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## Pacts Still Unsettled In Most Schools City Primary

Lowell and Saranac are among 31 school systems that have not settled teacher contracts and union negotiators say strikes loom this fall. Intensive bargaining sessions

are underway this week in most of the 11 area school districts where teacher contracts have expired—or will shortly—possibly affecting the some 36,000 students.

Union officials said talks have been unusually sluggish in many Kent County school districts, charging some have sought to "punish" teachers for changing bargaining agents this year.

Teachers are pushing hard this year for salary improvements and inflation protection because of Federal anti-inflation guidelines limiting pay raises.

In addition to economic demands, teachers in many districts are negotiating for lower pupil-teacher ratios, seniority and layoff policies, health care improvements and grievance procedures.

Having half of Michigan's school districts without settlements in mid-August is not unusual, state education officials report. But they note the high number of large districts involved could lead to a lengthy recess for many pupils even if teachers in a few school systems hit the bricks.

## Slated For Sept. 11

Seven candidates for vacancies on the Lowell City Council have filed petitions to stand for election and one petition is still out, which means there will be a Primary Election on September 11, 1979.

Three vacancies will have to be filled in the November election but the City Charter provides for paring down the number of candidates to six, or two for each office. Council terms end soon for Councilman Art Warning and Councilman Robert Christiansen. Councilman Richard Heath resigned recently since he is not presently a resident of the city.

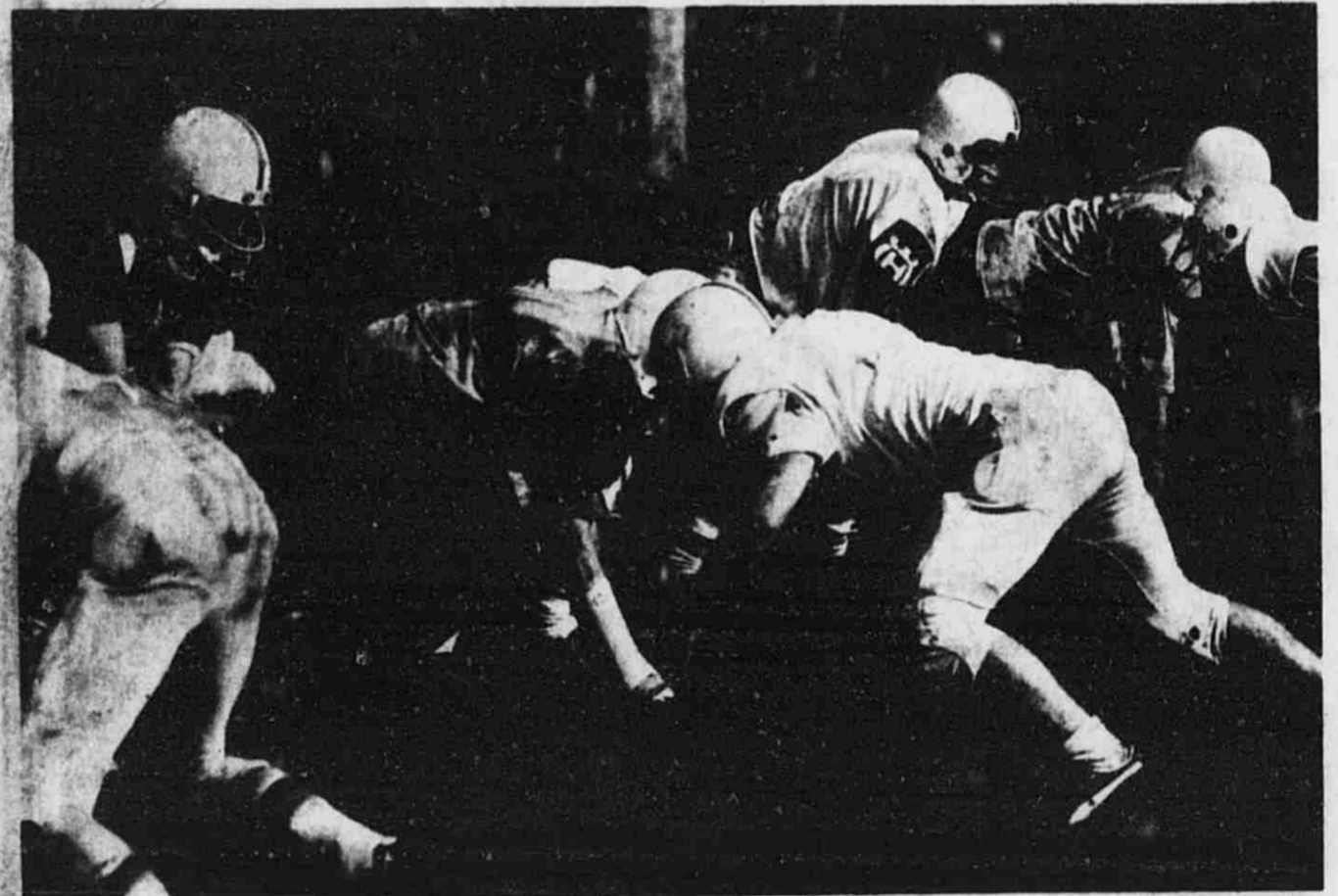
Petitions are on file from: incumbent Robert Christiansen, 2545 Gee Dr.; Bobby Adams, 926 E. Main; M. Jack Fonger, 611 N. Washington; Gordon Gould, 590 Shepard Dr.; Jim Measman, 126 N. Hudson; Donald MacNaughton, 1011 N. Hudson; and Phillip Schneider, 950 Riverside Dr.

