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## Tisch here Monday

Two other speakers with expertise in the area of taxation are slated to share the podium with Robert Tisch, sponsor of the controversial Tisch amendment on Monday evening, Mar. 17. Dr. Gerald Miller, Director of the Department of Man-

agement and Budget of the State of Michigan, and Robert VanderMark, Chairman of the State Tax Commission, will also be speaking on taxation.

The meeting will be held at the Lowell Middle School at 8 p.m. and is billed as a tax-

payer's informational meeting. Roger Odell, Vergennes Township supervisor, is organizing the meeting.

**Editor's Note:** See Vergennes Township Supervisor Roger Odell's statements regarding this meeting. His comments appear under "Letters To The Editor" on page 11.

## Two board seats open

Two seats on the Lowell School Board expire this term and petitions for filling the vacancies are available at the Board of Education offices in the Lowell Middle School.

Expiring are the terms of Wayne Dowling and Dr. James Dumas who was named to serve the unexpired portion of Mrs. Judy Jansma's term.

The seats are for four year terms and any registered voter in the Lowell School District is qualified to run for the office. Petitions must contain a minimum of 20 names of registered voters in the district and be returned to the Board offices by Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m.

The election will be held on June 9, 1980.

For more information on the petition process, call the Board office, 897-8415.

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## Above the Board

### Elementary boundaries changed, new band uniforms purchased

With a little luck, and with many thanks to the efforts of the Band Boosters, the community, and the board of education, senior high school band members will be attired in new uniforms, both for marching events and concerts, in the fall of this year.

At Monday night's board meeting at Alto, board members voted to purchase uniforms and foul-weather gear at a low bid price of \$27,892.24. Band boosters have raised about \$13,000 toward their \$15,000 goal, which will be donated towards the purchase. Outlining plans for other money-raising activities this year, Band Booster Vice-President Phyllis Lessens asked that the board consider a purchase of sweat-ers for the middle school music students.

At the sparsely-attended meeting, the board also passed a motion endorsing the major adjustment in elementary attendance areas. This change has received much publicity and some opposition as expressed at the public meeting on March 3.

Superintendent Kelly reiterated that this would be a fluid line and individual problems worked out as much as possible.

Kelly reported that Lowell Township has assessed school property on Alden Nash at \$3,000, with the school filing an objection under statutes contained in the School Code of 1976.

The board then approved the budget to be submitted to the Kent County Allocation Board, along with a resolution requesting a variable millage for the school district. Kelly reported that the district would not actually receive the 10.1 mills requested, but 9.96 because of the Headlee Amendment rollback.

Gary Kemp, senior high school principal, urged the board to consider and act upon favorably at the next meeting, a one-semester required course in Consumer Education. Kemp stressed the importance of the course in these times of inflation and stated that the present elective status is "cheating

those who do not choose to take it." Kemp continued that parents and employers have endorsed such class that would familiarize Lowell students with the economic world.

The Lowell district presently faces a rather bleak situation as far as driver education cars are concerned, reported Kelly. Zeigler Ford has offered one car, with Thomets willing to provide two. This brings a total of 6 cars available, with 10 necessary for the state-mandated summer driver education program. Administrators are continuing to negotiate with local agencies for additional vehicles.

A lengthy agenda was concluded in record time, adjournment taking place at 8:40 p.m.

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### HAVE A MUFFIN

Jimmy's Grill, home of the blueberry muffin, will reopen on Sunday, March 23 serving fine family food from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jimmy Still and Donald Holmes have worked their fingers to the bone getting the restaurant remodeled. Area residents have pestered Still to reopen since the tragic fire several years ago took the life of his father and gutted the family business.

### MARCH, MICHIGAN, MESSY

March roared in like the proverbial lion and is proceeding to make a mess of things. Snow and icy roads have made early morning driving hazardous. Sunshine by noon turns the mess to slop and high winds by quittin' time make walking to the car hazardous. The promise of spring and the reality of winter in one day means Mother Nature is a tease.

Don't forget that next Monday is St. Patrick's Day. Take a prechaun to lunch.

### TIE DOWN SHOWBOAT

You read that right. Tie down the Showboat. It's Tornado Safety Week March 16-22. Most tornadoes occur in April, May, June and July so the media blitz is on this month to make you aware of the danger and what should be done in a "Watch" or "Warning" situation. It's especially important to discuss safety procedures with your children.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Angela Ritzema was struck broadside by a juvenile driver in an accident on Amity and Mercer last Tuesday morning, Mar. 4, when the youth failed to yield at the posted intersection.

Three 14-year-old shoplifters were apprehended in Johnson's supermarket on Thursday, March 6, about noon. David R. Stevens sustained minor injuries in a one-car accident on Oberley Drive at Grand River early Saturday morning. Stevens lost control of his vehicle as he rounded a curve and struck a guard rail. He sought his own treatment for injuries.

The breaking and entering of Mel's Bar on West Main St. Sunday morning was reported to Lowell officers. Taken as the night's receipts from a safe. No forced entry was evident and the investigation continues.

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## Curtain up on one-acts Friday

Lowell High School Drama Club will present an evening of comedy and drama to chase away the winter blahs on Friday, March 14. Curtain time for the four one-act plays is 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

The four one-acts to be performed are: "Of Mice and Men", "Barrel of Monkeys", "Of Winners and Losers", and "The Feast."

Donations at the door will be used for future productions and improvements to the stage.

The young people have invited the community to attend. Ivan Haney is Drama Club sponsor and drama coach.

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Ann Pivers and Steve DeNolf are in the cast of the one-act play "Of Winners and Losers" to be presented on Friday, March 14 at the Senior High auditorium. There will be four one-acts and curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS** — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days, Lowell, 897-7506. c18

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**DAVIES** — Margaret A. Davies, age 60, of Hudson, Fla., formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away March 10, 1980.

She is an alumni member of Seton Hall University of Orange NJ.

She is survived by her husband Leo; three sons, Michael F. of Norwich CN, Leo N. Jr. of Ann Arbor, Walter L. of Islamorada, FL; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Pickens of Islamorada, FL, Mrs. Yvonne M. Page of East Orange, NJ, Mrs. Agnes Murphy of NJ, and Mrs. Maureen Ormiston of Bloomfield Hills; and three grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell, with Rev. Ernest J. Bernott celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery.

