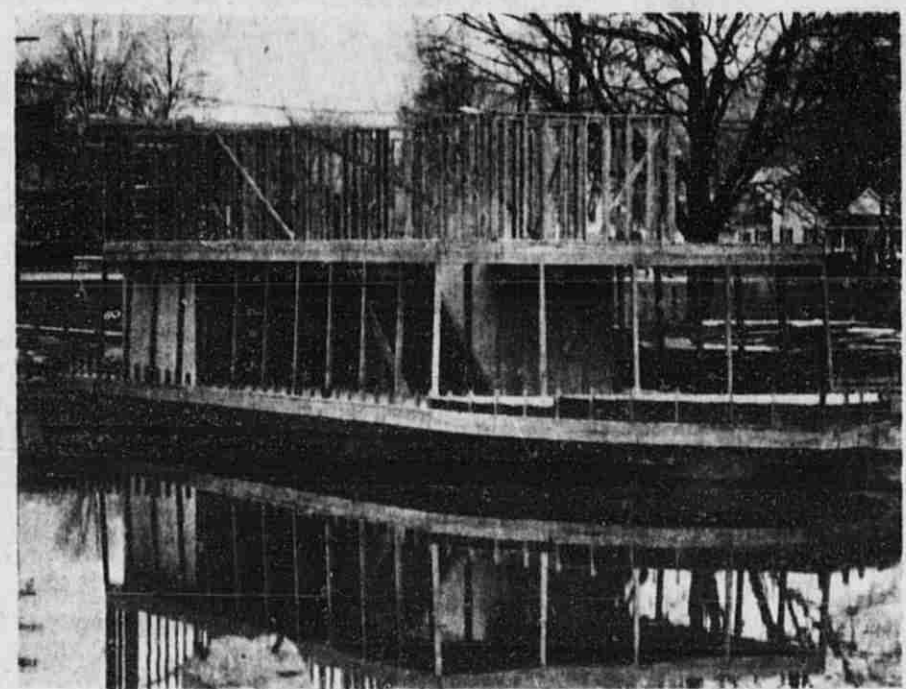
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New track records were set for Lowell High School in track and field events in the past week by (L to R) Mark Johnson, Carl Kloosterman and Steve DeNolf.

## PROGRESS UPDATE



The second level of the new Showboat is roughed in and work is generally on schedule. Ivan Blough and his crew will not be working on the boat this week as they meet other business commitments. The pontoons being used for flotation are visible in the photo above but will be lowered into the Flat River as the boat takes on more weight when the superstructure is finished. Skirting will be placed around the lower portion to completely conceal the pontoon base.

### STRAND Theatre

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By Roger Brown

I didn't have a very good day at the Ledger last Friday. It was one of those Murphy's Law days when everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Nothing big mind you, just a whole lot of little things that collectively put me on edge and had me on the verge of pulling hair.

We had decided to go camping last weekend and Tuesday had talked me into leaving Friday night instead of Saturday morning. This meant rushing around like crazy after we got ready and I just simply was not in the proper frame of mind. But, I went along with the plan anyway.

So, after a frantic day at work, I spent a frantic couple of hours rushing around the house rounding up camping gear and loading it into the car. By 6:00 or so, we were ready and away we went.

We had found a really neat spot to camp along the Flat River in the state land just downstream from the Fallsburg bridge. One of the really neat things about this spot is that you can't get to it by car. The only way to get there is on foot or by boat or on a trail bike, which is how we discovered it.

Our plan was to put my little 12 foot fishing boat in at Fallsburg and boat in with our gear. One small problem arose early, it was quite apparent that there wasn't enough room for all our gear and people too so the plan was changed to me taking all the gear down, unloading and motoring back after the people.

The boat was launched without too much difficulty and I kept pushing it further and further out into the middle of the stream when an owl waiting for it to get deep enough to run my motor. It never did. Now I know why they call it the Flat River.

This discovery of course blew the whole weekend, and at that point I was ready to salvage my beer from the cooler and let the rest of the gear and the boat drift off into oblivion. But, I waded to shore, dragging the boat with me. Loading the boat was much more difficult than unloading it and somehow during the ordeal, I was cracked in the head by the whirling bamboo on the boat trailer winch, which seemed to be the perfect ending for the whole ordeal.

I think it was Winston Churchill who said, "these are times that try men's souls". I popped the top on a beer.

### Happy Birthday

- April 27: Bob Johnson, Carmen Brown, Teresa Sheffer.
- April 28: Teresa Brown, Clair Flynn, Lena Lehman, Shirley Smith.
- April 29: Bryan Roth, Christopher Kamphuis.
- April 30: Robin Moss.
- May 1: Rick Roth, Dave Hayes, Karen Brandt, Martha Lewis.
- May 2: Oswald Bieri, Dianne MacNaughton.
- May 3: Sunny Laux, Lillian Newton, Roy Brandt.

## Two Chosen For Girls State



Sherri Van Belkum and Patti Kline will represent Lowell at 1979 Girls State to be held in June at Olivet College. Sherri is sponsored by the Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club and Patti is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Lowell's representatives to Girls State have been chosen. Sherri Van Belkum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Nick VanBelkum, and Patti Kline, daughter of the really neat things about this spot is that you can't get to it by car. The only way to get there is on foot or by boat or on a trail bike, which is how we discovered it.