One other petition has been taken out by Donald Fizer, 570 Foreman. The deadline for filing is Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m.

The Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. with voting in Runciman School for City Precinct #1 and in Bushnell School for City Precinct #2. Six candidates will face off in the November 13 election.

The vacancies are for two 4-year terms and one 2-year term. The two top vote getters will fill the 4-year terms and the third place winner in November will fill the 2-year term.

## Lowell Gridders Start Practice



One sure sign that summer is nearing its end, is the commencement of high school football practice. Here Lowell Varsity quarterback, Mike Kaye takes a snap from Center during a Tuesday morning pass rush drill.

The Lowell Varsity squad, under the direction of coach Gary Rivers has 37 players currently on its roster with 13 of them returning lettermen. The Red Arrows open against the Ionia Bulldogs at Birch Field at 7:30 p.m. September 7. Coach Rivers says that there is a lot of talent on this year's squad and is optimistic about the upcoming season.

There are now 27 players on the Junior Varsity team and 30 on the Freshman roster, with more signing up regularly. A complete fall sports schedule can be found in the back-to-school information in this issue of the Ledger.



**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT . . .**  
If you have school-age children, don't use this issue to line the bird cage. The pages of this week's Ledger contain everything you need to know about the opening of the Lowell Area Schools on Tuesday, Sept. 4. You'll find information on immunizations, food services, staff, fall sports, bus routes, the application for free or reduced price lunches and the menu for the first week of school. Probably your youngster will only be interested in the last item but it would be a good idea to save the school data for reference.

### HALT!?!?!?!?

Apologies are due Congressman Hal Sawyer and Columnist Jim Fitzgerald. To make a long story short, the pressroom was a madhouse on press day last week and one of the inmates inadvertently inserted a zany "If It Fitz" column under the standing head for Congressman Sawyer's column. Sawyer supporters were chagrined, to say the least, at the flippant tone of their representative in Washington. Fitzgerald readers looked in vain for the off-the-wall humor of the syndicated wag. See Publisher-Roger Brown's "Cozy Corner" for the gory details.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

There are activities and events abounding at the Lowell YMCA these days with something for everyone who is, or should be, active. You can still sign up for the Lowell Y's Tennis Tournament which has been re-scheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 25. There are divisions for all. The 5-mile Road Run and 1-Mile Fun Run are scheduled for this Saturday at 10 a.m. and there is still time to register either at the Y or the day of the race. The YMCA Youth Bowling Leagues are organizing and will start September 8 at the American Legion Lanes for grade school through high school students. Sign up the first day.

### FACTORY DIRECT

Vennen Chrysler-Dodge is now offering a \$400 rebate on all 1979 models except the Omni. Owner Henry VanderVennen says the \$400 could be used as a down payment on a new Dodge car or truck, or a Chrysler.

### NOT PEANUT BUTTER!

A federal he-weasel in the Food and Drug Administration has advised parents to limit their kids' peanut butter intake to one sandwich every other day citing a "very modest risk" of cancer from peanuts. Is nothing sacred?

The word is also out on use of herbal teas. Caffeine-avoiders use herbal tea unaware that it may react as medicine if drunk in large quantities or in concentration. Depending on the herb, it could increase the risk of cancer or (oh, woe) react as a strong laxative.

### GONE FISHIN

Paul's Showboat Restaurant will be closed from 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, until Tuesday, September 4, for a well-deserved vacation.

### POP-ULAR FESTIVAL

Filling a void because no tribute has thus far been paid to popcorn, the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce in Indiana will sponsor Orville Redenbacher Recognition Day on September 15. Press releases are filled with "corny" puns (now they've got ME doing it), from their 5-Mile Run called the Popcorn Panic to a fact sheet containing a "corn-u-copia" of popcorn facts. The capper is a "Corn-ography Quiz". You could fill a fall Saturday by popping (sorry) on down to Valparaiso. They promise a pop-ular time will be had by all (groan).

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested and arraigned in 63rd District Court on Wednesday, Aug. 1, for restricting, opposing and hindering a police officer in the performance of his duties, a high court misdemeanor, was Cecil Sturdavant Jr. of Sparta. Sturdavant was detained by Lowell officers investigating a complaint of a subject taking pool equipment from Valley Vista Trailer Park. He was arrested when he allegedly assaulted the officer. After plea bargaining, charges were reduced and Sturdavant plead guilty to an assault charge. The case is now under pre-sentence investigation.

Keith Hunt was involved in a property damage accident when he slammed into the rear of a vehicle driven by Lance Decker on Main St. near Lafayette on Monday, August 13. Thomas Nordhof struck Garnet Wright's vehicle as he was backing onto South Hudson St. that same evening.

