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Split week for Showboat:

Tammy Wynette, Lettermen to star

Talent for Showboat Week 1980 has been signed!! Members of the Showboat board of directors are elated to announce that Tammy Wynette and the Lettermen will entertain during the "split week". The commitment from these entertainers was obtained in late January and the first week in February; the earliest date contracts have been finalized in recent Showboat history. Monday through Wednesday, July 21-23, country and



GOING FAST

Tickets for the Lowell Area Arts Council thriller, "The Haunting of Hill House", are going fast. Only eight seats are left for the Saturday, Feb. 23 performance and just 40 are left for Friday night. Tickets for those two nights are by reservation only at \$3. Call 897-5658 for reservations. Wednesday night, Feb. 20, is Dollar Night for dress rehearsal with tickets at the door only. Opening Night is Thursday, Feb. 21 with tickets available from That Special Place or The Ledger for \$2 or at the door. The winter theatre performances from LAAC have been near sell-outs for the past two years so it might be good to get tickets as soon as possible.

'GOOD DAY!'

Paul Harvey's distinctive tones focused on Saranac in his syndicated radio show on Tuesday, Feb. 12. He got quite a chuckle out of the sign displayed on the back of the Herbruck Poultry Farm eggs trucks: "Hit me and the yolk's on you!"

ROSES ARE...

At least one day a year, Valentine's Day, has no other purpose than to say a kind word to someone special and plenty of folks in our environs put their message in this issue of the Ledger. Some are gooey and some are goofy. Almost all have clues so that loved ones will know which Valentine is for them. The rest of the town can spend this week trying to figure out who sent what to whom. If you didn't get one, or give one, move over, Rover!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE

The Lowell Post Office will operate on a holiday mail schedule during the Monday, Feb. 18, observance of Washington's birthday.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle said there will be no regular residential and business deliveries and the usual lobby services will not be available with the exception of the lockbox service. Pickup from collection boxes will be on a holiday schedule as posted on the individual boxes. Normal mail service will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

NEW NUMBER

Jack Lucchesi, owner and proprietor of Lucchesi's Pizza, hopes you'll take a minute right now to jot down the restaurant's new phone number, 897-6391. It will save aggravation the next time the pizza hungries hit: 897-6391.

REVAMPED

Keiser's Kitchen has reopened after a short time—out to remodel. Hours have been changed, too. The eatery will now be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Friday and Saturday. On Friday and Saturday, hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

SIGNS OF SUMMER

Precipitation is still solid, not liquid, but already the folks at Festival '80 are sending press releases for the gala which will be held June 6, 7 and 8.

Since, in essence, we have "skipped" winter perhaps we will also skip spring with its gloom and head straight for swim suit weather. Too much to ask of Michigan, you say? Probably.

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Tammy Wynette, Nashville's darling, will bring her special way with a C&W song and a string of gold records to the Lowell Showboat stage in July. She has a voice of unusual purity and clarity; a talent for writing, recording and showcasing hit songs; and a penchant for reflecting her troubles with the men in her life in her songs. "Stand By Your Man" and "D.I.V.O.R.C.E." have become standards of popular music.

western music's "Heroine of Heartbreak", Tammy Wynette, will take the Showboat spotlight. Thursday through Saturday, July 24-26, the Lettermen bring their distinctive singing style to Lowell.

In completing negotiations for top flight entertainment and gaining signed contracts for both Wynette and the Lettermen, Showboat gains added months for publicity and planning, according to Jim Hall, president of Showboat Corporation.

It is hoped that members of the community will help the publicity campaign along by spreading the word that the last full week in July means great family entertainment in Lowell. Ticket orders are already being taken at 897-8290 or 897-8714. Groups from other Michigan cities are organizing bus tours, and assistance and information can be obtained by calling 897-9509.

The split week concept allows Showboat to offer entertainers that appeal to

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show-goers with two different approaches. Fans of C & W (that's country and western, folks) were enthusiastic this week as word leaked out that one of Nashville's most

Above the Board

Uniform drive nears \$12,000

The community support Lowell students receive was evident at Monday's board meeting when Superintendent Kelly reported that the local Band Boosters Club had raised nearly \$12,000 toward their \$15,000 goal for new uniforms for senior high band students.

This drive, spearheaded by Mrs. Phyllis Lessens, has been successful thus far because of the generosity of local business people, students, and citizens. Band Boosters President Lynne Shamblyn displayed samples of actual uniforms, both marching band and concert. Anticipating this goal would be reached, the board then voted to advertise for bids on

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The Lettermen have been a constant favorite of MOR fans since they first formed. [MOR means middle of the road or easy listening music.] Their first hit was "The Way You Look Tonight" and they have piled up hit songs ever since.

popular stars had been signed. Equally excited were those music lovers who prefer the romantic harmony of the Lettermen's contemporary sound.

Family Night of Showboat Week has been changed from Monday night to Thurs-

day night when ticket prices will be at a reduced rate, as is traditional. Seats on Thursday night will be \$3, \$5 and \$7. Monday through Wednesday, tickets are \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8. On Friday and Saturday nights, tickets are \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$9.

As in the past, all school buses passed a thorough State Police inspection the first time. Superintendent Kelly remarked that Lowell has been fortunate in its continuing excellent bus maintenance program.

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GRANDPA BILL & GRANDMA LOIS GELDERSMA— Please be my Valentine. Love, Your granddaughters, Melissa & Madelynn Geldersma. p14

NOTICE — Swiss Steak Dinner, Sat., Feb. 16, 5-8 p.m., VFW Flat River Post #8303. Served family style, \$4.50. Menu—Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Salad Bar, Coffee, Iced Tea. **DANCING**—8 p.m. to ??, "C.J. & Friends", music of the 60's. Everyone welcome. c14

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STRAND THEATRE — Will be reopening soon. COMING SOON—Mountain Family Robinson. c14

JEAN — I LOVE YOU. JOHN. p14

MORRIS — Mrs. Sophia C. Morris, aged 87, 1698 State St., Holland, formerly of Allegan, died in Holland Monday February 4, 1980. She was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Allegan. Surviving are her son, Robert R. of Florida; four grandchildren, Mrs. Jerry (Bonnie) Diekema of West Olive, Mrs. Gary (Sandra) Dietzel of Lowell, Mrs. Gary (Vicki) Polinsky of Zeeland and Robert R. of Holland; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews including Mrs. Richard (Kay) Faulkner of Esccondido, CA and Mrs. Lillian Livingston of Glendale, CA. The Mass of Christian Burial was held from the Blessed Sacrament Church Thursday, Rev. Fr. Dennis Nash celebrant. Interment in the church cemetery. **ROWLEY** — Mr. Stoy W. Rowley, aged 69, of 1561 Kinney NW, passed away Sunday morning at Kent

Community Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Theresa; his children, DeJores and Marvin Haight of Grand Rapids and Barbara and Donald Geelhoed of Ada; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Audrey Oppel of Indiana and four nephews. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Van't Hof Chapel, with his Pastor, Rev. Ronald J. Verwey of Stendale Reformed Church officiating. Interment in Chapel Hill Memorial