The family will meet friends Wednesday, March 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Relatives and friends will recite the rosary at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Davies lies in state at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

**BUTLER** — Mrs. Rose Butler, aged 78, of 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, passed away Friday, Mar. 7, 1980.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Kenneth and Clara Wingeier of Lowell; a brother, Tony Kropf of Lowell; a sister, Mrs. Olive Wood of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Dr. Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lowell Congregational Church.

**DUTCHER** — Mr. Maynard R. Dutcher, aged 84, of

Whitneyville Road, Alto, passed away early Wednesday morning March 5, 1980 at the Butterworth Hospital. Mr. Dutcher was the Manager of the Caledonia Lumber Yard for many years, retiring 20 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Celesta M. Dutcher; three sons, John E. also of Alto, Donald L. of Caledonia and Frank L. Dutcher of Freeport; one daughter, Mrs. Michael (Eivis) Sheehan also of Alto; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon with Rev. Adam Chryowski officiating. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery. Masonic services under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge No. 387 F & A.M. were conducted Thursday evening.

**KUCZYNSKI** — Anthony J. Kuczynski, aged 61, of Jenison, Veteran of WWII, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday morning, Mar. 7, 1980. He was a retired employee of American Seating Co.

Surviving are one brother and two sisters, Andrew Kuczynski of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Howard (Stella) Malcolm of Lowell and Mrs. Charles (Leone) Vanderwood of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral mass was celebrated Monday in the Basilica of St. Adalbert. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

**VREDEVELD** — John Vredevelde, aged 77, a resident of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday noon, Mar. 8, 1980 at Osteopathic Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Edith; two daughters and one son, Mrs. Easley (Anna) Haywood of Big Rapids, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Yeagley of Grand Rapids, Albert Donald Vredevelde of Tecumseh; a stepson, William Gunn of Plymouth, MI and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Tom (Beulah) Babinski of Cedar Rapids, IO; two other stepsons, Allen

VandeVoren of Jenison, Ronald VandeVoren of Lake City, FL; three other stepdaughters, Mrs. Herbert Sturdivant of Kent City, Mrs. Arthur Veldhuis of Kentwood, Mrs. Royle Baillard of Alto; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clarence Vredevelde of Jenison, Albert Vredevelde of Hudsonville; two sisters, Mrs. Cyrus Bystra of Beaverdam and Mrs. Clarence Koetje of Galewood; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Glennis Vredevelde of Caledonia and Mrs. Betty Vredevelde of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday morning, Rev. Edwin Lawrence and Rev. Ted Johnson officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Those desiring, may send memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

**SEELYE** — Nichole E. Seelye, darling 2 month old daughter of Wayne and Sue Seelye of Clarksville, passed away very suddenly Saturday morning, Mar. 18, 1980 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

Also surviving are a brother and sister, Richard and Sarah Seelye; her grandparents, John and Naomi Belle and William Seelye all of Alto.

The funeral service was held Tuesday morning.

**HUTSON** — Mr. Wilfred F. Hutson, aged 63, of 2623 Meyer, Wyoming, went to be with his Lord unexpectedly Sunday, March 9, 1980.

Surviving are his wife Esther; his children, Bill and Barb Hutson of Wyoming, Suzanne Hutson of Wyoming, Bruce Hutson of Kentwood, Debra and Clare Harrington of Wyoming, Gary Hutson at home; nine grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Mrs. Marie Turner of Wyoming, Mr. Albert Mar of Wyoming, Mr. John Mar of Wyoming, Mrs. Jacqueline Sorenson of Lowell; Mrs. Lois Colby of Sparta; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday, 1 p.m. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

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**THURS., MAR. 13:** Parent-Teacher Club of Bushnell School will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Kiva. Principal Dave Burdette will meet with members.

**FRI., MAR. 14:** Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES at Lowell Masonic Temple 8 p.m. Remember your Estaral donation.

**MON., MAR. 17:** Music Boosters will meet in the Middle School-Band room at 7 p.m. Parents, please help with the finishing touches on the Gong Show.

**MON., MAR. 17:** Irish Stew Supper with homemade breads and green desserts, at the Saranac High School Cafeteria serving from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 kids under 12, under age 4 are free. Sponsored by Saranac H.S. Art Club.

**MON., MAR. 17:** Lowell American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Club rooms at 7 p.m. Bring a donation for the White Elephant Sale. Guests are welcome.

**TUES., MAR. 18:** Runciman first grade girls and their mothers will meet at 3 p.m. in Runciman School to learn about Blue Birds, the first division of Camp Fire. If interested, but unable to attend, call Betty Coons, 897-7159 or Marilyn Keim, 897-9886.

**TUES., MAR. 18:** Alto Parents Club to meet at 7:30 p.m. Spring Carnival work session. Babysitting provided.

**Mar. 19, 26 and APR. 2:** Lowell YMCA will sponsor Lenten book reviews. The public is invited to the Y rooms at 9:45 for coffee; the programs will begin at 10. On March 19, Phyllis Bieri

will review "Go Out In Joy" by Nina Herrmann; on March 26, Priscilla Lussmyer will present Paul L. Maier's "The First Easter", and on

April 2, Patty Gunn will discuss "My Mother/My Self", by Nancy Friday, and "Of Woman Born", by Adrienne Rich.

**WED., MAR. 19:** Bushnell first grade girls and their mothers will meet at 3 p.m. in the Kiva to learn about Blue Birds, the first division

of Camp Fire. If interested, but unable to attend, call Betty Coons, 897-7159 or Marilyn Keim, 897-9886.

**FRI., MAR. 21:** Lowell Music Boosters Gong Show at the Middle School. Tickets available at the door: 50¢ pre-school, \$1.50 students, \$2.50 adults.



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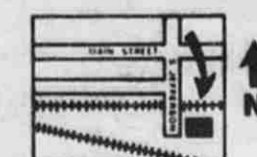
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by Pauline E. Spray

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Immediately her pastor said, "Why, I'm surprised at you. I never thought I'd hear you say a thing like that!" His rebuff made a lasting impression on her. Never again did she resort to public admission of discouragement.