Rick Warner failed to stop in time and collided with the rear of a vehicle driven by Jill Bowen on Tuesday, Aug. 14 on M-21 near West St.

Philip Kahl of Ionia told officers he could not stop in time to avoid a collision with Richard Morris of Saranac at Valley Vista and M-21 on Thursday, Aug. 16. Morris made a left turn off M-21 into Kahl's path.

Arrested Thursday evening on charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer and driving while license suspended was Kim Himelne.

## PPK Contest Announced

Local youngsters are back in the spotlight again—tuning up their football skills in preparation for the 1979 Punt, Pass & Kick Competition. This year the local level of PPK is celebrating its 19th anniversary. It is sponsored by the Ford Dealers of America in cooperation with the National Football League. Since it was started in 1961, the program has attracted millions of youngsters.

Participants in the Punt, Pass & Kick program compete only against others their own age. Any youngster 8 through 13 years of age, accompanied by a parent or guardian, may register to compete in PPK at Harold Zeigler Ford. There is no entrance fee and no body contact during competition. No special equipment is needed and participating does not impair a youngster's amateur standing.

Scoring is based on distance and accuracy with one point added and for every foot of punting, passing and kicking distance, and a point subtracted for every foot off the center line.

A date for the Lowell competition has not been set. However, entrants can register now at Harold Zeigler Ford.

Twelve national finalists will compete for the National Championships in their age group at Super Bowl XIV on January 20, 1980, in Pasadena, California. Winners will have their names permanently inscribed in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Their trophies will be presented by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

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## Runway To Be Extended

The Lowell City Council has approved extending \$2,000 to extend the airport 2,250-foot gravel runway 800 feet.

The Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, the major user of the airport, also will pay \$2,000. The school is considering paying for further addition to the runway. The school trains missionary pilots at the airfield. Two six-plane hangars will be privately built for \$25,000 each. In exchange for free airfield space, the hangars will be turned over to the city in 20 years.

"The best thing is that expenditures for improvements come from airport revenues, not the general fund," said Councilman David Carter.

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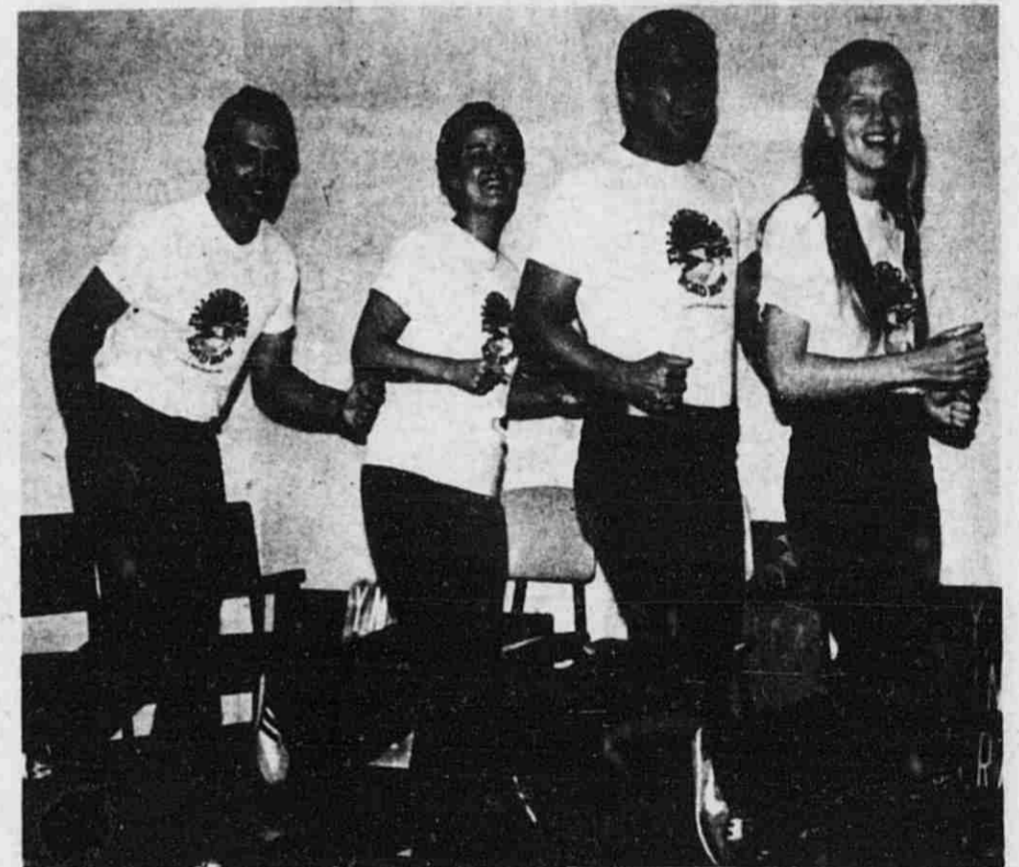
## Road Runners To Take-Off Saturday

The Fourth Annual Lowell YMCA Road Run will take place on Saturday, August 25 and there's still time for YOU to sign up!