Gardens. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes Assn. **BOULARD** — Sylvester M. Boulard, aged 78, of Alto, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1980. He is survived by nieces and nephews, Mrs. Frances Sislock of Alto, Mrs. Mable Bergy of Alto, Clarke Boulard of Grand Rapids, Ward P. Boulard of Alto, Mrs. Rose Wilson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Barbara Appel of Middleville and Mrs. Isabelle Woods of Grand Rapids and several grandnieces and nephews. Funeral services were Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Interment-Bowne Cemetery. **BIGGS** — Mrs. Helen Biggs, aged 73, of Comstock Park, passed away Friday, February 8, 1980 in Butterworth Hospital. Surviving are her husband, Leonard, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Biggs of Grand Rapids, 3 grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Biggs, Roger and Sandra; two brothers and one sister, Mr. Gardner Post of Comstock Park, Mrs. Earl (Laura) Lewis of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Mr. Joseph Pyard of Alto; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Monday, Pastor Clifford Owens of Alpine Baptist Church officiating. Interment Alpine Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Alpine Township Rescue Squad or to the Michigan Heart Association. **MUNGER** — Robert S. Munger, aged 87, of 928 N. Strong Rd., Ionia, passed away Thursday evening, Feb. 7, 1980 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was born in Ionia on May 16, 1892, to Merritt and Florence (Smith) Munger. He was a veteran of World War I and lived most of his life in the Saranac and Ionia area. He married Jane Tefft on Feb. 27, 1928, in Ionia. He was a member of Easton Methodist Church and the Saranac American Legion. Besides his wife, Jane, he is survived by three sons, Glenn of Fenwick, Robert Jr. of Ionia, Roy of Ionia; three daughters, Mrs. Otto (Marion) Brimmer of Muir, Mrs. Carl (Violet) Mier of Ionia, Mrs. Fred (Linda) Nielsen of St. Johns; one sister, Mrs. Martha Rowley of Ionia; 14 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Services were held Monday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Nolan Williams officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery. **BOWMAN** — Mr. Arthur V. Bowman, aged 88, or rural Caledonia, passed away Monday morning, February 4, 1980 at his home. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. (Ray) Ardis Burgess of Caledonia; three granddaughters, Mrs. William (Janet) Henry of Hastings, Mrs. William (Judy) Harrison of Alto and Joyce Mitchell of Jacksonville, FL; eight great-grandchildren; a step-daughter, Mrs. Betty Lewis; three step-grandchildren, Mrs. Tom (Linda) Boot, Larry Lewis and Miss Luanne Lewis all of Caledonia; five step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Gaines United Brethren Church, Kalamazoo Ave. at 92nd St., with Rev. Richard J. Raab officiating. Interment in Blain Cemetery.

KLOMPARENS — John D. Klompars, aged 89, of Grand Rapids, passed away Monday, February 4, 1980 at Butterworth Hospital. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Lewis (Grace) Heffebower of Lowell. Funeral services were held Thursday with his nephew, the Rev. Ralph Menning officiating. Interment at Graffschap Cemetery. **USE THE LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS**

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ALEXANDER — Vera M. Alexander, 68, of 106 Cass St. died Saturday, Feb. 9, in United Memorial Hospital in Greenville. She was born April 23, 1911, near Mexick, Mich., the daughter of Hugh and Grace Dulyea. She was a lifelong resident of the Sheridan area, and a member of the Central Montcalm Church of Christ. She is survived by four sons, James Alexander Jr. of Sheridan, Richard L., Sidney, Donald A., Sheridan, and Gordon L., Greenville; seven daughters, Mrs. Robert (Beverly) Stoneham, Sheridan, Mrs. Herschel (Marilyn) Haling, Sidney, Mrs. Philip (Phyllis) Vitale, Wyoming, Mich., Mrs. Gerald (Joann) Helmer, Crystal, Mrs. Douglass (Barbara) Clafflin, Greenville, Mrs. Gary (Janice) Swainston, Sheridan, and Mrs. John (Carol) Campbell, Parma; one sister, Mrs. Lee (Phyllis) Newell, Saranac; one brother, Ronald Dulyea, Grand Rapids; 52 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Alexander was preceded in death by her husband, James, who died in 1956, and a son, Robert Alexander, who died in 1976. Services were held Tuesday at the Stebbins and Simpson Funeral Home, with the Pastor Brian Wickes officiating. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. **JOB OUTLOOK STILL GOOD FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES** The overall employment picture for new college graduates apparently will not be affected by the current downturn in economic conditions, said the director of the nation's largest university placement office. The only anticipated decline in hiring in the coming year will be in the automotive industry, he said. Two large auto firms have canceled scheduled visits to campus, he noted. "Michigan is going to be soft in hiring; the state is geared toward the auto industry. But aerospace is going great. So is the petroleum industry."

Coming Events

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THURS., FEB. 14: "Taking a Look," a two-session workshop, is for women thinking about the possibilities of entering the workforce. The workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Women's Resource Center, 226 Bostwick N.E., Grand Rapids. To register, call 456-8571. **SAT., FEB. 16:** Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday Party with William Anderson, guide from the Wilder Memorial Society of DeSmet, S. Dakota. There will be a slide show to the sites of all the Wilder books. At the Saranac High School Cafeteria, sponsored by the Saranac Public Library. Refreshments. **SAT., FEB. 16:** Mardi Gras Dance, sponsored by Divorced Catholics Group, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Lincoln Country Club, 3485 Lake Michigan Dr. NW. \$3/person, Cash Bar. More information, Bob Knauf 887-8352. **SAT., FEB. 16:** Swiss Steak Dinner, 5-8 p.m., VFW Flat River Post #8303. Served family style. \$4.50. Menu—Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Salad Bar, Coffee, Iced Tea. Dancing 8 p.m. - ??? "C.J. and Friends", music of 60's. Everyone welcome. **FEB. 20-23:** The Lowell Area Arts Council presents the play "The Haunting of Hill House", 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20, \$1 at the door; 8 p.m., Feb. 21, \$2 at the door; 8 p.m., Feb. 22-23, \$3 by advance reservation only. Box office, 897-5658 or 897-8545. **SUN., FEB. 24:** Maranatha Singers, from Central Michigan University, at Cascade Christian Church, 5 p.m. **FEB. 25-29:** 5 Day Plan to Stop Smoking, at Cascade Christian Church in Cascade Village at 7:30-9 p.m. each night. Under the direction of Dr. William Roosenberg, M.D., and Pastor Mike Kemper. For tickets or information call 949-1360 or 949-1567. **TUES., FEB. 26:** Kent Co. Unit of American Diabetes Assn., free educational program at 7:30 p.m., Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital Auditorium.