Her lesson should be a lesson for all. Depressing times are bound to come. But we must beware lest our gloom causes another to despair also. The least sign of discouragement in our lives may cause another's spiritual death. One flare of discouragement may give the enemy the victory. When it comes to moments like these, "don't strike a match."

Prayer: O Lord, let me never succumb to discouragement.

agement. Grant that I may never "strike the match" that would give the enemy the victory. When trials come, cause me to flee to Thee for refuge until the storm has passed. Amen. How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe, I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my woe!

How often, when trials like sea-billows roll, Have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul. William Orcutt Cushing

### Book club folders due

Cabin Fever Book Club readers are being asked to turn in their folders at the Library before March 21, 1980. The folders will be received and prizes awarded at an after school movie on March 25 at 4 p.m.

"Best Sellers" of the newest records are available at Lowell Library.

These records are available for 10c per week.

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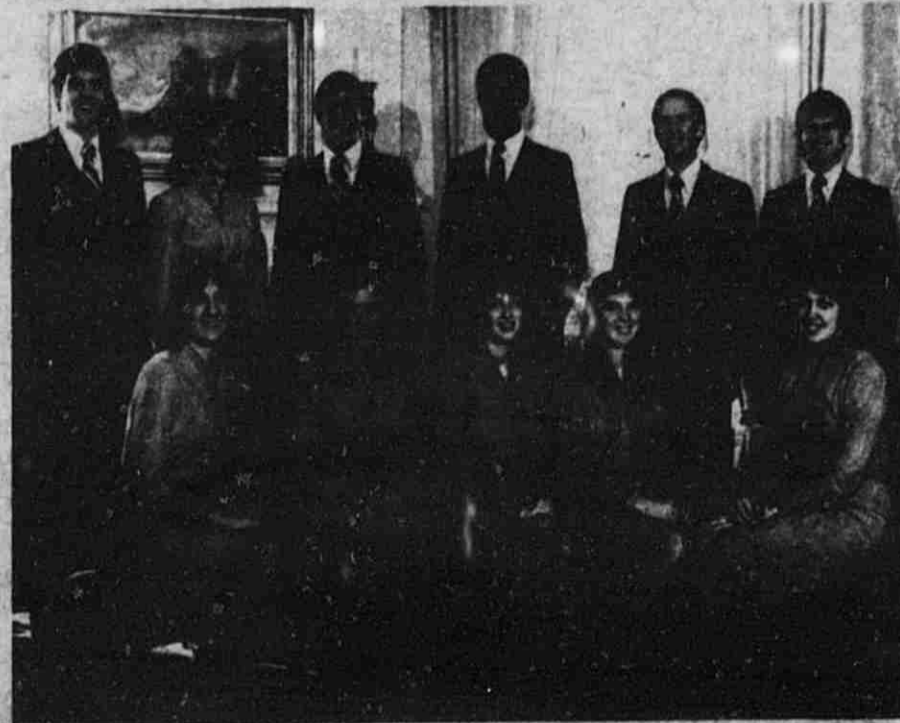
## College youth in concert at 1st Baptist

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, will be ministering at First Baptist Church in Lowell on Sunday, March 16, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

This team of twelve college students is designed to aid the local church in its community outreach and will provide a sacred concert featuring hymn arrangements, selections from cantatas, and traditional favorites.

In addition to special music, the Swordbearers total action ministry includes children's programs using puppets, visitation, youth rallies, and discussion seminars dealing with Biblical principles concerning self-concept, interpersonal relations, and private Bible study.

Cedarville College is a Baptist College of the arts and sciences located in west central Ohio.



First Baptist Church of Lowell will host the Swordbearers, a group of college students from Cedarville, Ohio, in a sacred concert on Sunday, March 16.

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### "Go Out In Joy" next Review

"Go Out In Joy", by Nina Herrmann, is the book which Phyllis Bieri has chosen to review on the morning of Wednesday, Mar. 19, at the Lowell YMCA. In this true story a young woman, a hospital chaplain, comes to have a fuller understanding of life and death as she develops relationships with the small children who are patients. She grows as a

carer, feeling human being and becomes aware of God, infinite love working even through sorrow and tragedy.

The following two reviews in the Lenten Series will be given in the YMCA lounge on the mornings of March 2 and April 2, at 10 a.m. Priscilla Lusmyer and Pat Gunn will present these programs. The committee will serve coffee each morning, 9:45, and all interested persons are invited to share these gatherings at no expense.

### Movie at Nazarene Church

The community is invited to attend a full length movie at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 209 N. Washington on Saturday evening, Mar. 22 at 7 p.m.

The movie, "A Thief in the Night", is in full color and concerns the second coming of Christ.

### OPEN LETTER

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### Honored on 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Tichelaar will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on March 18.

Their children are: Henry and Evelyn Tichelaar, Minnie Loving of Reed City, Arthur and Helen Green, Larry and Sharon Tichelaar, Robert and Theresa Schrier Brutus, Clarence and Grace Meines, James and Virginia Tichelaar. There are grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

The Ada Community Reformed Church families helped celebrate with a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 9.

**LOWELL LIBRARY OPEN HOURS**  
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 Saturdays: 10-5:30  
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### They're engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Prins Sr. of Alto announce the engagement of their daughter Linda, of Saranac, to Mr. David Hochkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hochkins of Northville. A June 21 wedding is planned.

### To wed on folks' anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lachniet, former Clarksville residents, now of Colbran, CO., are pleased to make known

the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lori Lynn, to Rocky D. Curtis of N.M., son of Mrs. Carl Miller of Okla., and Mr. Lloyd Curtis of N.M. Lori is a 1977 graduate of Lakewood High School and attended Bob Jones University, and Hesston Mennonite College.

Her fiancé served six years in the U.S. Navy, is a 1979 graduate of David Wilkerson's Teen Challenge, and is presently attending Hesston College, majoring in Bible. He plans to be a counselor for troubled youth upon his completion of college. The couple has chosen her parents' anniversary, June 22, as their wedding date, to be held at Alto Baptist Church.