The five mile run will start and finish at Fallsburg Park. The course is interesting and challenging along scenic country roads and up and down some hills. Also included this year is a one mile "fun run".

T-shirts will be awarded to the first 100 pre-registered runners of the five mile run. Trophies will go to the first runner to complete the five mile course and to the winners of each age division, with medals being awarded to the second and third place finishers of each division. There are no prizes, however, for participation of the fun run. The divisions are as follows: women—18 and under, 19-29, and 30 and over; men—18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, and 40 and over.

Registration fee is \$4 for any YMCA member in the Grand Rapids area, and \$5 for a non-member or on the day of the race. Entry forms are available at the Lowell YMCA or at the Grand Valley Ledger. For more information, contact Peggy Murphy or Mike Connell at 897-8445.



They're off and running, or will be this Saturday in the Lowell YMCA's annual 5-Mile Road Run. The steering committee for the event is pictured above. L-R: Jim Spearstra, Candy Spearstra, Mike Shainberger and Peggy Murphy. Lowell Automobile Dealers are co-sponsoring the run which starts at 10 a.m. this Saturday at Fallsburg Park. Last year there were 66 runners.

## Old Dam Is National Historic Landmark

Dedication of the inactive hydroelectric facilities, Burroughs Street and M-91 north of Lowell, as a national historical landmark will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, William Wight, Kent County park superintendent, announced.

The power plant and dam on the Flat River were built in 1903 by an electric company, were sold to Consumers Power Co. in

1906 which operated it until 1965, and then were turned over to the park department in 1968 along with 650 acres including an impoundment large enough for good fishing.

The hydroelectric complex was recommended as an historical landmark by Herbert J. Dunsmore of Ionia, a retired environmental engineer and president of the Historical Landmark Committee of the West Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The National Historical Committee of the ASCE approved the recommendation.

The north part of the tract is adjacent to Fallsburg Park and the southern portion extends to near Lowell. The dam is known as Fallsburg Dam.

Three factors favored the Fallsburg Dam project, says Wight. It is environmentally sound in that it can produce

needed energy without deteriorating air and water quality; as a Kent County park, it can provide an outstanding recreational facility for thousands of people, and it is one of the oldest hydroelectric complexes in West Michigan.

Attending the dedication, which will also see an appropriate plaque unveiled heralding the event, will be members of the Kent County Road and Park Commission, Kent Co. Board of Commissioners, state legislators from Kent County, members of the Department of Natural Resources, congressman and United States senators from Michigan, members of the ASCE, environmentalists and other interested groups and persons.

Wight points out that the road and park commission and William S. Doyle of Lowell, chairman of the Kent County Park

Advisory Committee, will apply for a \$50,000 loan in federal funds for a feasibility study for reactivating the power station.

It has been estimated that the power-generating facility, if restored, would produce about 4.5 million kilowatts annually, which could be sold to retire the federal loan.

The ceremony will be followed by luncheon at Fallsburg shelterhouse.—Dave Barnes.

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ANNUAL MOOSE CATFISH DERBY AUGUST 25-26

The Lowell Order of the Moose will again sponsor their Annual Catfish Derby, which is open to the public August 25-26.

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest catfish, the largest catch and second biggest catfish.

Fishermen should sign up at the Lowell Moose or at Bristol's Body Shop, Lowell.

The Grand River Bait Shop, operated by Jack Friener and Ron McCall, located at 11139 E. Grand River, Lowell, (left across the lower bridge) will be offering a 10% discount to all fishermen participating in the Catfish Derby.

New Buds On



The Family Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Powell Jr. (nee Cindy LaBine) proudly announce the birth of their son, Timothy Lewis, who was born August 6, 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Raab are happy to announce the addition of a son to their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downing were master and mistress of ceremonies at the reception held at St. Mary's School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Westbrook of Saranac have announced the birth of a son, Gregory Michael, who was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Richard and Patti (Behnke) Lee of Phoenix, Ariz., are parents of a baby girl, Jamie Lynn, born August 13.

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Tetzlaff-Doane Wed June 23



Mr. and Mrs. James Craig Doane

Kathleen Sue Tetzlaff and James Craig Doane were united in marriage in the First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on June 23.

Parents of the couple are Helen Tetzlaff of Lowell, John Tetzlaff of Grand Rapids, and John and Irene Doane of Lowell.

The bride wore an organza gown accented with silk Venice veil and seed pearls. The gown had an empire waist and chapel train.

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cozy corner By Roger Brown I'd better knock on wood as I write this column because we're a long way from having this week's paper put to bed.

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Society Notes...

Ritzema-Stuart Nuptials Said

Mrs. Dion Ritzema. Celebrating wedding anniversaries are Orison and Addie Abel on the 25th, and Rommie and Ellen Moore on the 28th. Susan Westlund of Lowell was a winner of a trip to Washington, D.C. for Caroline Emmons National Convention. While at the Convention, Ms. Westlund was presented a prestigious trophy for outstanding sales and recruiting performance. MS. Westlund is a Branch Manager for Caroline Emmons, a 30-year-old jewelry firm located in Newark, New York. Rubber Stamps and Engraved Signs made to order, 897-9261.