MON., MARCH 3: The Lowell Chapter of the W.O.T.M. will be hosting Chapter Rally day March 3, 1980. The chapters that will be included are: Ionia, Wyoming, Hastings, Holland. Registration will begin at noon. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. **OVERCROWDED?** Why will the 1980 census ask how many bedrooms are in a home? Because the answer, combined with the number of occupants and the home's value, indicate overcrowding, housing quality, and help forecast potential school enrollment. **Iva Guiles was a member of Harmony Chapter #34, Sparta, Order of the Eastern Star. Delivery was made by Tilden Pinckney and Cecil DeRushia, both Past Masters of Lowell Lodge #90, F & AM.**

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"Letter From Washington"

by Congressman Hal Sawyer

The Congress is in the midst of a debate in which, unfortunately, only a minority of members have tried to end "pork barrel" projects. Under consideration is the omnibus water projects bill which represents a grab bag of freebies for members of Congress and a political ripoff of the taxpayers. Congress has traditionally viewed water projects as a way to aid home districts and boost re-election prospects, even if the expenditures did not always make good economic sense or damaged the environment. Projects in a colleagues district were seldom questioned under the theory of "I'll let you have yours, if you will let me have mine." I think it's time to end that tradition. Adding further insult, the bill authorized twice as much money for projects in the South and West, even though 47% of the countries population lives in the Northeast-Midwest area where many cities have aging water systems which need to be replaced. I find this regional bias intolerable especially in the light of Michigan receiving 66 cents for every dollar of taxes we pay. Under terms of the bill, projects costing more than \$4 billion would be constructed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is firmly opposed to this legislation in its present form. The bill would not require states to share in the cost and would waive cost effectiveness requirements. Projects could also be authorized without completion of a feasibility study. The most costly provision, however, would set a precedent by authorizing the Corps of Engineers to build local water treatment plants at no cost to the local government. The corps has built local water distribution systems before, but always as part of a multipurpose project that provided irrigation, flood control and navigation in addition to supplying local water. This bill for the first time authorizes projects strictly for local water supply purposes. It appears as no coincidence that three such projects would be constructed in the districts of the chairman and ranking member of the Public Works Committee.

The Congress is being urged to act quickly on the water bill because "the nation's water needs are so critical that if something isn't done soon, the country will soon be in the midst of a water crisis." While I would agree that portions of the country face severe water problems, that is not a sufficient excuse for hurriedly passing one of the biggest boondoggles of the 96th Congress. Many amendments were offered to the water projects bill in hopes of restoring cost and environmentally effective requirements to the measure, but too often they were defeated. I voted against this wasteful piece of legislation; unfortunately it passed by an overwhelming margin of 283 to 127. With an annual inflation rate of 13.3%, fed in large part by government waste, it's time that Congress realize the American people are not going to continue putting up with "pork barrel" politics as usual. I would appreciate your thoughts and comments on this issue. Send them to me in care of Letter From Washington, Room 166, Gerald R. Ford Federal Bldg., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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Art for new St. Mary's Church is commissioned

Rev. Thomas Schiller, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lowell announces that the Saint Denis Art Studios of Muskegon and Traverse City has been commissioned to do the art for the new church now under construction.

The major work of art, to be executed by artist, Barbara Saint Denis, will be a life sized statue of Mary, holding out her child, Jesus, to the people in offering—titled "This is my Son". The material will be ultra-stone and the statue is expected to be completed and dedicated on the first of May, 1980.

Another unique work of art will be an 8' x 5' bas relief sculpture for the back sanc-

tuary wall titled "Lowell". The focal point will be the center section of the steeple of the old St. Mary's Church, plus the Showboat, people, and landmarks which are indigenous to the area. This will be Barbara's work and design, although the theme was requested by Fr. Schiller.

Don Hoogenstya, well known wood carver associated with the firm, designed the sanctuary furniture. His major work will be a carving of Christ with the Penitent for the reconciliation room. There will also be examples of the artist's metal and fused glass work.

Sister Maria, artist, will be doing the ceramic pieces such as the oil receptacles,

candleholders and baptismal bowl.

Fr. Schiller, as evidenced by the other churches he has either built or renovated, firmly believes in all of the designs of the church, not only having a liturgical meaning, but that they keep in balance with each other, the design of the church itself, and are all coordinated.

His feeling is that it is more economical to go with one firm that is versatile in their art and well informed in the teachings of the church, than to pick items piece-meal out of a catalog. The new church is expected to be completed the first of March and the dedication is set for April 20.



Don and Tammy Phillips of Lowell have a new daughter, Megan Marie, born February 4 at Butterworth Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. Grandparents are Raymond and Linda Topping, and Don and Wilma Phillips of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Grace Topping of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sysma of Lowell, Mrs. Ella Phillips of Lowell and Mrs. Ann Booth of Lowell. Rubber Stamps & Engraved Signs made to order, 897-9261.

Clinic hours are expanded

Public health services and hours in immunization clinics will be expanded, according to Dr. Henry F. Olen, Acting Director, Kent County Health Department. In the past, some immunization clinics throughout the county were held one to four half-days per month, depending on need.

These clinics will now be held full days, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Services will include immunization, pregnancy testing, blood pressure testing, along with health counseling and education.

These services are offered to all residents of Kent County regardless of age, race, sex, or economic status. Dr. Olen emphasized that these are walk-in clinics—appointments are not required.

Clinic locations and schedules for Lowell are: East Kent Community Center, City Hall, 805 E. Main Street, 1st and 3rd Thursday each month.

ANTIQUES LECTURE IS SLATED

An antiques lecture is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Henry Ford Museum Theater in Dearborn MI. "Pots and Pieces from the Past—Historical Archaeology in Alexandria VA" will be discussed by Pamela Cressley, Director of Archaeology, Archaeology Research Center in Alexandria VA.

Admission is \$3.75 with the lecture beginning at 8:30 p.m.

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Music students compete

Music students have been busy at both Lowell Senior High and Lowell Middle School.

Middle School students competed recently in District Solo-Ensemble competition. Kris Kinsey received a first for her piano solo. Grace Peters received a second for her piano solo and Wade Thompson received a first for his clarinet solo. Kris and Wade earned the right to compete in state competition with their ratings.

Competition for inclusion in the Tri-River Honors Band Concert took place at Coopersville recently. High School students must be accomplished young musicians to even try out for a position in the band.

High School students who earned positions follow, with their instrument and chair noted: Dolly Gerard, flute, 2nd; Patricia Kline, flute, 14th; Jayne Bruce, Clarinet, 10; Leslie Serne, clarinet, 13; Liz Alkema, clarinet, 15; Marilyn Flanagan, bass clarinet, 6; Sherri VanBelkum, alto sax, 5; Bonnie Peters, trombone, 5;

Steve Ries, trombone, 8; Barry Eldridge, baritone, 1st; Brian Brown, tuba, 8; Scott Noffke, percussion, 7; Karisue Lambert, tenor sax, 2nd; Cliff Mulder, trumpet, 8; Mark Lessens, trumpet, 11; Nancy Hansen, French horn, 10.

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School News

Old-time spelling bee makes a comeback

The first Lowell Middle School Spelling Bee was a success. It was enjoyed by the eighteen participants and the student body audience.

The eighteen participants reached the finals by competing in the quad. Each quad champion and two runners-up made the finals and received a ribbon and certificate.

The eighteen finalists were Janyne Althaus, Susan Bobb, Lisa Burke, Alysia Hendricks, Terri Jones, Tracy Jousma, Diane Malone, Lisa Mellon, Carmen Parsons, Kathy Peterson, Julie Rittersdorf, Art Schmidt, Rob Shelby, Cheri Smith, Laura Thorn, Amy VanderGallen, Tracy Warning and Todd Zielke, Georgia Miller substituted for Amy VanderGallen.