### Appointment told

The appointment of Kris J. McKeague as Manager of Advertising and Sales Promotion was announced today by James C. Gerondale, president of IIT Life Insurance Corporation.

Ms. McKeague will be responsible for the development, implementation and coordination of company advertising and sales promotion within the Marketing Services Department. Prior to joining IIT Life, Ms. McKeague was Manager of Sales Promotion at the First Bank Systems in Minneapolis, MN. A native of Lowell, Ms. McKeague is a graduate of the University of Michigan when she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1974.

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### Women's workshop to be held

An Awareness Day for Women, a day-long seminar, will be offered free of charge as a public service to interested women on Wednesday, March 19, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., by Medical Park East in cooperation with Women's Resource Center.

The following workshops will be conducted by members of Women's Resource

Center's staff: From Home to Job: Putting Your Many Skills to Work; The Right Fit: Matching Personal Interests to the Employment Scene; and Assert Yourself!, an assertiveness training workshop. The workshops have been designed to help women identify the employable skills they've developed as homemakers and to acquaint them with job market possibilities.

Following a complimentary luncheon and film will be a presentation by Medical Park East outlining the many educational and employment opportunities available at its associated health care facilities.

The program will be held at Heather Hills Retirement Village, 1055 Forest Hill Ave. SE. Free babysitting and lunch will be provided for children ages 1 to 5. For additional information and to register for this free program, call Sharon Hallabrin, Eastmark "Jobs," 949-1161.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prins of Alto announce the arrival of their son Charles Richard, born on February 20. Proud grandparents are Ruth and Les Hoag, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Prins Sr. of Alto. Great-grandparents are Hattie Hoag of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prins of Cascade, and Mrs. E. R. Perkins of Indiana.

### Happy Birthday

March 15: Bob Strouse, Peter Barbachym, George Miller, Alex Rusilowski.

March 16: Alfrida Bing, Louise Weeks, Linda Keim, Vercel Boeve, Emma Oesch, Cindy Cornell, Ronda Carey, Irene Doane, Dale Johnson, Laurie Russ.

March 17: Brenda Venne-man, John R. Timpson, Flora Jean Beachum, Lorraine Meeuwisen, Dan Sarniak.

March 18: Beverly Merklinger, Linda Wood, Nancy Vandemere, Scott Dykhuizen, Gertrude Knoll, Emily Davis.

March 19: Jennie Snyder, Ed Anible, Johanna Hess, Bertha Good, Jeremy Barber, Terry Abel.

March 20: Dave Clark Sr., Effie Barger.

March 21: Richard Allan Johnson, Gary Yeiter, Bonnie Zeigler, Don Hansen, Joy Drayton, Flossie Barnhart, Ardis Barber, Phyllis Eckman.

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<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  1151 West Main Street - 897-8841</p> <p>REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT</p> <p>Worship Service 10 a.m. &amp; 9 p.m.                  Sunday School 11:15 a.m.                  Supervised Nursery During All Services</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL</b>                  201 North Washington Street                  REV. WILLIAM F. HURT</p> <p>Church School 10:00 a.m.                  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.                  Evening Service 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Mid-Week Service                  Jr., Teens, Adults 7:00 p.m.                  Nursery—Come &amp; Worship With Us</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  2275 West Main Street</p> <p>Early Service 8:30 a.m.                  Sunday School 9:45 a.m.                  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.                  Jr. High Youth Group 5:30 p.m.                  Evening Service 7:00 p.m.                  Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m.                  Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>DR. DARRELL WILSON - 897-5300</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  (Member United Church of Christ)                  North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-9309</p> <p>DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.                  Church School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>(Cribbery &amp; Nursery Provided)</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  621 E. Main Street - 897-7514</p> <p>Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.                  Church School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>GERALD R. BATES, MINISTER                  Donald L. Buege, Assoc. Minister</p> <p>"Running the Race"                  I Corinthians, 9:24-27                  Child Care During All Services</p>	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>                  2287 Sogwun, S.E.                  Lowell, Michigan</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.                  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MARK BUCKERT PASTOR                  Ron Moykkonen, Elder 897-9551</p>	<p><b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA)</b>                  2700 East Fulton Road</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 &amp; 10:45 a.m.                  Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PASTOR RAYMOND A. HEINE                  Asst. Pastor CHRISTOPHER D. ANDERSON</p> <p>Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>LOWELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b>                  3050 Alden Nash, S.E.                  (2 miles south of Lowell)</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.                  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.                  Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.                  Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>REV. ROGER E. KUBILIS, PASTOR                  Phone 897-7047</p> <p>Come Join Us In Worshipping In Spirit And In Truth</p>
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# Area Sports

## Lowell grappler ends GVSC season

Grand Valley State sophomore John Wilder finished the 1979-80 wrestling season with a 6-10 record. This season gave Wilder his first real experience in college wrestling since his wrestling days at Lowell high school. With sixteen matches under his belt, Wilder should be back next year to help the Lakers out wrestling in the 177-pound weight class.

## Arrows take Portland but lose semi-final

The Lowell Varsity basketball team beat the Portland Raiders in the first elimination round for districts held at the Lowell High School last Monday, March 3, 84-62.

The Raiders took the first lead but a three point play by Jon Bieri and two points from Greg Machado pulled the Arrows ahead at the 5:10 mark, 7-6. Numerous steals by Lowell kept the Raiders hopping. A steal by Mike Kaye allowed Mark Butterworth to score for the Arrows as they pumped in a ten point lead, 20-10. The quarter closed with Lowell leading 23-14.

It wasn't until the 6:02 mark in the second quarter that Dennis Malone dropped the first two points for Lowell. At the half the Arrows topped the Raiders, 35-22. Sparks were flying in the third quarter as the Arrows took total control of the game over the frustrated Raiders. A steal by Arrow Dave Wittenbach got Lowell rolling as they hustled up and down the court hitting the basket one after another until they upped their lead to 30 points, 54-24. With :46 remaining, Portland tossed in four points. The quarter ended with Portland trailing 32-58.