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## Lowell Senior High Honors List

Receiving all As are: seniors Rhonda Dickerson, Joan Nugent and Kathy Zyzanski; Juniors Bryn Johnson, Mike Kaye and Ellen Wheeler; and freshmen Sue Chriam and Kim Van-Weelden.

**TENTH GRADE**  
Meredith Alhaus, Madra Andrews, Diana Bock, Sue Borg, Lisa Brown, Kelly Byrne, Randy Carlson, Amy Gougeon, Brian DeForest, Tom DeLong, Curt DeVries, Kathy Day, Sheri Eley, Dawn Ellwood, Tammy Fish, Laura Froese, Robert Gesler, Lori Glidka, Lori Greenwald, Scott Grim, Sandie Heemstra, Teresa Heintzleman, Chris Hobbs, Brenda Kleintjan, Randy Lotterman.

**MARK MARIS**, Anne Miller, Joan Miller, Pam Miller, Tamile Morse, Fran Saboo, Susie Schoonhoven, Randy Shepard, Carla Shores, Steve Spencer, Wendy Stuart, Micki VanOverbeek, Chris Wingeler, Jamie Zyzwicki, Mary Schaefer.

**TENTH GRADE**  
Paul Baeerwald, Jim Bice, Rose Bigelow, Franz Blattner, Tom Brown, Jayne Bruce, Mark Buda, Dawn Childs, Kevin Connor, Kevin Conrad, Darren Cornell, Pam Desotel, Kelly Dickerson, Nancy Dowling, Penny Han-

sen, Gary Hoag, Steve King, Susie Koolman, Cindy Lastoczky, Joseph Louhin, Kristy Marstetter, Emory Miller, Debbie Myers, Scott Noffke, John North, Camden Parks, Jolene Poulas, Darla Price, Janice Rasch, Angela Ritzema, Mary Jo Serne, Kathy Sitzer, Jeff Stormzand, Dawn Swan, Deb Timinski, Cheryl VanCamp, Mark VanWeelden, Sherri Vesino, Sue Watters, Julie Anderson, Sharon Bancroft, Mary Benedict, Lori Berg, Robin Blattner, Jana Carlson, Patty Craig, Bob Curtis, Kent Dickerson, Kevin Festal, Lori Gahan, Frank Garner, Phil Goble, Marilee Grummet, Margaret Jannenga, Mark Johnson, Carol Kaminski, Karen Kelly, Mike Lessens, Laurie Lotterman, Ann Loughlin, Gary MacGregor, Helen Mehrstedt, Debbie Miller, Robert Miller.

Maureen Morris, Martin Myers, Laurie Opperman, Debbie Price, Darryl Probst, Marci Purcell, Maerie Babys, Carrie Raynor, Kim Ritterdorf, Nancy Roudabush, Lauri Schreck, Laurie Smith, Heather Spillane, Debra Thomet, Carol VanWeelden, John Waite, Sue Wilcox, Lisa Willard, Connie Yeiter, Jeanette Nielsen.

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## Coming Events...

**THURS., APR. 26:** Bushnell PTO will meet at 7 p.m. in the Bushnell Kiva. Election of next year's officers will be held and final plans for the carnival made. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the 4th and 5th grade choir.

**APR. 19 TO MAY 5:** Grand Rapids Civic Theatre presents "The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson. Box office (495-7146) opens at Noon on Mon. Apr. 16 and is open daily Noon to 5 p.m. except Sunday.

**MON., APR. 30:** Bluebird sign-up for 1st grade girls immediately after school in the Bushnell Kiva. Moms please attend if possible, also.

**MAY 2, & 9, 16 & 23:** CPR Classes to be held at the Lowell High School from 7-10 p.m. each night. Limited enrollment of 25 per class. Sponsored by Jaycees and Bud's Ambulance. Free. Call 897-9981 to register.

**THURS., MAY 3:** Bluebird sign-up for 1st grade girls immediately after school in room 106 of Runciman School. Moms please attend if possible, also.

**SAT., MAY 5:** Get ready! Lowell Area Jaycees' 5th Annual Walk-a-thon. Proceeds go to Muscular Dystrophy.

**THURS., SUN., MAY 10-13:** North Kent Mall Antique Show, during mall hours. Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids. Admission and parking are free.

**SAT., MAY 12:** Historic Homes Tour of Lowell, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Advance tickets, \$2.50. Tour begins at the Showboat Ticket Office, Main St., Lowell. Contact person: 897-5403. Sponsored by Runciman/Riverside PTO.

**SUN., MAY 13:** 10th Annual Greater Muskegon Kennel Club Dog Show and Obedience Trial at L.C. Walker Sports Arena. Judging starts at 9 a.m. No entries taken the day of the show. Entries close April 25.

**MARCH, APRIL, MAY, ANTI MISHROOMS**  
If the virus seems a little out of the ordinary it's but a short paper by three doctors discusses an all too common situation. The doctors explain that reports of mushroom poisonings have been increasing since 1964. At least 3,000 mushroom species have been identified and approximately 50 of them are poisonous.