When the competition was over, Janyne Althaus won the school championship and Tracy Jousma was the runner-up. Janyne and Tracy will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on March 12 and 13. The site has not been chosen. If they win at the regionals, they advance to the finals with a chance for a trip to Washington, D.C.



Janyne Althaus and Tracy Jousma are the best little spellers in Lowell Middle School, or at least they were the day the first annual Spelling Bee was held. The girls beat out 16 other competitors. Ms. Althaus won the school championship and Ms. Jousma was the runner-up. The two girls now advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on March 12-13.

Alto parents to meet Tuesday

Mike Roth, the medic from the new Alto clinic, will be featured at the February meeting of the Alto Parents Club. He will speak on the CPR technique and home emergencies. He will also answer questions about the clinic's services. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Alto School. Child care provided.

ROCK HOUNDS DISPLAY COLLECTIONS

From February 24 through March 30, the annual Rock & Mineral Show will be in the Grand Rapids Public Museum's East Building.

Local rock hounds will display their collections. Weekend programs and demonstrations will be concurrent.

Museum hours are 10-5 weekdays and 1-5 weekends and holidays. Admission is free.

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By Roger Brown

In three years of writing this column, I can't believe that I've overlooked the subject of my ill-fated luck when it comes to borrowing things. Try as I might, I can't remember ever relating any of these experiences where things seem to just fall apart for no reason, other than the fact that I borrowed them.

The most recent mishap occurred this past weekend and is what brought this subject to mind. Terese and I had borrowed my father's cottage for the weekend and we had some friends coming up for some ice skating, fishing and card playing. Upon our arrival, we soon discovered that there was no water. A quick check of the plumbing revealed that the light bulb in the well pit had burned out and the pump had frozen and broken. I ended up carting water from a friend's place across the lake all weekend.

I had my car in the shop for repairs in Saranac a couple of years ago, so I borrowed my father's motorbike to get back to Lowell. On the return trip, the bike made some terrible noise and quit. Close inspection revealed that a small tube that carried oil to the engine had come loose, the engine then overheated and burned a hole in the piston. The tube had obviously been broken for some time, but the bike waited until I was riding it to go phooey. Great luck.

Years ago, I borrowed a set of extension ladders from my father-in-law. I was just about done using the ladders when I headed up carrying a gallon of paint and a brush and the bottom rung snapped in two. With my hands full, I couldn't catch myself. I spilled paint and cracked my chin against a higher rung adding injury to insult.

This particular disaster was related in a Cozy Corner, but its proportions warrant a recount here. Three years ago, I borrowed my father's motor home, packed up the family and headed for Florida. On the way down a semi threw a chunk of tire in front of me. I hit it and did \$600 worth of damage to the plumbing under the motor home. Not only did I feel sick about damaging the motor home, I was sick about the fact that I was in Florida for ten days with a motor home that didn't have any plumbing. With any luck at all, it would have happened on the way home.

I could go on and on, but enough is enough and I'll end this business here. If I ever ask to borrow something from you, don't say you haven't been warned.

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PTO plans block parent program

Runciman-Riverside PTO will sponsor a block parent program in the Lowell community. Officer Dennis Schneider of the Kent County Sheriff's Department presented a movie entitled "Better Safe Than Sorry", which was shown at the February 4 PTO meeting. This movie shows children how to deal with abduction attempts and will now be shown to our children during the school year.

A committee has been formed to organize the block parent program. The committee members are, Linda Colburn, Helen Tschanz, and Dottie Roth. They will formulate a letter to parents explaining what the block parent program is and the qualifications that must be met to become a block parent.

In addition to sponsoring the block parent program Runciman-Riverside PTO has had a very busy year. The Room-Mothers were organized by the PTO. The carnival was in October and was a great success. Mascot t-shirts and pencils were made available to students this year by the PTO. Also, through the efforts of the PTO, many students were able to purchase their own valentines to exchange at their class parties.

Still to come is Music Day on February 22. This is a time when the children participate in an afternoon of music appreciation and fun. On March 7, the Humane Society will visit the school for Animal Appreciation Day.

The Historical Home Tour is on May 10, and plans are already under way for this special day in our town. May 30 is Art day when the children are introduced to many kinds of arts and crafts.

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LHS honor roll announced: 18 get all A's

Students named to the Lowell Area Schools honor roll for the second marking period were announced this week.

Achieving honors for all A's were: Seniors—Jim Anderson, Ted Dalstra, Mary Magle, Doris Schoen, Sherri Toussaint, and Ellen Wheeler; Juniors—Jim Bice, Diane Clark, Mary Hoste, Kristi Marstener; Sophomores—Kelly Byrne, Pam Miller, Kim VanWoelden; Freshmen—Dana Bock, Jim Gerard, Pamela Post, Evan Ritzema, Jim Silvis.

SENIORS
Larry Abel, Terry Abel, Patti Alderink, Tom Alexander, Susan Baerwalde, Jane Pailey, Christine Baird,

Rhonda Baker, Doug Benjamin, Chris Bieri, Dale Bieri, Debbie Biggs, Kelly Bishop, Sheila Blain, Tim Bregg, Brian Brown, Todd Bryan, Russ Cain, Ronda Carey, Rick Churchill, Mary Clark, Jim Cleland, Chris Conlisk, Rich Curtis.

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Bill Nagy, Tonya O'Neil, Merlene Parsons, Tony Posthumus, Abby Potter, Joe Rathbun, Jay Rickert, Kim Risner, Tammy Robinson, Dan Sarniak, Brenda Scheidel, David Schuelke, Julie

Seif, Don Shepard, Deb Shores, Ann R. Smith, Robert Smith, Sheila Smith, Deanna Snyder, Sharon Staal, Deb Stegmier, Steve Sterick, Sue Steward, Edward Stormzand, Sean Sullivan.

Kathy Thebo, Todd Thuston, Tracy Timpson, Sherri VanBelkum, Sue Vandawater, Steve Vanderziel, Karen VanLaan, Debra Videan, Cindy Weimer, Lori Wierenga, Lynn Wilcox, Karen Wynalda.

JUNIORS
John Anderson, Paul Baerwalde, Connie Baird, Laurie Barkans, Scott Barnhart, Roy Benedict, Jon Bieri, Rose Bigelow, David Biggs, Franz Blattner, Tom Brown, Jayne Bruce, Mark Buda, Mark

Butterworth, Sally Callihan, Bonnie Carigon, Craig Carter, Dawn Childs, Dawn Condon, Kevin Conrad.

Kristi Danley, Steve DeNolf, Pam Desotell, Kelly Dickerson, Craig Eley, Mark Essich, Mairlyn Flanagan, Mark Friesner, Carol Gahan, Nancy Hansen, Maureen Hawley, Larry Hefferon, Scott Herrema, Robin Hildenbrand, Gary Hoag.