In the fourth quarter, the Raiders put the pressure on as they began to hit the baskets. Steve Doyle scored to pull out a 30 point lead again. The remainder of the quarter, both teams were hot at the rim as Portland outscored Lowell 30-26, but it wasn't enough for them to catch up. Lowell went on to win 84-62.

Jon Bieri led the Arrows with 18 points. Mike Kaye contributed 10 points and 20 rebounds. Dennis Malone also had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Dave Wittenbach had 6 assists.

The Lowell Varsity basketball team lost out on a chance for the district title when they were defeated by the Ionia Bulldogs last Wednesday, Mar. 5, 71-59.

Mike Kaye drove in the first two points for the Arrows to start off the first quarter, but the Bulldogs fought back with the next six points. Arrow Dave Wittenbach tried to stop Ionia's scoring spree with a lay up, but only managed to slow it down for the moment as the Bulldogs dropped in another 8 points to take a 10-point lead, 14-4. Good hustle by Ionia kept Lowell on their toes. The Bulldogs scored at the buzzer and took 20-8 lead to end the first quarter.

At the 6:34 mark in the second period Greg Machado put in the first two points for the Arrows as they trailed 10-23. With 3:46 remaining in the half Arrow Steve Doyle slowed down the action of the Bulldogs with a steal allowing Wittenbach to score. The ball changed hands for the rest of the quarter. Jon Bieri scored at the buzzer for the Arrows but they still trailed 23-41 at the half.

The third quarter was an even quarter for both as each team scored 10 points. At the end of the third Ionia topped Lowell 51-33.

The free-throw line saved the game for the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter as they made 12 of their 20 points at the strip. Even though the Arrows outscored Ionia 26-

20, too many fouls were called against Lowell to keep the Bulldogs from winning 71-59.

Senior Mike Kaye gave his all in his last game to lead the Arrows with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Greg Machado contributed 14 points. Junior Jon Bieri added 10 points and Senior Dave Wittenbach had six assists. The Arrows ended their season with a 6-14 record.—K. Lambert.

## Saranac bows to Fowler

Fowler took a game plan added a hot night on the boards and sprinkled it with an enthusiastic home town crowd to come up with the recipe for cooking the goose of the district giant, Saranac The Redskins were favored to take the match but the Eagles had other ideas. They snatched the semi-final win from Saranac, 76-59.

Fowler raced to a 21-18 lead at the end of the first period and held on by one point at the halfway mark 33-32. The third quarter was the beginning of the end as Fowler outscored Saranac 17-10. It didn't help that Lione Haskins and Ben Tower were on the bench for nearly half of that quarter.

Saranac played catch-up ball in the final period and paid for it with multiple fouls. Ten of the 26 points Fowler scored in the last quarter came at the charity strip.

Fowler hit 29 field goals and 18 of 32 free throws Saranac had 24 field goals and hit 11 of 21 free throws Ben Tower closed out his high school career with 21 points for the game with 14 rebounds and three assists. That point total gave him 58 for the season. Scott Metter nick had 12 points and Craig Coulson had 11.

Saranac finished the season with a 17-4 record. The brought their three-year record to 61-9.

# Area Sports

## Nagy Takes first in all-star tourney

Five Lowell High School wrestlers were invited to compete in the Grand Rapids Press All-Star Tournament held last Saturday at the Ford Field House. Competing were Dale Bieri, Bill Nagy, Greg Martinez, Jay Rickert and David Crisman.

The tournament was designed to pit the eight top wrestlers in the Greater Grand Rapids area in each weight class regardless of High School class, based on their records.

Dale Bieri, wrestling at 05 was eliminated from finishing in the top four on a lose 2-0 decision.

## Greenville

### akes district

Lowell hosted the playoffs for District No. 53 last week with the Lowell Red Arrows facing the Portland Raiders in the first game on Monday, Mar. 3, Lowell won 84-62. See related article. Bies were drawn for the first round by Greenville, Belding and Ionia.

The semi-finals played Tuesday, Mar. 4, pitted Greenville against Belding, Greenville, with a 9-10 record trounced Belding (3-16) with a hefty 60-46 score. Lowell faced Ionia on Wednesday and came up short. Ionia muscled their way to a 1-59 win and advanced to the district finals.

In finals play, Greenville topped Ionia 71-63 on Friday. Ionia's Jim Kliene had 22 points. Greenville's Mark Jasmussen scored 20 points and Steve Hansen chalked up 8. Greenville tipped the balance at the charity strip, especially in the last quarter.

In regional play, Greenville will take on Lakewood at Lakewood on Thursday, Mar. 3.

## Spikers end

### strong season

A long and prosperous season for the Saranac varsity volleyball team came to an abrupt halt Saturday in the first round of the Class D regional volleyball tournament at Martin when the Redskins lost to defending late champion Battle Creek T. Phillips, 4-15, 10-15.

"The girls played well," Saranac coach Annette Schneider said. "and I'm proud of them. We dug up a lot of their spikes and did well, but they won the Class D title last year and I don't see why they can't do it again this year. They're just a much better team."

Michigan State University, a national center for pest research, is the site of a new research facility for the S. Department of Energy.

Scientists at Michigan State University were among the first in the early 1970s to look for pesticide contamination in fish and birds.