## Obituaries...

**METTERNICK** - Jerry J. Metternick, aged 30, of 10483 Grand River Dr., Lowell, passed away Saturday morning, April 21, 1979 of accidental injuries. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Metternick of Lowell; a brother, Larry Metternick of Lowell; and a sister, Mrs. Bruce (Janet) Place of Novi.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Earl Cross officiated. Interment South Boston Cemetery.

**YAN RYN** - Clifford J. VanRyn, aged 66, went to be with his Lord suddenly Thursday morning, April 19. Surviving are his wife, Frances; three daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Lucille) Buffinga of Grand Rapids; Marilyn Honderd of Lowell; Mrs. James (Cheryl) Schaefer of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren; two brothers, Richard E. of Grand Rapids, Edwin J. of Wisconsin; one sister, Miss Eleanor VanRyn of Grand Rapids.

Services were held Saturday afternoon, Rev. George E. Gardner officiating. Interment Garden of Memories. Those desiring may send memorial contributions to the Missionary Fund of Calvary Undenominational Church.

**COOPER** - Calvin C. Cooper, 52, of 24 North Leed Road, Keene Township, Saranac, died Tuesday afternoon, April 17, at his residence.

He was born April 15, 1927 in Pawamo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Cooper.

On July 18, 1952 in Ionia, he married Charlotte Pogues; they have lived in Saranac all of their married life.

He was an employee for 30 years at Caswell's of Ionia. Survivors include his wife; mother, Nina Chase of Ionia; four sons, Calvin Jr., of Saranac; William of Ionia; Dennis and Earl at home; two daughters, Cheryl and Joyce, both at home; two brothers, Albert Chase of Saranac and Thomas Barton of Ionia; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence of Saranac and Mrs. Grace Pierce of Ionia and one grandchild.

Services were Friday at the Myers-Roscoe Funeral Home with the Rev. Nolan Williams officiating. Burial in Balcom Cemetery.

**CARLSON** - Enoch Carlson, aged 77, of 12208 77th St., Alto, passed away Friday, April 20, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; a daughter, Mrs. Joan (Joan) Leton of Charlotte; two sons, Stephen of New Fenelon (Joan) Leton of Charlotte; two sons, Stephen of New Fenelon (Joan) Leton of Charlotte; two sons, Stephen of New Fenelon (Joan) Leton of Charlotte; two sons, Stephen of New Fenelon (Joan) Leton of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Bert Baker officiated. Interment Bowen Center Cemetery.

**TROCKE** - Letha (O'Harrow) Trocke, 79, of Lutz, Fla., former resident of Lowell, passed away at her home Mar. 5, 1979.

Surviving are her husband Theodore; two sons, Edger and Michael of Fla.; one daughter, Caroline Feehery of Alabama; two brothers, Edson of Grand Rapids and Leighton of Byron Center; 12 grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, April 27, 1979 at 2:30 p.m. at the South Boston Cemetery with Rev. Dean Bailey officiating.

**WINWRIGHT** - Louise Arzina Winwright, 68, of 621 James St., Belding, died Wednesday, April 18 at a Grand Rapids Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born March 21, 1911.

## Looking back...

**thirty years ago**  
The Lowell Showboat Board of Directors decides to extend the 1949 Lowell Showboat performance to six nights instead of five. The Showboat has a history of extending the length of its performance. The original 1932 Showboat ran three nights, extended to four in 1935 and finally to five in 1938. The extension became necessary because of the demand for the limited seats and to get even more use out of expensive costumes, props and other overhead.

A 4 ton Jeep Pick up is only \$1,435.00 at Krick Auto Sales in Lowell.

Trout fishermen were reminded to get their federal trout stamp prior to writing a line on the April 30 opener. Cost of a trout stamp in 1949? One dollar.

**forty years ago**  
Monies totaling just over \$75,000 will be distributed to former depositors of the former City State Bank of Lowell and the Lowell State Bank. Both banks were among those closed across the nation in 1933. The money being distributed is from assets that were frozen at that time.

Here are a couple of late depression prizes to make you shudder, the low priced coffee at Weaver's Market was 15 cents per pound (the high priced stuff was a whopping 27 cents per pound) and fresh Cuban pineapples were 10 cents each.

It is reported to the Ledger office, that the historic White's Bridge in Keene Township is undergoing extensive restoration.

**fifty years ago**  
Officers of the Lowell Board of Trade voted to loan an undisclosed amount of money to the Superior Furniture Co. to finance their planned factory expansion here.

Goodyear's best tire, the "Pathfinder", was on sale at Ralph's Tire and Radio located on the bridge. The cost was \$12.95 per tire. The lower grade "Speedway", was a mere \$4.95.

In its annual statement of condition, the City State Bank of Lowell reported resources totaling \$862,781.73.

It is reported that the Lowell Post Office is operating on daylight savings time as per instructions from Washington. All local trains are operating on standard time, however, so the post office may be open at 7 a.m. but you still can't get your mail until 8 a.m.

**twenty years ago**  
The Lowell Village Council approves a request from tavern owner, Mel Bull, to move his tavern license to 907 West Main St. The building, which was formerly a grocery store, will be remodeled. The tavern has been out of business since the January 2, 1958 fire on Main St. and the old building was destroyed.