Abby Jacquain, Kim Kidder, Sally Lambert, Cindy Lastoczy, Perrie Lombardo, Joe Loughlin, Brenda Malek, Michelle Marentette, Tom Marshall, Elizabeth Mauric, Lor Miller, Tammy Nagy, Scott Noffke, Camden Parks, Bonnie Peters, Darla Price, Julie Ramsdall, Janice Rasch, Ruth Reagan, Phil Richard, Bob Rittersdorf, Angela Ritzema, Marco Santos, Roxann Seese, Leslie Serne, MaryJo Serne, Sarah Shalander, Steve Smith, Annette Stierling, Jeff Stormzand, Dawn Swan, Stephanie Thomas, Steve Thomet, Debbie Timinskis, Cheryl VanCamp, Kim VanderMeulen.

Sherrie Vezino, Sandy Waalkos, Sue Watters, Ru-leen Wells, Brian Westcott, Liza Whittemore, Melodie Wilkerson, Helen Wittenbach, Tina Zywicki.

SOPHOMORES
Meredyth Althaus, Maria Andrews, Phillip Beachler, Beth Beachum, Kathryn Bieri, Ruth Bobko, Diane Bock, Sue Borg, Karen Brandt, Lisa Brown, Duke Burdette, Tom Caldwell, Joe Campos, Debbie Carl, Randy Carlson, Sue Chrisman, Amy Cosgrove, Brian DeForest, Rick DesJarden, Chris DeWitt, Katherine Dey, Sheri Eley, Dawn Elwood, Tammy Fish, Ed Fisher, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Laura Froese, Bob Gessler, Lori Greenwald, Scott Grim, Sheryl Grindle, Sandie Heemstra, Joan Hefferon, Teresa Heintzleman, Beth Hendrick, Chris Hobbs, Rhonda Holton, Lisa Justifer, Jeannie Kilts, Brenda Kleinjan, Kim Kiffman, David Klink.

Kim Lang, Brenda Lehigh, Tonia Lenneman, Stacy Lippert, Randy Lottermann, Jackie Malone, Mark Martis, Darrell McComb, Anne Miller, Tammy Morse, Mike Purcell.

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Terri Thuston, Chris VanCamp, Brian VanderMeulen, Renee Vanderweg, Micki VanOverbeck, Angela Wood, Corrie Wood, Anne Woodhead, Bruce Yeiter, Jamie Zywicki.

FRESHMEN
Mark Adamy, Lorraine Althaus, Denise Anderson, Marc Angus, Kellie Baker, Kevin Baker, Georgene Baker, Bev Balentine, Kurt Blasher, Heidi Blattner, Lori Brandt, Brook Brown, Pete Brown, Kathy Bryne, Greg Caldwell, Kamm Carpenter, Kerry Cosgrove, Rhonda DeLong, Steve Dickerson, Kristy Dine.

Chris Hildenbrand, Kathleen Hoover, Carolyn Hostler, Kevin Hurt, Dwayne Johnson, Tawnie Knottnerus, Saloy Koolman, John Kwant, Kamille Leverance, Patrick Lombardo, Shawn Lowry, David Malek, Nancy

Metternick, Tracy Nead, Sheila Nugent, Tammy Onstwedder.

Lori Rash, Patricia Reagan, Penny Richardson, Diane Rittenger, Paul Rittenger, Rebecca Roush, John Shaler, Missy Spino, Gwen Stuart.

Joey Ubaldo, Scott VanHeulen, Don Videan, Andy Vredenburg, Mindy Walling, Susie Weeks, Pam Westcott, Kerry White, Lynn Willyard, Shelly Worden, Shawn Yeiter, Tenley Ysseldyke.

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Saranac area
plotter entries

Michigan State Police report that Paul Nickell Jr., 4063 Bluewater Hwy. paid \$24 for speeding and \$24 after pleading guilty to having no proof of insurance.

Ross Haverstick, Hawley Hwy. was fined \$20 for speeding. Clifford Hetrick, 7555 Peck Lake Rd., was fined \$18 for improper registration.

Stephen Estes of 5174 Jayles Road pleaded guilty to minor possession and was fined \$44. Harvey Noon Jr. of 6424 Jayles Rd. pleaded guilty to minor possession and was fined \$44.

Ionia County Sheriff's deputies reported that Loren Dye, 4756 Grand River was fined \$20 for speeding. Paul Vells of 7738 MacArthur Rd. was fined \$20 for speeding.

It's a
birthday party!

A very special birthday party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. in the Saranac High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Honored will be Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House on the Prairie" books. William Anderson, a guide from the Wilder Memorial Society of DeSmet, S. Dakota will give a slide show of the sites of all the Wilder books.

The event is sponsored by the Saranac Public Library. There will be refreshments, a course.

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This is an extension of the annual "Salute to Agriculture" program. The main emphasis this year will be the "Efficient Use of Energy For Agriculture And Home Consumption."

Experts in the field of energy conservation will conduct individual sessions that will include topics on Gasohol, Solar Energy, Utilizing Wood for Energy, Microwave Cooking, etc. Those attending will be able to select sessions from 15-18 topics being offered.

Events are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3:30 p.m. The sessions will all be held at the Ionia High School, 433 Union Street.

IN THE NUMBERS
The 1980 census will employ more than 250,000 temporary employees to collect 3.3 billion answers from 222 million U.S. residents spread over 3.6 million square miles in about 80 million households.

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All applicants must pass a written test and must be able to communicate effectively with the public. Enumerators must be physically fit for the job.

All interested persons should contact the 1980 Census District Office at 640 Keeler Building, 60 N. Division, Grand Rapids, (616) 458-2857.

GREEN BEARS?
Scientists were puzzled at first when three white polar bears at the San Diego Zoo turned green. A check-up revealed that algae growing in the bears' pool had found a safe home inside the bear's hollow hairs, explains the National Wildlife Federation.

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Cuddly Creatures for preschoolers

Senior Airman Brett R. Buckingham, son of Betty D. Buck of 1431 Carlton N.E. Grand Rapids, has been named outstanding squadron airman of the year at Hahn Air Base, West Germany.

Ferris State College has announced that eight area students have been named to the dean's list for Fall quarter. Those students have compiled a 3.25 grade point average in a minimum of 14 quarter hours of graded work.

Two area students were among those receiving degrees from Central Michigan University at the end of the Fall Semester. Laurie Carteng, 3343 Pettis NE, Ada earned her Bachelor of Applied Arts degree with majors in broadcast and cinematic arts, and political science.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS W. OF FEBRUARY 18 Mon., Feb. 18: Spaghetti or Lasagna, Red and White Salad, French Bread, Choice of Fruits, Milk.

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to prepare your income tax returns... and Kent County Libraries have help.

Times for the farm seminars to be held in Alto on Thursday, Feb. 14 and on Thursday, Feb. 21 have been changed to 8 p.m.

The 1980 census is such a big job that 228,600 dozen lead pencils are needed for the clerical operations—the equivalent of one pencil 345 miles long.

Time change for Alto seminars

Happy Birthday

February 14: Oleta Smith, February 15: Mark Klindt, Debbie VanderWall, February 16: Helen Johnson, Olen Miller, Anna Hamilton.

HEAVY LEAD The 1980 census is such a big job that 228,600 dozen lead pencils are needed for the clerical operations—the equivalent of one pencil 345 miles long.

LHS varisty lose two during the week

LHS grapplers down undefeated Sparta

The Lowell Varsity basketball teams lost a close one to Belding in overtime last Tuesday, 61-56.