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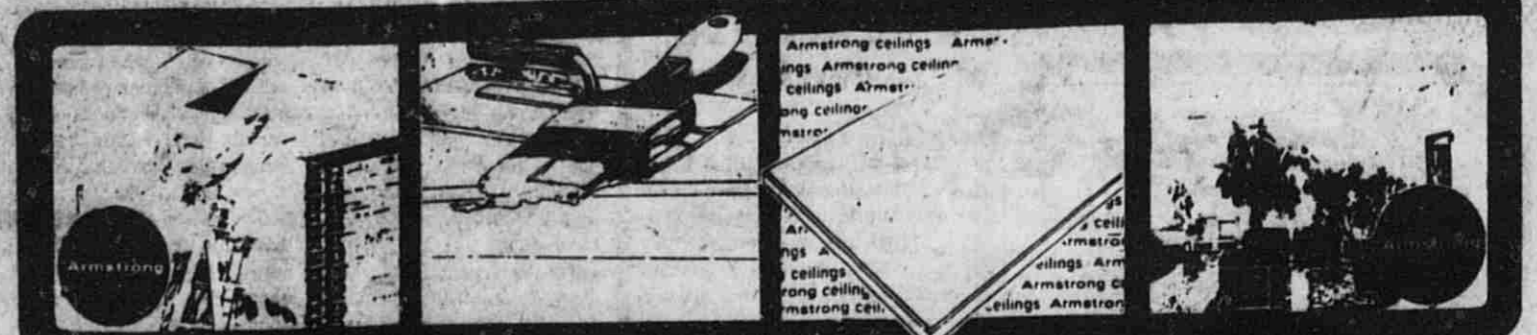
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## Saranac awaits HUD's OK on contractor

The selection of a building contractor for a 49-unit elderly housing complex at Mill Creek Meadows West was announced at a joint meeting of the Saranac Council and Housing Commission Thursday afternoon, Mar. 6.

According to Laurie L. Miller, executive director of the Saranac Housing Commission, the recommendation for a contractor was

submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Wednesday. She said she expects to learn whether HUD approves of the choice by March 19.

Max Tullis, Saranac village president, said the 49-unit complex will house elderly persons only. In the past, said Tullis, HUD required a certain ratio of family to elderly housing.

However, that is now no longer the case.

He said the selection of a contractor was made solely

## Irish supper next Monday

Saranac High School Art Club will serve an Irish Stew Supper with homemade breads and green desserts from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 17, at the Saranac High School Cafeteria.

by the Housing Commission. Tullis added he hopes for an April groundbreaking on the project.

## Skills center to host open house

The Kent Skills Centers' sophomore and parents open house night for Kent Intermediate School District students will be held March 25.

Programs at the College Avenue and East Beltline Skills Centers start at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Conducted classroom tours and briefing by instructional staff members highlight the night.

For the past several weeks, sophomore students from the District's 32 high schools have taken school tours at the two Skill Centers to see and study the programs in operation. Questions will be answered by Center officials and faculty members.

All Kent Intermediate School District students are eligible to take a daily 2 1/2 hour course at the Skills Centers. All courses grant credits towards graduation. Students are bused from their home high school daily. Students are also required to take classroom sessions in other courses at their own school during the day.

Students desiring to enroll in a Skills Centers' course should see their home high school counseling staff. Deadline is May 2 for next fall's openings.

A new two-year industrial mechanics course is being offered at the East Beltline Center starting this fall. The program is to provide job entry skills in one of the three areas: Diesel and Gas Engines, Agriculture and

Construction Mechanics, and Fork Lift Truck Mechanics. Courses offered at the College Avenue Center include: Accounting, Banking, Data Processing, Drafting, Electronics, Industrial Electricity, Nurse Aide, and Office Occupations.

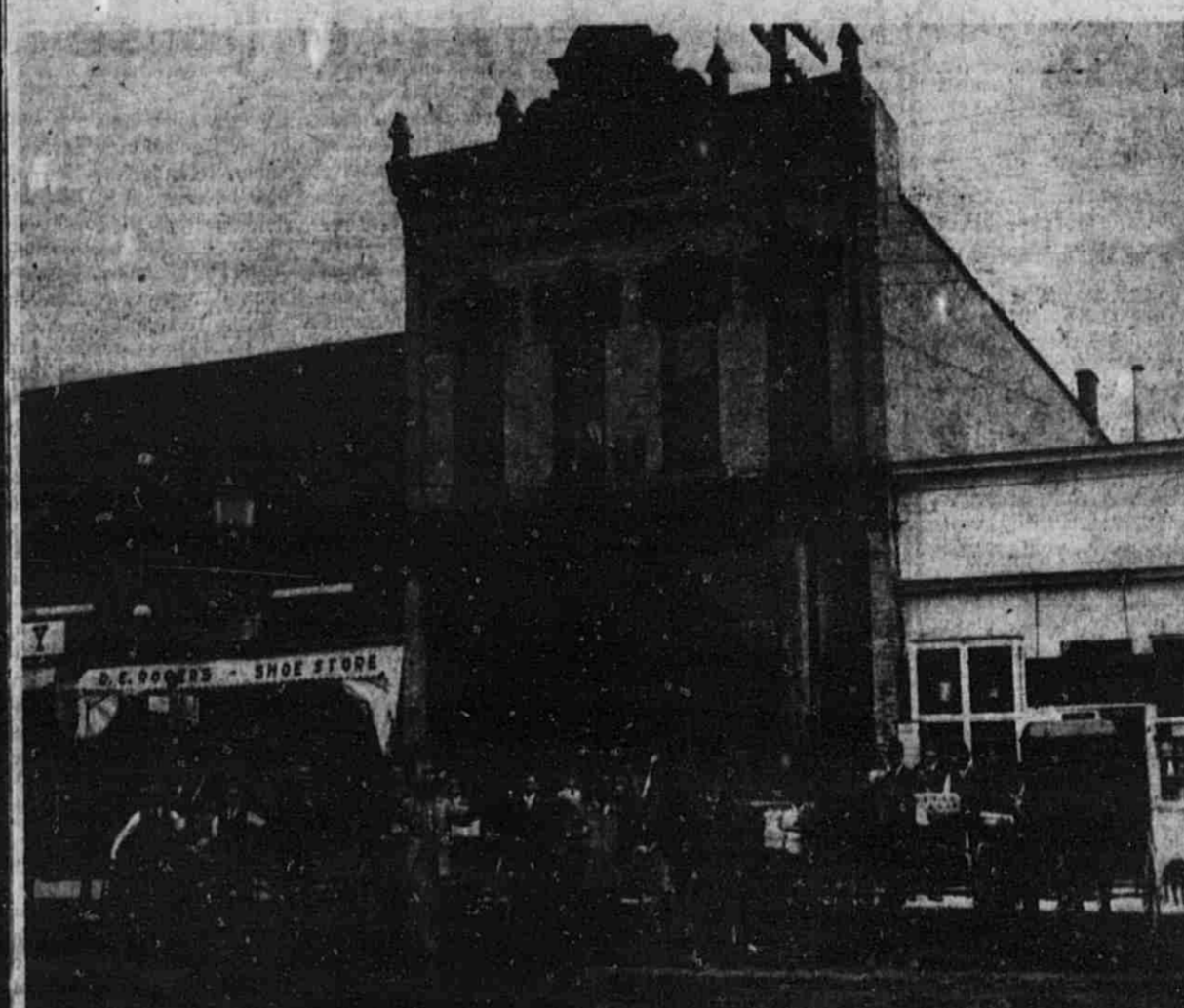
Twenty-four courses are offered at the East Beltline Center. They include: Advertising Art, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Baking, Building Maintenance, Child Care, Commercial Sewing, Cosmetology, Floral Design, Food Service, Furniture Manufacturing, Graphic Arts, Heating/Ventilation, Industrial Mechanics, Institutional Housekeeping, Landscape Gardening, Machine Metals, Power Mechanics, Residential Construction, Retail and Marketing, Sheet Metals, Upholstery and Welding.