Potpourri...

Ronald Cary Krebs is among 2,000 University of Michigan students who expect their degrees this summer at commencement ceremonies Aug. 19. The University Consortium Center member institutions announce Fall registration. Call 459-7123 for registration instructions specific to the institutions of your interest. Lamaze Childbirth Education of Grand Rapids is now accepting class registrations for those expecting babies in January and February. For additional information or to register for classes, please contact Jo Ellen Curtis at 451-2184.

Meyers-Cahoon Vows Exchanged

Michael L. Cahoon, Jr. and Mrs. Cathy Cahoon. The new Mrs. Cahoon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Meyers of Sayles Rd., Saranac. Cahoon's parents are Mrs. Janet Cahoon of 4930 Sayles Rd., Saranac and Mr. Chester Cahoon, Sr. of Rogers City, Mich. Pastor Anderson performed the double-ring candlelight service before an altar graced with large bouquets of pink and white flowers. The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a floor length traditional white gown with full, lace edged skirt and high neckline; sheer yolk, beaded lace bodice, and bishop sleeves trimmed at the cuff with lace. She wore a matching lace headpiece and fingertip veil. She carried a round bouquet of white carnations and daisies, lilies breath and pink sweet-heart roses. The bride's attendants wore identically styled gowns in different colors. Matron of Honor Mrs. Ray (Peggy) Fesse wore

Following a Northern honeymoon the couple will reside in Houghton, Michigan, where Dion is attending Michigan Technological University. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritzema, all of Lowell.

Rash To Visit

Reverend and Mrs. Tom Rash will be visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rash of 12838 Grand River Drive, Lowell, for one week. Rev. Rash, who pastors the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Macon, Georgia, will deliver the morning message at the Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., on August 26 at the 11 a.m. service. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace into his people. (Psalm 85:8).

One summer day we went to the country to escape the city noise and relax for a few hours. During the afternoon, my husband and I went for a walk. Not far away from the road was the small island lake. Its soft, rippling waters lapped gently against the willow-lined shore. From above the sky looked down serenely on the cool lake. It was a peaceful adventure. But not for long. Soon a teen-aged boy came strolling down the road carrying a portable radio. Blaring at high volume, it sent its penetrating strains of modern jazz into the far reaches of our beloved retreat.

It is difficult nowadays to find a place where absolute tranquility reigns. Yet, if the Christian is to possess spiritual serenity, he must become quiet within. Whether in a retreat by the lake or in a crowded bus, he must become inwardly still within. The Christian must empty his mind of his own thoughts and let God fill his mind with His thoughts—and His peace. Christians, we must become quiet enough to hear the Lord's whispers. In stillness of soul, God gives us the assurance of His presence abiding within, and He imparts His secrets to us.

Prayer: Dear Lord, silently I wait in Thy presence. Blast out my own thoughts. Fill my mind with Thy thoughts. Let Thy peace possess me. Fill me with Thy holy joy. Amen. Blessed quietness, h'ly quietness, what assurance in my soul! On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me, And the billows cease to roll. Manie Payne Ferguson

RIGHT WRITER IS TYPE WRITER Sept. 12, 1873, was the date of the successful completion of the first practical typewriter by Christopher Sholes. The first patent on the composing device was as early as 1829, but it wasn't until Sholes' machine—invested in 1867, patented the next year and finally produced five years later—that the composing device with two rows of black walnut painted keys became popular with the public. The newly opened Interpretive Center of Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mi., exhibits an 1874 model of Sholes' typewriter among hundreds of fascinating artifacts from the nation's past.

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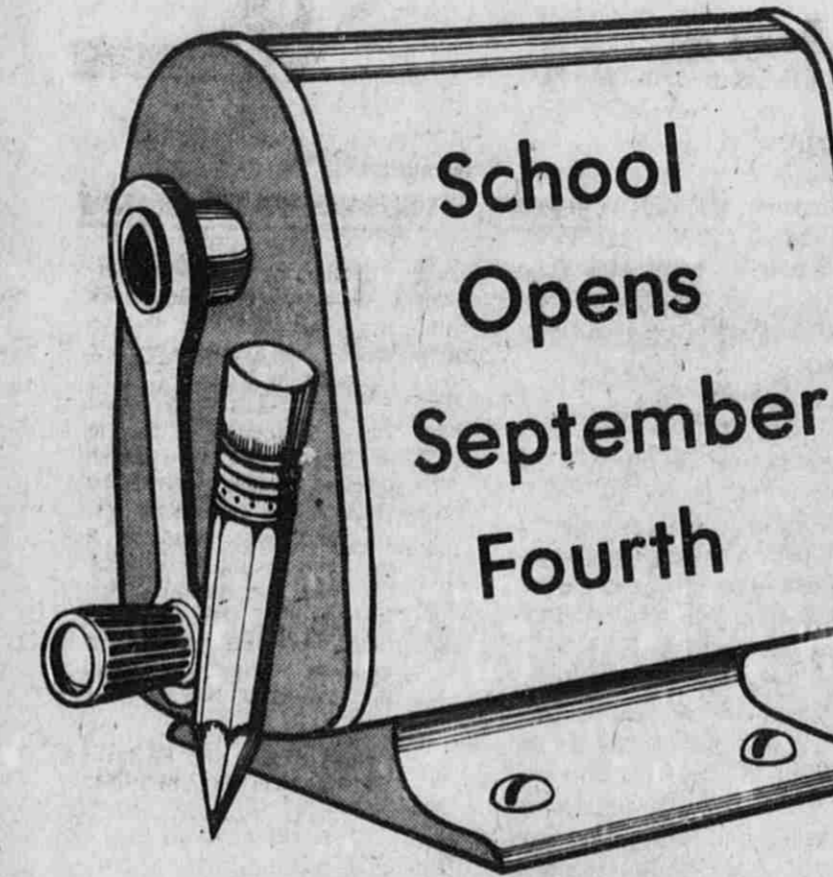
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Table of church services including ADA Christian Reformed Church, ADA Community Reformed Church, First Baptist Church of Alto, Bethany Bible Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Snow United Methodist Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA).