Belding popped in the first four points. Good defense by the Redskins resulted in numerous turnovers for the Arrows.

Mike Kaye and Jeff Stormzand swished in 2 long shots. Belding came alive at the hoop as they ran up a ten point lead, 14-4 with 1:28 remaining on the clock.

Belding continued to maintain possession of the ball in the second quarter, but failed to score. Then at the 5:30 mark, Arrow Daryl Dumas took the Redskins by surprise with a steal to drive in a lay up.

Belding dropped in four points to increase their lead to 14, but Greg Machado stormed back for the Arrows as he tossed in four points.

The fourth quarter was a turn around for the Arrows as Wittenbach hit two at the line. Gary Ellison scored on a Redskin missed shot.

Turnovers were the Arrows' undoing as Belding went on to win 61-50.

The Arrows lost again on Friday to Coopersville Broncos 63-57.

A long shot by the Broncos started the first quarter off. Coopersville took control of the game as they scored two baskets for every one basket by Lowell.

The Broncos put in the first lay up in the second quarter, but the Arrows came back putting in the next ten points. The ball wavered back and forth for the next few minutes until the Broncos put in a long shot, but Gary Ellison and Jeff Stormzand pulled together as they sank four points to put the Arrows in the lead, 21-20.

For the remainder of the quarter the Arrows were scoreless as the Broncos pulled ahead 29-21 at the half.

Numerous fouls called against the Arrows kept the Broncos at the line where they made 16 of their twenty points of the quarter.



It wasn't for lack of trying that the Lowell Arrows varsity basketball team had to swallow another loss, this time at the hands of the Coopersville Broncos.

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By Jim Fitzgerald

As I boarded the bus to work, a woman I'd never met asked me: "Where was Terrible Jean last weekend?"

The woman had just read that morning's column in which I described the weekend my wife and I had spent in New Orleans with my sisters and their husbands.

Later that day, there were several phone calls asking the same question. Terrible Jean's fans insisted upon knowing why she wasn't included on the New Orleans trip.

When we were kids, Terrible Jean could terrorize entire neighborhoods simply by standing up straight.

Originally, Terrible Jean was listed among the tourists in that New Orleans column. I wrote a paragraph saying: "The youngest sister, Linda, has been a Texan for about two years now."

That paragraph didn't appear in the published column because of an editing made by me. Extensive editing was necessary because the original column was too long for its allotted space.

VDI means video display terminal. The words I type appear on a 12-inch screen and, by pressing a key, I send them to an editor or to God knows where.

I don't understand why so many readers who never met her are so fond of Terrible Jean. I have always portrayed her honestly as the brother-beating tyrant she has always been.

New Orleans provided a typical experience. In P. O'Brien's famous sing-along club, there were several people celebrating the 29th wedding anniversary of a Detroit couple.

She was, she was, she was. It would have been a terrible party without Terrible Jean. Actually, I held her dumb hand

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Lowell Icers cage Creston Bears 6-2



Arrow Steve Ries, #3, slipped by the Creston defense three times in the game Thursday to earn a hat trick. His second goal of the evening came just four seconds after he slipped in his first.

Lowell's Red Arrow hockey team had a tough time putting their game plan into action in the first two periods against the Creston Bears on Thursday, Feb. 7, but finally found the scoring line in the last period to pull out a 6-2 victory. Creston scored the only goal in the first period to give them a 1-0 lead for the period. The Bears scored again midway through the second period to take a 2-0 advantage. Lowell picked up their first goal with one minute left in the period on a

goal by Brad Shamblin with Bob McGrew assisting.

In the third period, Lowell's star center Steve Ries took the puck from the face-off and skated around the Bears' defense and scored unassisted to tie the score at 2-2. Ries slipped the same play past the Bears just four seconds later for another goal, unassisted.

The two quick Ries goals lit a fire for the rest of the team and Shamblin scored his second for the night with McGrew and Ries assisting. Arrow Paul Whaley skated the length of the ice with the puck and put in the unassisted goal. Ries found the line again and scored another unassisted goal to give him the hat trick. It also insured the 6-2 win for the Red Arrows. —Jay Vezina.

JV's take two in B-ball

The Lowell J.V. basketball team downed the Belding Redskins last Tuesday, 60-40.

A turnover by Belding gave the Arrows control of the ball as Phil Beachler swished in the first basket for the Arrows in the first quarter. At the 5:20 mark the Redskins broke through to sink their first bucket. The aggressive Arrows put the pressure on as Duke Burdette stole the ball allowing Beachler to drop in a lay up as they upped their lead to nine points, 11-2.

Belding came right back with two points, but Arrow Jeff Quiggle threw in four points from far court. The Redskins fought back to sink another 2 points followed by a Belding foul which put Quiggle at the stripe to score 1. The Arrows were ahead 16-6. At the end of the quarter the Arrows clinched a strong 18-6 lead.

The second quarter turned in favor of Belding as they outscored the Arrows 14-5, but the Arrows kept on their toes to hold their lead, 23-20 at the half.

The Arrows came alive again as Beachler stole the ball to drive in a lay up five seconds into the third quarter. Belding followed with a long shot. As Schrenk and Beachler tossed in the next four points, the Arrows had taken a nine point advantage 34-25, but with 2:48 left on the clock Belding swished in 2 long shots to narrow the gap by 5, 34-29. The Arrows came back strong as Quiggle dropped in four at the line. With 24 seconds left of the third Caldwell put in 4 points followed by two from Beachler increasing Lowell's lead 44-31.

Belding dropped the first four points of the quarter, but Quiggle countered with four for the Arrows. A three point play by Belding was followed by eight points from Caldwell and Lowery. Jack Smith popped in the last two points for the Arrows giving them a twenty point lead. The Arrows went on to win 60-40.

The J.V. basketball team also defeated the Coopersville Broncos last Friday, 51-42.

Bruce Yeiter put in lay up to get the Arrows rolling, but the Broncos came back as they threw in six points. By the 4:03 mark the Arrows led by 3, 19-16. Tom Caldwell stole the ball to put in a lay up, but Coopersville came back with two points. The Arrows led 25-20 at the end of the second.

The third quarter saw another fairly even quarter. Together Jeff Quiggle and Bob Schrenk put in six points as the Arrows led 35-27 at the end of the third. By the fourth quarter the Arrows took total control of the game as Bruce Yeiter stole the ball. A technical foul called against the Broncos put Caldwell and Schrenk at the line for Arrows to sink one each. Duke Burdette dropped in another two at the line. The Arrows went on to win 51-42.

Bob Schrenk led the Arrows with fifteen points and five rebounds. Duke Burdette added 14 points. Jeff Quiggle had 8 rebounds. —K. Lambert.

School board, continued

A recent Child Accounting Audit by state officials also received some board attention. The state auditor, who spent three days in the district, stressed that teacher attendance records hold the most weight in the state. While these records had originally been audited by the County, some adjustments were made by the State.

Board members scheduled a public meeting for Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria for a discussion of plans for balancing elementary class loads. A special school newsletter will be sent to parents whose children might be affected by the change. The board plans to tackle this problem with parent and community participation.