### AVOID LONG LINES

Motorists must have their 1980 license plate tabs on their cars by April 3. Those who wait until the end of March to buy their tabs might wait in the longest lines in state history.

Tab sales so far this year are down 35 percent at Auto Club offices and 16 percent at Department of State Branches. Beginning with the 1981 license plate tabs, motorists will be able to avoid long lines since they must purchase tabs on or before their birthday.

# Lowell...in days gone



Mail used to be carried by horse and buggy in the Lowell area when the roads were passable. In the winter, the buggy wheels were replaced with sleigh runners. The Post Office was formerly housed on Main Street in the building now occupied by Hans Fischer's piano studio.

Lowell's Post Office used to be located on Main Street in the building now occupied by Hans Fischer's Piano Shop. Fischer loaned this print to the Ledger which shows the local mail carriers and their rigs lined up in front of the Post Office. We were unable to find out why or when this particular picture was taken.

Notes attached to the back of the photo explain that all rural mail carriers drove horses and buggies. In the winter, the wheels would be taken off and sleigh runners put on.

On the left side of the picture is Bill Kerekes who worked inside the Lowell P.O. for years. He is bare-

headed and wears a white shirt with black sleeve protectors.

The tall man next to him is Bill Flynn and the author of the notes questions whether he was ever a mail carrier. He is remembered as one who exercised and raced horses on the 4-H grounds.

The heavy-set man in the front is identified as Fred Barnes, a carrier for years and years. To his right, the tall man is Mr. Ford, a bachelor who worked inside the PO for many years.

The Post Master next to Ford was probably Guy Perry.

Periodically, the Ledger will be featuring old photos of Lowell as it was in days

gone by in preparation for Lowell's Sesquicentennial year of 1981 (that's 150 years, folks). Anyone who might be willing to share a bit of Lowell's history should call 897-9261.

## Computer study for h.s. seniors

Ferris State College is offering two sessions of a summer youth program introducing high school students to data processing and computer applications. Students who successfully complete the program also earn college credit.

The program is open to students entering their senior year of high school and who are maintaining a "C" average or better.

The sessions, offered June 16-20, and July 21-25, are designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore the field of data processing, while earning two quarters of undergraduate college credit.

The cost of each session is \$165 for the resident plan which includes lodging for five nights, beginning with Sunday evening; meals; books and materials. A computer plan is available for area students for \$110 which covers books, materials and lunches.

Deadline for registration is June 1, and enrollment is limited to the first 20 applicants for each session. A full payment or a \$25 deposit is required with the registration form. The applications are available through the Office of Continuing Education, Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich. 49307.

The Michigan State University campus in East Lansing consists of more than 5,100 acres, 2,000 acres of which are in the developed main campus area.

## Students compete on computer

Students from Lowell High School will join teams from 40 Michigan high schools to match their computer skills in the third annual high school computer programming contest sponsored by Grand Valley State Colleges on Wednesday and Thursday, March 19 and 20.

Other high schools competing in the contest include Albion, Big Rapids, Byron Center, Calvin Christian, Cedar Lake Academy, City High School, Coloma, Colon, Comstock, Creston, East Grand Rapids, Educational Park, Forest Hills Central, Gobles, Godwin, Grandville, Grand Rapids Christian, Gull Lake, Hamilton, Holland, Holland Christian, Jenison, Kalamazoo Central, Kenowa Hills, Lake Michigan Catholic, Lakewood, Loy Norrix, Ludington, Mason County Cooperative, Mona Shores, Muskegon, Muskegon Catholic, Ottawa Hills, Paw Paw, Pennfield, Plainwell, Portage Northern, Schoolcraft and Tekonsha.

## Uniform drive update

Lowell Music Boosters report that their drive to fund uniforms for the high school music department is continuing to receive support.

Donations received this week include a full uniform cost from Mr. and Mrs. John Sarniak; donations from Lowell Rotary, Strand Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. George Kazemier, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ryder.

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appliances out of drafts which can reduce their efficiency. Be sure to turn off your appliances as soon as you stop using them. Buy solid state TV's, radios and stereos whenever possible; They require less energy than conventional sets. These few simple measures can help you cut down on your energy consumption considerably.

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## Battered Woman: Who is she?

Every young girl dreams of meeting her Prince Charming. What a shattering nightmare that girl must experience when she discovers that along with roses and candy, her husband or lover may also give her black eyes, broken ribs, ruptured spleens and numerous painful lumps and bruises.

A woman is battered every 18 seconds in the United States, according to Mary Viventi, Director of the YWCA Domestic Crisis Center, a United Way agency. And, she adds, there is a 50 percent chance in any woman's lifetime that she'll become a battered woman. In 1979 over 1600 battered women in Kent County came to the Domestic Crisis Center for help.

A battered woman may be defined as one who is deliberately and repeatedly physically beaten by her husband or lover. This doesn't happen only in the ghetto. It cuts across all economic lines, all educational lines. Husbands of battered wives include doctors, lawyers, police officers, and educators as well as all other types of workers.