Fall Sports Schedule 1979

Sports schedule table including Girls' Tennis, Football, Cross Country, Golf, and Girls Basketball with dates and home/away indicators.

The week of September 4 is "back to school" time for Lowell Area Schools. Please read through the bus schedule, a few changes have been made. There have also been several changes in the staff of the school. All parents who will be registering new students in the Lowell School System are urged to do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure what school to enroll your child at, please call the Board of Education office at 897-8415.

School hours for the five schools during the 1979-80 school year are: Alto 8:20 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Bushnell 8:25 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Runciman 8:25 a.m. - 2:50 p.m., Middle 8:35 a.m. - 3:05 p.m., High 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

School Food Service Program

The Lowell Area Schools Food Service Program will begin serving good, nutritious meals the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4, 1979, in all schools. We will again invite the St. Mary's School to join us for lunch in the Bushnell Cafeteria. The price of student lunches will stay the same until further notice; \$35 for students in the Alto, Bushnell, Runciman and St. Mary's; \$40 for students in the Middle and Senior High School. Student lunch will be \$5 except for the milk included with the Type A lunches. Adult lunches will be \$7.50 and Adult milk will be \$1.50. Students may purchase lunch tickets every morning in their rooms at the Alto and Runciman buildings. Tickets may be purchased in the Bushnell Cafeteria. Also Senior High students may pay when they go through the lunch lines. Free and reduced price lunches are available upon PROPER APPLICATION, to families who qualify for the program. A letter to the parents and application is included in the publication. Applications will also be available at all of the school offices. Parents who think they may be eligible are urged to get their application to Mrs. Marilyn Bovee before Friday, August 24, 1979, so that they can be advised whether their children are eligible before the first day of school. Families MUST HAVE RECEIVED a letter of approval for free or reduced price lunches from the school or they must send lunch money to school with their children every day until they do. We wish to inform the parents of the Lowell Area School students that we make all our own bread, dinner rolls, cookies, cakes, casseroles, etc., from "scratch" in our own kitchen. We do not use any mixes or pre-prepared main dishes. We are required by federal law to give the elementary school students fruits and vegetables every day. The lunches in the Lowell Area Schools include fresh fruits every day and fresh vegetables at least three times each week. The Middle School and Senior High students may choose any three of the five components (protein, bread, vegetables, fruit, milk) of the Type A lunch for the same price. This will help to eliminate plate waste. We also have an a-la-carte line and snack bar combination at the Senior High School. There the students may, if they wish, pick out different, individually priced items. This, of course, costs more than the unit priced Type A Lunch which includes milk. We sell ice cream, milk, orange drink, cookies and fresh fruit at our snack bar, which will be open before school in the morning, during the lunch period and after school. In addition, at noon we sell hot sandwiches, pizzas and tossed salads. We do not sell carbonated drinks, candy, gum or potato chips in the Lowell Area Schools. We serve 2300 Type A meals everyday and another 100-125 a-la-carte meals besides our snack bar items. Parents having any questions about our School Food Service should call Mrs. Marilyn Bovee at 897-8415.

Lowell Area Schools

Table for Lowell Area Schools bus routes, including Dear Parent or Guardian information, scale for free meals and milk, scale for reduced price meals, responsibility of students, responsibility of parents, and personal safety instructions.

Immunizations In Michigan an effort is underway to increase the percentage of children fully protected against vaccine preventable diseases such as polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and tetanus. Existing state of Michigan law requires that all new students must present evidence of having received the required immunizations when registering. If you will be registering your child for the first time in the Lowell School System this fall, please be sure and have the necessary documentation regarding your child's immunization.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1979 Monday: NO SCHOOL Labor Day Tuesday: Welcome Back Student! Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers With Pickles, Tossed Salad With Dressing, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

FOOD SERVICE STAFF Marilyn Bovee, Director Alto School Mrs. Hilda Sterzick, Mrs. Pat Thomet Bushnell School Mrs. Norma Noall, Mrs. Nancy Zywicki Runciman School Mrs. Marie Stewart, Mrs. Susan Wever Middle Sch. Mrs. Marion Rutherford Mrs. Juanita Baker Mrs. Mary Intrain Mrs. Ruth Metternick Mrs. Virginia Nebelung Mrs. Ruby Ritterdorf Mrs. Gertrude Steffens Mrs. Elizabeth Wittensbach High School Mrs. Gwen Fouburg Mrs. June Clook Mrs. Ruth Hoag Mrs. Dorothy Hunt Mrs. Beatrice Rathbun Mrs. Margie Stirling Mrs. Sue VanderMolen

Wednesday: Tacos With Meat, Cheese and Lettuce, Biscuits or Cornbread With Syrup, Green Beans, Choice of Chilled Fruit, Milk.