Saranac topples two

Ben Tower had one of his best nights ever and with his 45 points tied a school scoring record to pace the Redskins to a 71-67 win over Grand Rapids Baptist Academy.

Scott Metternick was the only other Redskin in double figures, with 11, but Tower's offensive display was enough to offset the Mustangs' balance. Five players scored in double figures for the Grand Rapids team.

Tower started slowly, missing several easy chances in the first quarter, but managed 18 of his team's 33 first-half points. But the 6-8 senior went to work in earnest in the second half, and finished with a bang, scoring 17 of his squad's 24 fourth-quarter points.

Tower hit both ends of a two-shot intentional foul in the final five seconds to tie the game, and tie the school record, which was set last year by Kevin Theisen.

The teams were tied after one quarter, at 16, but only after Saranac clamped on a zone trap press to come back from a 12-4 deficit. But the Academy came back to lead by eight at the half, 41-33. Saranac cut that lead to seven, 54-47 in the third quarter, setting the stage for Tower's onslaught.

Saranac hit for 57 percent of its field goal attempts, with Tower hitting on 20 of 32 tries for 62.5 percent.

The win puts Saranac's record at 12-2 on the year while the loss evens Grand Rapids' record at 6-6.

Portland did all it could to stop Ben Tower and his steamrolling teammates, but the effort was in vain as Saranac whipped Portland, 57-39, Friday night.

The Red Raiders tried to 'let a little air out of the ball' by slowing down the Saranac pace, but Tower still managed to score 22 points, grab 22

rebounds, dish off five assists and make four steals. Tower was aided by teammates Scott Metternick, who hit for 12 points and Ted Heilman, who dropped in 11 tallies.

Saranac didn't assume the lead until the second quarter, a period which saw Saranac race out to a 19-8 advantage and go into halftime with a 23-16 bulge. In fact, Saranac's scoring didn't begin in earnest until the second quarter because in the first five-and-a-half minutes of the opening quarter, Saranac couldn't register a single point on the scoreboard.

By the 3:40 mark of the final quarter, Saranac had pushed its margin to 20, 51-31, and the Redskins kept that margin of comfort until the bitter end, en route to their 13th win in 15 starts, and their ninth win in 10 league games.

Portland is now 1-9 in the conference.

Saranac hit 25 of its 53 field goal attempts and seven of 13 free throws, while Portland only made 17 field goals and five of 11 charity tosses.

DNR report

Once again winter has returned, replacing our unseasonably fair winter weather. Temperatures in the teens to single figures, winds with snow and freezing rain are predicted through the weekend.

Mild temperatures and rain have made ice on district lakes unsafe and many have open water again.

Boats have replaced ice shanties, with some brave fishermen venturing onto thin ice.

In Muskegon Lake, pike are being taken from boats using minnows and a bobber. On Bear Lake, Muskegon County, perch can be taken jigging with wax worms, and specs using minnows.

Bostwick Lake has the best ice in Kent County with some bluegills and perch being taken. Reeds Lake boasts better fishing but poor ice.

SHS spikers earn tourney title

Saranac's girls varsity volleyball team is riding high after a string of victories last week.

On Monday, Feb. 4, Saranac dusted off Portland in two games and vindicated their earlier season loss. Scores were 15-10 and 15-3. Sophomore Barb Snay is turning into something of a star as she made 19 of 21 spikes pay off. Monty Hayden had 7 points, Deb Schneider and Diane Hubbard had 8 for the matches. Saranac is now in second place in the conference with Portland still in first.

On Friday, Feb. 8, Saranac met another rival, Lakeview, and put them away in two games, 15-7 and 15-7. Schneider served 15 and made 14 points in a row, with 17 points total. Saranac surprised Lakeview with a tailor-made defense for the Lakeview brand of volleyball, and it was obviously successful.

On Saturday, Saranac emerged from a 10-team tournament at Porterville with wins in 11 of 13 games for the tournament championship.

The 10-team tournament, which featured an all-Class D lineup, included competition from Porterville, Tekonsha, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Dansville, Morenci, Fowler, Morrice, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, was run on two

courts simultaneously with five teams playing in a round-robin on each court. Each team played two games against each of the other four teams sharing the court, with the best two from each court advancing to a best-of-three playoff series.

Saranac started its championship run with a decisive 15-9, 15-5, win over Morenci in the first matchup. The Redskins then defeated Morrice, 15-10, 15-11, and Fowler, 15-6, 15-6, before their initial meeting with number one seed Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Michigan Lutheran, which Saranac coach Annette Schneider said finished third in the Class D state rankings last year, gave the Redskins quite a match. Saranac won the first game, 15-7, but Michigan Lutheran came back with a vengeance in the second, winning 15-12.

In the opening round of the playoffs, Saranac ousted a solid Porterville team, 15-12, 10-15, 15-11.

Saranac, seeded fourth before the tournament began, again met Michigan Lutheran in the championship, and this time, the Redskins swept their opponent in two straight, 15-4, 15-11.

"Each one of the girls played really well," beamed Saranac head coach Annette Schneider.

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Specials boost Feb. mail

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tines will be mailed nationwide, second only to Christmas and New Year seasonal greetings. And school teachers, not sweethearts, will receive the most Valentines, according to greeting card makers.

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New services at Center

Two new services are being introduced in the program of Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 214 East Main Street.

On the third Thursday of the month, Feb. 21, legal assistance will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Senior Neighbors, Inc. has planned this program with the cooperation of the Lawyer Referral Service of the Grand Rapids Bar Association. In order to provide legal services at nominal fees to older adults who could not normally afford these services, an attorney will be available at the Center for one hour each month. Consultation will be free of charge; fees will be charged for some services. Appointments may be made by calling 897-5250.

The American Red Cross has trained volunteer nurses to conduct a health screening program, including blood pressure readings, blood tests for anemia, checks of height, weight, vision and respiration, urine test and health counseling. Appointments must be made for the screening which will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The nurse will be at the Center from one until four on February 26.

On February 19 the Center will mark its sixth anniversary and will honor its volunteers. Following dinner at noon, a special program will feature Sally Scobey, WOTV news reporter. As part of the celebration the participants

have completed a quilt; raffle tickets on the quilt will be sold to the public during February.

The 1980 census will be the subject of a program presented by Mary Lou Lewis on February 26 at 1 p.m. Mrs. Lewis is a community service specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. She will show slides and explain the census process. All programs and services of Lowell Senior Neighbors are available to area residents over 60.

Ski Hi honored by State Police

Alto's Ski Hi React C.B. club received certificates of appreciation from the Department of State Police recently for their efforts in making Operation C.A.R.E. a success.

J.E. Colby and D.L. Risher of Ski Hi accepted the honors for their club from Lt. Clayton Babcock, Post Commander, and Lt. Bruce Smith, Asst. Post Commander, both of the Rockford Post. Three other area C.B. clubs were also honored.

The goal of a smooth flow of holiday traffic at lower speed than non-holiday weekends was accomplished making Operation C.A.R.E. a success in every aspect. Operation C.A.R.E. included more patrols, radio safety announcements and active citizen band radio clubs serving coffee and cookies at rest areas.

Letters

Dear Editor:

The Lowell Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who helped so willingly to make the Lowell Invitational Wrestling Tournament a success.