A group of Lowell citizens have formed to establish a day in which the entire community will honor Frank McMahon for his fifty years of public service here.

Reservoir Park was recently renamed Frank McMahon Park by the village council.

Gurney Hahn is re-elected as president of the Lowell Board of Trade. This is the first time in the organization's 53 year history that a president has been elected to a second term.

**Potpourri...**  
Mrs. Dick Huver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Condon spent the weekend in Chicago with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hall and family.

Gib and Winnie Snelder will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on Monday, April 30.

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Society Notes...

Caudell-Cochrun Wed

United in a candlelight wedding ceremony were Linda Kay Cochrun and Jeffrey M. Caudell on Saturday, April 7 by Rev. Edwin Mendenhall and Rev. Richard Erickson in the Saranac Community Church.

Area Men In Ferris Glee Club

The Ferris State College Men's Glee Club climaxed its season with the presentation of its 13th annual Spring Concert on the Ferris State College Campus, Tuesday, April 24.

Birthday Party At Cherry Creek



Twelve Cherry Creek residents celebrated their April birthdays together on April 19. Those honored...

Falsetta, Gunderson Wed



An open house was held last Saturday to honor the marriage of Linda Gunderson and Patrick Falsetta.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

Dear friends, Most of us have difficulty finding the proper words to express our sharing of the bereaved family.

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OW give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. (Psalm 107:1). There was one thing I disliked about having company for dinner when I was a youngster.

Baptist Teams In Awana Olympics

On Saturday, April 28, three teams from the First Baptist Church of Lowell will compete in the Awana Olympics, being held this year at the Jenison High school.

Elmdale Church Hosts Evangelists

Rev. and Mrs. Harold L. Smith will be conducting special services at the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene Friday through Sunday, April 27-29.

Attend Services

Church service listings for ADA Christian Reformed Church, ADA Community Reformed Church, First Baptist Church of Alto, Bethany Bible Church, Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA), and Vergennes United Methodist.

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Track Team Scratched For 1979-80

At last Thursday's meeting of the Saranac School Board it was voted to discontinue the varsity track program next year for boys and girls due to a lack of interest.

Athletes Honored

Many Saranac athletes were honored at the annual winter sports banquet recently.

Deadline Near For 4-H Art, Talent Event

It's that time of year again! The annual Ionis County 4-H Share-The-Fun program will be held Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood High School Auditorium.

Help Lions Help Others

Saranac Lions hope you will help them help others by purchasing the small replicas of a white cane during their fund raising drive this week.

4-H Honors Its Leaders

Nearly 200 people attended the annual Ionis County 4-H Leaders Recognition Banquet last Tuesday to honor those 4-H leaders and teens completing their first, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth and thirtieth years.

Break-In Reported

According to the Michigan State Police a break-in occurred at Rhoades Corner Grocery in Saranac some time last Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

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# Theisen Pitches 3-Hitter Wed.

Kevin Theisen pitched a three-hitter last Wednesday afternoon as Saranac defeated Carson City 5-2. Theisen struck out seven batters in the afternoon's competition.

Saranac jumped off to a quick lead as Gary Rainer singled and then went to second on a wild pitch. Craig Coulson doubled to right centerfield and scored Rainer while Theisen singled to right center and drove in Coulson.

Theisen moved to second on the throw in, then went to third on a pass ball which set up Bob Johnson who grounded out but got Theisen home.

In the second inning CC scored a run on Dave Schaffer hit which turned into a double on an error. Al Schneider singled home Schaffer and moved to second on the throw in. Don Doelittle singled and drove in Schneider to conclude the scoring.

The most long-lived animal is the giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands, where specimens have been estimated to be as old as 190 years.

# Girls Defeat Carson City

The varsity girls softball team continued to win as they defeated the visiting Carson City squad 28-11.

Saranac fell behind early in the game but the Reds came back in the second outscoring the Hornets 4-2. Central got six runs in the third but then came the fourth inning where Saranac had 14 runs cross the plate, and a single by Tammy Hardy.

Renee Stanton picked up the win for Saranac, striking out 10, giving up 16 walks, and three hits. Julie Sherd had the loss, although four different pitchers saw action during the game. Holly Updike led Saranac in hits with two and scored three runs.

The Varsity boys didn't fare so well losing to the Hornets 5-2. Central scored all five of its runs in the fifth inning.

Saranac got their two runs in the sixth as Coulson led off with a walk. Heilman connected for a hit and Kevin Theisen hit a single. Bobby Johnson had a fielder's choice and an attempt at a double play resulted in a wild throw by the first baseman and scored Coulson and Heilman.

Craig Coulson started in the pitching slot and was relieved in the fourth. Ted Heilman got the loss, giving up all five runs.

Heilman, Theisen, Coulson and Johnson each had one hit.

Saranac pitcher John Ginstinger took the loss.

# Redskins Girls Rout CM, Boys Lose

The Saranac Redskins girls softball season opened with the Reds routing Central Montclair 30-9. Neither team scored in the first inning but the Reds came back in the second outscoring the Hornets 4-2. Central got six runs in the third but then came the fourth inning where Saranac had 14 runs cross the plate, and a single by Tammy Hardy.