Thursday: Pizza With Meat and Cheese, Fiesta Salad, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Assorted Fruits, Milk.

Friday: Red Army submarine Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, Green Beans or Corn, Cookies and Choice of Fruit, Milk.







# The Back Page...

## Lowell Struck By Storm One Year Ago This Week, Time Flies!

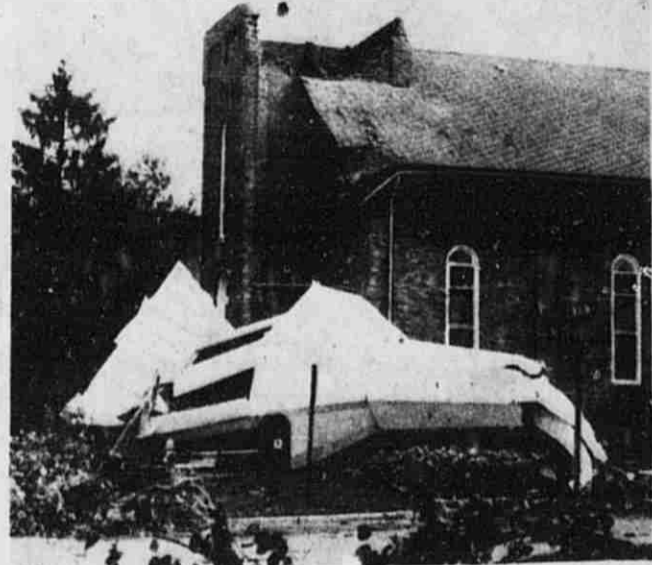
My, how time flies... when you are busier than any two people ought to be.

There was no anniversary celebration last Sunday but it must have crossed the minds of many weary fund raisers, boat builders, home repairers and steeple raisers: one year ago this town was a mess!

On August 19, 1978, a tornado-like storm reduced the Showboat to rubble, snatched the steeple from the First United Methodist Church, pulled out hundred-year-old trees like they were noxious weeds and bashed in numerous homes. Thankfully, the storm toll could be counted in dollars, not in lives.

One year later the Methodist Church bears a grand new steeple, a feat accomplished with dispatch. It was finished and dedicated this spring.

Homeowners have replaced temporary repairs with more permanent ones and in many



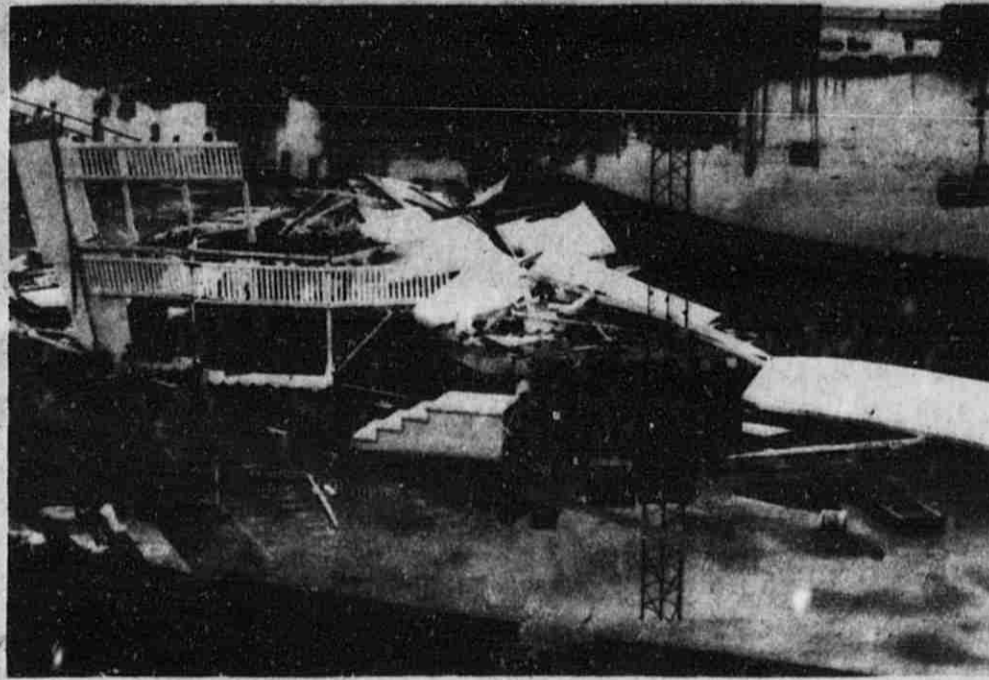
Ripping the steeple from the First United Methodist Church of Lowell was another sensational bit of destruction that the wind dealt out. The belfry portion of the steeple is more than 100 years old, but the very top section of the structure was erected in 1967. Remarkably, the Doyle-Irwin wedding took place as scheduled that afternoon.

cases expanded the project to improve the exteriors.