There are many individuals who worked long hours and advised us in many areas—these we would like to thank. Also, Eberhard's, Gary's, Country Meats, Coca Cola Co., and Kropf's Orchards supported our athletes. We thank you all for your support and cooperation.

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Poster entries sought

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Artists from Kent and the surrounding counties of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo and Ottawa are invited to enter their poster designs in the annual competition.

Winner of the 1980 contest will enter the "Hall of Fame" with three other winning interpretations of the

Festival and will receive \$200. Artists are limited to one entry per person.

Entries must be 22" x 36" and must include the artist's name, address and phone number on the back of the poster.

Entries should be delivered to Kendall School of Design, 1110 College N.E., Grand Rapids, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 12, 13 or 14.

The winning poster will become the property of the Grand Rapids Area Arts Council.



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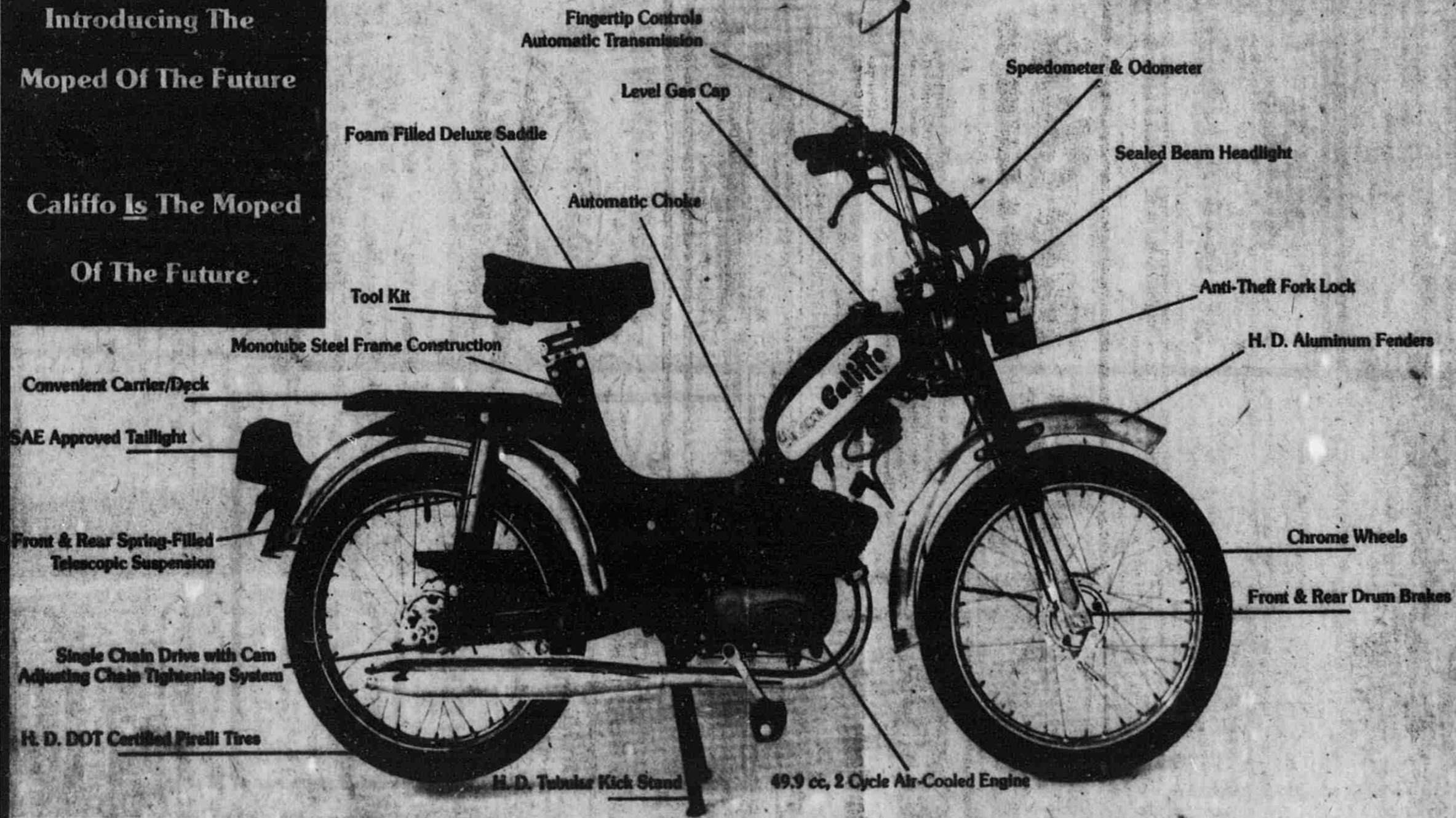
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New business group formed

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, City Manager Ray Quada will speak to the newly formed Lowell Area Business Association. According to LABA spokesman Larry Keiser, Quada will discuss with the group what the City hopes to accomplish through revision

of the 1966 Master plan, the community's growth patterns, zoning, parking, water and sewer, and other topics.

The new group has met twice in the last month with attendance rising from a handful to almost 30 business people at the January 30 meeting held at Keiser's. Founders of the association hope that the next meeting will show another significant increase in participation. The meeting is scheduled for Paul's Showboat Restaurant on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

Keiser extended an invitation to all area business people saying, "Anyone interested in seeing Lowell thrive and not just survive in the eighties should plan to attend."

GOING SOUTH

The 1980 census will probably be the first census since the Civil War to record that blacks moving to the South outnumber those leaving.

Arts Council play to run four nights

With four nights of production, Feb. 20-23, and three different admission fees ranging from one to three dollars, the Lowell Area Arts Council's production of "The Haunting of Hill House" should please families and individuals on any budget.

Students and senior citizens are especially urged to attend the 7:30 dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Admission is only \$1 and can be paid at the door. Thursday night is also a bargain at \$2 a ticket. These tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at That Special Place or the Ledger.

"The Haunting of Hill House", a drama in three acts, offers suspenseful entertainment to the serious playgoer, as well as to those who love a mystery dealing with the supernatural.

Cheryl Bodgett, Lowell Middle School counselor, plays Eleanor, a neurotic young woman who draws the



Everyone's worried about Eleanor . . . There's something evil about Hill House . . . The audience should be on the edge of their seats when the LAAC presents a thriller, "The Haunting of Hill House", Feb. 20 through Feb. 23.

Pictured in rehearsal are cast members [L-R]: George Dey, Melissa McLaury, Charlie Doyle, Cheryl Bodgett (Eleanor), Keith Swenk and Pat Covell. Kathy Conrad, not pictured, completes the cast line up.

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cast through a haunting experience.

Others in the cast, directed by Kim Hoag, are Kathy Conrad, Pat Covell, George Dey, Charlie Doyle, Melissa McLaury and Keith Swenk.

Friday and Saturday nights' performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets for these nights are \$3 and, as was reported in last week's Ledger, they are going fast. These seats must be reserved in advance. For reservations contact the box office at 897-5658 or stop in at That Special Place or the Ledger office.

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Olson promoted at Attwood

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Olson is married and the father of three children. They reside in Comstock Park, suburb of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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