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# "Letter From Washington"

by Congressman Hal Sawyer



Attention is being focused on Federal regulation with growing intensity and for good reason.

First, Federal regulation has become much more pervasive within the past decade. Since the mid-1960's, Congress has enacted legislation providing new regulations that impact directly on a broad range of producers and consumers. The proliferation of regulations cuts across the board, with an effect on all of us.

Second, Federal regulation inescapably involves many costs. There are the administrative costs to the Federal government. There are compliance costs to businesses and institutions which can be substantial. There are also social costs, where regulation has interfered with the lowering of prices that would come from free competition.

Third, where regulation results in higher costs, it is a contributing factor to inflation.

Estimates of the cost of Federal regulation vary widely. In 1974 the Office of Management and Budget made an estimate of the total cost of Federal regulation of \$130 billion. A 1976 study by the Center for the Study of American Business pegged the cost at \$66.2 billion. Currently the Business Roundtable is engaged in the most detailed study of regulatory compliance costs undertaken to date. The Department of Commerce is also an undertaking a far-reaching study to measure regulatory costs.

I am confident that these studies will show the costs to be high and in many cases excessive. There is a growing awareness among my colleagues in the Congress that something must be done to relieve the burden of excessive regulation. Among many reforms being adopted or considered by the Congress, the Executive Branch, and the agencies themselves are the following:

1. Simplifying regulations and making them easier to understand.
2. Cutting back on information requirements, particularly as they apply to small business;
3. Eliminating duplication and conflicting requirements among different agencies;
4. Reducing or eliminating procedural delays;
5. Recruiting higher caliber employees for the regulatory agencies;
6. Improved oversight over regulatory agencies to assure that they are operating as effectively as possible in the public interest;
7. Adoption of sunset laws that would require agencies to justify their existence to Congress at regular intervals in order to have their authority renewed;
8. Greater use of cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis;
9. Mandatory use of economic impact statements before promulgation of any new substantive regulation.

Federal regulatory programs and agencies, the costs they incur, and the benefits they provide are subjects of legitimate and growing concern to the Congress and to the American people. There is clearly a continuing need to assess the costs and benefits of regulatory programs and their alternatives. Thus far, there is little agreement on the total costs of regulation beyond the fact that they are high. Given the magnitude of the costs of regulation, it is to be expected that in many cases these costs to society can and should be reduced.

I am interested in your views on the subject of Federal regulation. Please send them to me in care of "Letter From Washington," Room 166 Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

# JV's Lose Opener

Saranac's JV's bowed to Central Montclair last Tuesday afternoon 14-8 in the first game of the season.

Mark Haskins led the Redskins with three hits, Chris Tucker logged a triple that drove in three runs. Norm Denny had two hits and two RBIs. Scott Canfield also marked two hits and two RBIs.

Central pitched a four-inning tie in the fifth with six runs that proved insurmountable for Saranac.

Saranac pitcher John Ginstinger took the loss.

# Contestants Needed

Young ladies of this area are invited to enter the Michigan Teenager Pageant to be held at the Adrian College July 27, 28, and 29, 1979. In Adrian, Michigan, The Michigan Pageant is the official state preliminary to the Miss United Teenager Pageant, a National Pageant that includes all fifty states.

Contestants will be judged on Scholastic and Civic Achievements, Beauty, Poise and Personality. No swimsuit competition or talent is involved. Contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age as of December 31, 1979 and must have at least a "B" average in school.

The winner of the Michigan Pageant will receive an all-expense paid trip to compete in the Miss United Teenager National Pageant, a three phase pageant, to be held in Washington, D.C., Hollywood, California and Honolulu, Hawaii. Among the prizes that will be awarded are the National Pageant in 1979; \$15,000 in scholarships and awards, 1980 Thunderbird for the reigning year, \$5,000 personal appearance contract, \$2,000 wardrobe and a trip to Europe.

Those interested in entering the Michigan United Teenager Pageant may write for information to Susan Smith, P.O. Box 1821, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302 or call (404) 469-8433.

# Girls Golf Team Cards Win

Saranac's first sanctioned varsity girls golf team made their mark with a 248 to 262 win over Central Montclair last week.

Playing at Morrison Lake Country Club, Saranac, was led by Brenda Bignall, who carded a 45. Coach Otto Labs noted that par for the MLCC course is 45.

Other scorers for Saranac were Polly Grieves 64, Rachele Wolbers 65, and Karen Merritt 74. Mary Swiger and Chris Gates also competed.

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by Ray Quada

Spring marks the beginning of a much needed post-winter clean up, but it also marks the beginning of the building and construction period that will last until the snow flies again. With the construction of new homes, additions to old homes or interior renovation come the seemingly endless construction, electrical and plumbing permit requirements. Do not despair. They are not nearly as bad as they might seem.

The standard question regarding building permits is one that goes something like this: "Why should I have to get a permit to work on my own home and why should I have to follow B.O.C.A. regulations?"

The answer is a simple one. Since most homes are around long after the current owner is gone, it is in the community's best interest to assure that the housing stock is of good quality and constructed safely for future generations.