City crews cleaned up the debris, hauled away trees and downed limbs, and then set to work repairing the sidewalks where uprooted trees had played havoc.

And by the time the Ledger went to press that week a year ago, Don Rocheleau, president of Attwood, had announced a \$2,000 donation from his company to begin funding the rebuilding of the Showboat. He had also accepted the chairmanship of a determined group which spearheaded the "Refloat the Showboat" campaign.

A paragraph from the Ledger that week reads: "Many Showboat board members, however, are not so optimistic, knowing from past experience how difficult it is to raise such large sums of money. Several Showboat supporters doubt if a new boat can be financed and built in time



The Lowell Showboat was reduced to rubble one year ago this week by a windstorm. Light towers at either end of the stage incredibly escaped being damaged and must have been missed only by inches when the debris from the Showboat hurled past.

for next year's program." O ye of little faith... and here we are back to those busy, weary people. The pages of the Ledger chronicled the generosity and hard work, the ingenuity and determination of everyone involved.

The year has been a long one for those involved with righting the damage caused in just a few minutes early one Saturday morning last August. At the same time, it has been a short year for all that has been accomplished. My, how time flies.

### WHERE DID IT GO?

The USDA has released the following information in answer to the question: where did the U.S. food dollar go in 1978? (The figures for 1973 are in parenthesis.) Farm value, 32c (38c); labor 32c (30c); packaging 9c (8c); transportation 5c (4c); other costs 22c (21c). The department explains that these figures will not equal \$1 because of rounding.

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**"Letter From Washington"**  
by Congressman Hal Sawyer

President Carter's economic advisors have finally admitted that the U.S. economy has tipped the technical line into the beginnings of a recession. That fact should come as no surprise to anyone in light of the numerous warnings that the Administration has had in recent months.

There has been no indication from the White House as to what, if anything, the Administration plans to do to put our economy back on track. In the past, the President's advisors have argued that the only way to reduce inflation is to slow the economy to a standstill and hope to avoid a recession. In essence what they have been saying is that putting a few hundred thousand people out of work is simply the price we must pay to reduce inflation.

That theory simply does not hold up any longer. The old notion of a tradeoff between inflation and unemployment at lost all of its credibility in the recession of the mid-seventies. We can all recall that unemployment increased at a rate that was only surpassed by the rate of inflation. The single cause of inflation is the Government's failure or refusal to maintain the value of its currency... period. Inflation means the Government is creating too much money while the economy produces too few goods. The price of goods automatically rises. By applying the tax brake to the economy, inflation only increases because the incentives for production are eroded by high tax rates on labor and business.

Walter Heller, economic advisor to former President Kennedy, recently testified in Washington that what the economy needs is a \$30 billion tax cut. During President Kennedy's administration tax rates were cut 30%. The Treasury Department predicted at the time that such a cut would result in an \$89 billion loss in revenue over five years. Instead, revenue actually increased by \$54 billion during the period because of a tremendous increase in economic activity and employment.

I have recently introduced two more tax proposals which I am confident will help spur economic growth. One would end the double taxation of corporate dividends. This proposal would allow the small and middle size companies to end their heavy reliance on borrowed funds. It would renew interest in the equity offerings of these companies and allow the average American to share in the ownership of these businesses. The second proposal that I introduced would restore the incentive for individuals to maintain a savings account by exempting from taxation the interest earned on their savings. The first \$250 of interest income would be exempt for individuals, \$500 for those filing a joint return.

These two measures would greatly increase and encourage the formation of capital which permits the investment in new plants, more modern equipment and other facilities that allow the worker to be more productive. It is this increase in worker productivity that permits higher wages without higher prices and increases the goods in the marketplace thus reducing inflation.

I believe these proposals offer the President and his majority party in the Congress a way out of the inflation-recession-unemployment dilemma that we face.

I would appreciate hearing your views on this question. Send them to me in care of Letter From Washington, Room 166, Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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### Circus Tent To Be Raised

Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus will be raising their big top the size of a football field on Thursday, August 23 at the Eastbrook Mall, from 6:30 a.m. 'til 10 a.m. This exciting procedure is a show in itself. The maneuvering of 50 men and elephants to raise a sea of canvas, 130 poles, and three miles of ropes and cables, in three and half hours is a treat for children of all ages to watch. The Eastbrook Mall Merchants and the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus invite all interested to come and watch the event, free of charge.

Following the tent raising the Mall will open their miniature circus display by Rev. Baker and their unique poster displays by Herman Brandmiller and the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin. These displays are also free of charge and brought to you by the Merchants Association. Bring the family or organizational group to the Opening Day activities at the Eastbrook Mall and be sure to bring the camera. Best photo opportunities are between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.