In hopes of assuring this desire for safe, quality homes, the City of Lowell (like numerous cities across the country) adopted the Basic Building Code as prepared by the Building Officials and Code Administrators, Inc. (B.O.C.A.). B.O.C.A. is not a local, state, or federal regulatory agency. It is an independent organization composed of builders, trade associations, engineers, architects, material producers and tradesmen who have combined their skills, knowledge and talents to prepare and recommend a building code that will assure sound construction to the purchaser of any new home anywhere in the country.

In a community where houses are located relatively close to one another, it is imperative that safety standards be met to protect the health, safety and welfare of a neighbor's property and family. Such is the basic premise of the B.O.C.A. code and the reason it has been popular with communities across the country.

The permit fee is \$10 for the first \$1,000 dollars worth of construction and \$1 for each additional \$1,000. Each permit application requires a brief description of the work to be completed and the estimated cost.

Building permits are not required for general maintenance or remodeling such as papering, painting, etc. As a general rule a permit should be requested whenever: a) the remodeling cost exceeds \$500; b) the exterior appearance of the home is altered; c) a load-bearing wall is altered; and d) for all roofing and siding jobs. (Relative to "d" it should be noted, particularly for senior citizens, that the inspector can insure that you are receiving the siding and roofing job for which you are paying.)

It is your best interest to insure that any work done in your home by yourself, a handyman, or a registered contractor is in compliance with the B.O.C.A. code. By doing so the chances of fire and/or other damage are greatly reduced and your home will be safer for you and those around you.

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# Like To Be A Bluebird?

All first grade girls who are interested in being a member of a Blue Bird group are asked to bring their mothers to an organization meeting to learn about this part of the Camp Fire program which is especially planned for younger girls. Marilyn Keim and Betty Coos will be on hand to explain about Blue Birds and to sign up new members at the following times and places: Monday, April 30, at the Bushnell School Kiva, and Thursday, May 3, at the Runciman School in room 106. Both meetings will be held immediately after school. If there are questions prior to the meeting, call Mrs. Keim, 897-9886 or Mrs. Coos, 897-7159.

On Monday, April 23, Lowell Blue Birds, Adapters, and Discovery Club members entertained their fathers at their annual Dad-Daughter Dinner at Runciman School. Decorations featured a theme honoring the dads as "stars". Following a potluck meal, entertainment was provided by the 6th grade groups, candy sale camperships were awarded, and Heather Palmer of the Keewauw Council of Camp Fire showed slides of Camp Keewauw, the resident camp near Hesperia.

Plans have been laid for future activities including a local hike-a-thon to clean up roadsides and raise funds for camperships on Friday, May 11, starting from the Middle School at 3:15 p.m., and the annual Council Fire at Runciman School on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. It is also sign-up time for

# Captain Kangaroo Advises Parents To Keep A Hand On That TV Dial



Parents must find more time for their children and use television more wisely. Bob "Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan told an audience of 500 during a special appearance at Michigan State University recently.

"How many of us are using television as a babysitter to fill the vacuum in our parent-child relationship?" Keeshan asked.

"Used well, television can be exciting, educational and stimulating, but many parents use it in place of conversation with their children."

"The real action for kids is in soap operas, game shows, comedy reruns and prime time programs. From 'Charlie's Angels' to 'Hawaii Five-O,' he says, "You will find at 10:30

Keeshan, host of the "Captain Kangaroo" television show, believes that parents should monitor their children's television viewing and regain confidence in their inductive ability to parent. He spoke recently at Michigan State University, where he was the 1979 Distinguished Lecturer sponsored by the College of Human Ecology and its alumni association.

The annual Rotary Anne dinner was held April 18 at the Deer Run Country Club. Eighty-five Lowell Rotarians, wives and guests attended. Special club guests included Mr. and Mrs. Rick Fonger, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Quada, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe McPherson, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown.

A highlight of the evening was presentation of the Man of the Year Award to Rev. Dean I. Bailey, who was honored for his long years of service to the community. Among his many contributions to the Lowell area are leadership in Boy Scout work, the Lowell YMCA, school activities and the Lowell Housing Commission. Rev. Bailey is the immediate past-president of the Lowell Rotary Club.

Entertainment was provided by the Seven Tenors Singers, a group of five musicians from the Grand Valley State Colleges. The singers, who toured Europe last summer, specialize in the vocal music of the Renaissance and the time just before and just after that period. Costumed in the dress of that era, they sang a variety of numbers in several languages and in the dialects in use several centuries ago.

# Completes Basic



Airman Timothy K. Branchau, son of Mrs. Mary K. Branchau of 125 Brenda, Lowell, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in the Air Force aircraft maintenance field.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training will be the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Branchau is a 1978 graduate of Belding High School. His father, Eugene A. Branchau, resides at 1048 Rolling Meadows, Akron, Ohio.

**"Magic" At Sports Show**

Michigan State's Earvin "Magic" Johnson will serve as this year's guest of honor at the All Sports Extravaganza. Johnson, who just last month led MSU to the NCAA basketball championship, will be on hand to discuss the Spartans' run through the collegiate tournament and to sign autographs in an exclusive personal appearance at the Cascade Sports Area, 2845 Thornhills, Grand Rapids, on Saturday, April 28.

The show, which begins Thursday, April 26 and runs through Sunday, April 29, features the Michigan Arm Wrestling championships, a 10,000-meter race, a two-day billiards tournament, around the clock amateur boxing, tennis demonstrations and instructions, the Budweiser hot-air balloon, and many other activities.

# Sue Thompson On Raft Trip

Sue Thompson, WMU sophomore, will have an opportunity to examine the geologic features in the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River during a raft-trip from April 20-May 1. Participants will travel three and a half days in motorized rafts on the Colorado River, retracing part of the route taken by geologist-explorer John Wesley Powell in 1849. They also will study Marble Canyon and the thousands of feet of rock from the inner gorge to the younger limestone that forms the rim of Grand Canyon.

Ms. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson, 4455 Cassaway, Lowell.

**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF APRIL 30, 1979**

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Tues., May 1: Swiss Steak on Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Bread or Dinner Rolls, Jelly with Whip Milk.

Wed., May 2: Cheesburgers or Hamburgers and Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Bars or Cookies, Chilled Fruit Milk.

Thurs., May 3: Ravioli or Goulash, Green Beans or Salad, French Bread, Pudding or Fresh Fruit Milk.

Fri., May 4: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, Baked Beans or Salad, Assorted Fruit or Jelly Milk.

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# Board Proceedings...

## Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan Board of Education Regular Meeting, March 12, 1979.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President David Miller.

Roll Call—Members Present: D. Miller, Thaler, Dowling, Jansma, Heintzieman, L. Miller.

Members Absent: Kropf.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by L. Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 1979.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Jansma, seconded by Heintzieman, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 26, 1979.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Jansma, to approve payment of general fund bills, check #14825 through #14969, total \$73,347.31, excluding check #14900.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Jansma, to approve payment of general fund bills, check #14900, total \$795.45 (Lowell Automotive).

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstenion: 1 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Miller, seconded by Heintzieman, to approve the agenda, as amended.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Visitors were recognized.

Mrs. Kilts presented a request to the board that her daughter (a ninth grader at the senior high school) be allowed to miss her sixth hour study hall so that she could take a babysitting job.

The board discussed her request in detail. In that the board took no action to grant an exception, President Miller informed Mrs. Kilts the request was denied.

Mrs. Hesa asked that a safety program be initiated for elementary students, in an effort to get parents to call the schools when their children are absent.

Mrs. Hesa was asked to chair such committee and will contact other parent organizations to try to enlist parent cooperation.

Motion by Jansma, seconded by Dowling, that we attempt to initiate the program as outlined, and solicit the cooperation of the principals in this effort.

Mrs. Hesa will be Chairperson.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

## OLD BUSINESS

### Committee Reports Personnel

1. Committee Report: A motion by Lloyd Miller, seconded by Thaler, to renew the contracts of the following administrators and supervisors: Arthur Bierl; Marilyn Bovee; Carolyn Jane Blough; Roger Buck; David Burdette; Dolores Collins; Robert Cousins; John Gabriel; Gordon Gould; Gary Kamp; William Kirby;

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

2. Motion by Jansma, seconded by Thaler, to approve the proposed budget for the Kent County Allocation Board.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

3. Motion by Dowling, seconded by Heintzieman, to allocate funds to the Trust and Agency Account as per attachment, to provide reserves to meet obligations as deemed necessary by the board at the time of the expenditure.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Orion Thaler, Secretary

## Richard Korb; John Schneider; Kenneth Smith; Rodney Smith; Shirley Townsend; Dirk Venema.

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Present: Councilman Carter, Christiansen, Heath, Warning and Collins.

Absent: None.

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Carried.

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Yes: All.

No: None.

Absent: None.

## BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

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### PUBLIC HEARING

To hear comments on the proposed use of Revenue Sharing and the 1979-80 Budget for the City of Lowell.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m.

May 7, 1979

at the Lowell City Hall.

Proposed uses of Revenue Sharing include multi-purpose governmental uses.

Citizens are invited to submit written and oral comments regarding the proposed use of Revenue Sharing and the 1979-80 Budget.

Ray Quada, City Clerk

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# The Back Page...

## Local Clubs Boost Kids' Safety Town

Lowell Area Schools are a step closer to offering a planned Safety Town after the American Legion, Lowell Lions, and Lowell Area Jaycees pledged support for the pre-school safety program.

The program is aimed at teaching safety measures to children prior to their entrance

into public kindergarten. The twenty hour program would include pedestrian safety, school bus behavior, and home safety procedures.

The program is scheduled to operate June 18-29 at the Bushnell Elementary School. Registration will take place during kindergarten roundup, the first

week in May.

Mitch McMahon, staff assistant with Lowell Community Education, said "The Legion, Lions and Jaycees have been very generous in their donations. More funds and volunteer hours are still needed but if parents show an interest at registration time, we will run the program."

### BLANDFORD OFFERS FREE COURSES

Free classes for Adults Only will be offered at the Blandford Nature Center of the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 453-6192. Each class will be offered twice and will involve an outdoor walk so be sure and dress appropriately. Blandford Nature Center is located at 1715 Hillburn, N.W.

## Gives Bridge Sketch To KCRC

Because the Kent County Road Commission gave permission to Wayne L. Vandercook of Grand Rapids, an artist, to have some scrap boards from the 112-year-old, damaged Ada covered bridge for frames for some of his renderings of the span, the agency is richer by a framed, 7x12-inch pen-and-ink drawing of the historical landmark.

"When the snow-laden roof of the bridge caved in earlier this year, I thought, perhaps, the road commission would let me have some of the old lumber for the taking so I could use them for making frames for my renderings of the span," says Vandercook. "Later, I thought the road commission would like one of my drawings of the Ada span," he states. "So, I framed and presented it to the commission at a recent meeting. The commissioners and officials were enthusiastic over the gift."

Vandercook, 74, who owned the Grand Rapids Monument Co. on South Division Avenue south of Hall Street, Grand Rapids, sold the business in 1961. A few years later, he took up his painting, doing acrylics and working in watercolors and oils as well as pen-and-ink drawings.

"My efforts in this field are my hobby," he states. "Several of my relatives were expert in arts and crafts and I guess I inherited some artistic traits." Since he began his hobby, he has exhibited his works at arts and crafts shows in West Michigan, including the ones at Fallsburg Park.

Vandercook does still life, pastoral scenes, old barns and houses, and historical landmarks. Also, he makes his frames out of old wood, finishing it to bring out the best possible grain and exact color that he wants. He also does carved wood signs on occasion.

—Dave Barnes.

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## Kendall Holds 51st Open House

The highlight of each year for Kendall School of Design is its Open House. This year marks the 51st Open House for Kendall, a four-day affair beginning Sunday, April 29 and running through Wednesday, May 2. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the classrooms serving as a gallery to display the best work of the students.

The Design Center, Video Center, Photography Studio, and Printmaking Center will also be open to the public. The Interior Design and Furniture Design students attend Kendall's Michigan Oaks campus. Their work will be exhibited with the Advertising Design and Illustration Design students on Kendall's main campus, 1110 College Ave., N.E.

## Date Set For Lowell Home Tour

The homes have been chosen and plans are being made for the first Historical Home Tour in the city of Lowell. The Runciman-Riverside P.T.O. is proud to be presenting the homes that will be open to the public on Saturday, May 12.

Included in this daylong open house are five local homes rich in history and family memories. Chosen were homes of different styles to show the various developments in Lowell. One of the homes has an inviting front porch to remind us of the warm spring nights spent with friends and neighbors. Another home

has a very unusual round porch, built with differently designed cement, all topped by a cone shaped roof.

The Open House Tour will be shared between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and will begin at the Showboat ticket office. The tickets will be on sale there all day for three dollars and advance tickets will be \$2.50 at the YMCA office the week of May 7.

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## Free Outdoor Concert For Kids At Aquinas

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2001 Robinson, S.E. The outdoor event is being offered in conjunction with the Christopher House Family Day. The Concert is open to the public free of charge.

The Aquinas Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Bruce Early, assistant professor of music, will perform a program geared especially to a young audience. Musical selections will be short and varied, with narrative segments interspersed among performances. The entire concert is expected to last approximately one hour.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

## Stop Smoking With Help From Clinic

A five-day Stop Smoking Clinic will begin Monday, April 30 and run through Friday, May 4, at the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Drive SE.

The program will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each of the five consecutive evenings. Dr. William Rosenberg, MD, and CCC pastor Charles MacKintosh will direct the clinic.

Pre-registration is optional. For more information call 949-

1360 or 949-1567. If you are ready to break the smoking habit, you are invited to join the program.

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## UNICEF Says "Think Children"

November 20, 1979, will mark the Twentieth Anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. By then, the entire world community should be aware of the significance of the universal charter of children's rights to education, adequate nutrition and health care, recreation, special care for those who are handicapped, and freedom from all forms of discrimination.

And why should the world take special note of these rights after 20 years? Because 1979 is International Year of the Child (IYC), a time set aside by the United Nations for governments, individuals and groups to "think children," to mobilize every possible action to improve their lives and to guarantee them fulfillment of their rights and dreams.

Lengthening and improving the lives of children has been the chief task of the United Nations Children's Fund ever since 1946 when it began emergency aid programs for children in war-torn Europe. Recognizing its years of expertise in child care programs, the UN General Assembly designated UNICEF the "lead agency" for IYC.

While a broad range of child-related concerns demand global attention, the needs of children in the U.S.—where some 10 million have never received medical care and half have never seen a dentist—take on particular significance during

IYC. The complex problems of child abuse, juvenile justice, physical and mental handicaps, and an often ineffectual educational system are among the issues now being examined by the U.S. National Commission on IYC.

## GVSC Has Free Workshops

Graduating high school seniors, others who are considering college and parents of recent high school graduates are invited to attend four free workshops on preparing for college and making career decisions.

Workshops on College — What's It All About?, Recognizing Your Potential, Developing Study Skills and Extracurricular Activities will be held June 11, 12, 13 and 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Grand Valley's Campus Center.

Financial aid, career opportunities offered by a college education, and "growing pains" experienced by young new college students will be covered in the workshops for parents, which will be offered from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on June 11 and repeated at the same time on June 14. For more information, call 897-6611, ext. 311.

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