Unfortunately domestic violence is like cancer. It does not always stop with the beating of a wife, but spreads insidiously. It, too, can kill. According to the Kent County Prosecuting Attorney's office, one half of the murder warrants issued here in 1979 involved domestic violence. Assaults frequently not only abuse their wives, they will also abuse their children.

These children from violent homes often will continue as adults to act violently in their homes creating a vicious cycle.

No one really seems to know why there is so much domestic violence in the United States, and in other countries as well. Some experts project that there is violence in 90 percent of our households and that violence is growing.

You can trace the man's right to beat his wife from historical times to the turn of the century. This has been supported by law, which is expressed in the century-old right of a husband to beat his wife with a stick 'no thicker than his thumb.' U. S. courts sanctioned the husband's right to 'discipline' his wife as late as 1887.

"Many men still regard their wives as property," said Lynn Parks, now director of Community Coordinated Child Care. According to a national Harris poll in 1968, one fifth of all Americans approved of slapping one's spouse on appropriate occasions. Surprisingly, approval increased with income and education: only 16 percent approved who had eight years of schooling or less while 25 percent approved who were college educated.

Doug Ellis, Director of the Advisory Center for Teens, said about 50 percent of the teenagers who are clients of the agency come from homes where there is violence in the family.

"A boy is encouraged into a lot of physical activities from the time he is very

young," he commented. "There is a real lack of endorsement not to be physical. We attach names to it if he isn't... like sissy. Something of a female gender. He's got to be strong. A father often trains his son to box because he's had a difference with the boy down the block. When we become adults and we have differences with women, we (as men) have no skills with which to resolve them.

"Men still feel there is a need to control. A need to dominate. We are just in the intellectual stage of looking at women in our society as people. As being capable of doing other things than housekeeping and childbearing.

"When frustration reaches a point, we fall back on what we received our PhD in... yelling and screaming... and when that doesn't work then we resort to the physical.

"I really see men as victims. We were raised a certain way. Our value system and where females fit into that value system was really indoctrinated into us. To change that is extremely difficult.

"We were taught that to be physical was important. That dominance was important. Now we're being taught that equality, not dominance, is the rule. We're talking about an entire change in value structure."

### Register now for new YMCA soccer league

The Lowell YMCA's youth soccer leagues will begin their first season this month. Mike Connell, executive director of the Y, announced today.

Registration will run from now to March 18th with league play scheduled to begin April 12th. The leagues are open to boys and girls in grades 1-3 and 4-6th.

"Soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States today," Connell said, "and this growth is being reflected in YMCA's across the country."

A recent national survey on YMCA youth soccer programs indicates that 428 Ys—up from 50 years ago—are currently into youth soccer with another 273 Ys planning to initiate programs this year.

Participants range from six to 17 years of age, with over 70% in the six-to-ten-year old group. Both boys and girls are involved although boys outnumber girls by about three-to-one. Seventy-eight percent of the present programs across the country are co-ed. Connell pointed out that many YMCAs operate soccer programs for more than one season—including summer and winter although most are held in the spring and fall.

"YMCA youth soccer programs differ from most other soccer programs in two important ways," Connell said. "In Y soccer every youngster who signs up gets to play at least a part of every game."

He pointed out that this was true of all Y youth sports. "We believe that the opportunity for every youngster to participate—to make individual goals for himself and then to work hard to achieve them—is far more

important than going all out to win by using only one's best players."

Connell indicated that the other difference in Y soccer is that values education is built into the program. "The youngsters not only learn soccer skills. They also learn about such things as sportsmanship and fair play."

For more information on signing up for YMCA soccer, drop by the Y at 323 Main St. or call 897-8445.

### Y Camp Night slated

The Grand Rapids YMCA will kick off its 68th season of summer camping the week of March 24-28 with a series of "Camp Nights" at its five area Branch Y's announced Harry Brace, General Director of the Grand Rapids YMCA.

"Youngsters who sign up for YMCA Resident Camp Manitou-lin or YMCA Day Camp Optimist during any of the Camp Night programs will receive a \$5.00 "Early Bird" discount off their camp fee," said Brace.

The Camp Night programs will also launch the annual YMCA Camp Candy Sale. Campers accompanied by their parents can pick up cartons of "Camp Thin Mints". Proceeds from this sale each year enable hundreds of campers to earn a portion of their camp fee.

Camp Night programs will begin at 7 p.m. at the Lowell YMCA on Tuesday, March 25. The Lowell Branch is located at 323 W. Main.

# Letters

Dear Mr. Brown,  
Thank you for the beautiful photography and write-up in the Ledger of March 5th, 1980. But, most of all for your time that you put forth at St. Mary's new church and their first baptism.

Your weekly newspaper has style and class and does not sensationalize on human weaknesses.

Thank you again.  
Sincerely,  
Bernadette Kaska

Fellow Taxpayers:  
The time for finalizing the 1980 township assessment roll is upon us, and once again the Kent County Bureau of Equalization has man-

dated a substantial increase in assessments on residential and agricultural property. Under state law, all real property in Vergennes Township must be assessed at 50% of its true cash value. This year, the Bureau of Equalization has directed Vergennes Township to increase the assessed value of all residential and agricultural property by the combined total of nearly \$2.2 million.

This mandatory increase reflects the position of the Michigan State Tax Commission and the Bureau of Equalization that real property in Vergennes Township has substantially increased in value during the past 12 months. In terms of percentages, the 1980 assessment roll reflects an average increase of approximately 17.6% on residential property, with agricultural Township property taxes over the past few years.

Some of the 1980 increase is, of course, attributable to the rampant inflation that has affected all of us recently. But inflation alone cannot explain the substantial rise in Vergennes Township property taxes over the past few years.

It would be convenient if your township officials could predict a lessening in property tax increases in the years immediately ahead. High mortgage interest rates and a slackening of demand for new homes in rural communities such as ours may indeed slow the rate of tax increase. But the simple fact is that the only effective way to reduce the property tax burden is through legislative reform. This cannot be done at the township level.

Vergennes Township must carry out the mandatory assessment increases imposed upon our residential and agricultural property by the Bureau of Equalization, but we share the concern of many township residents that recent sharp rises in the property taxes threatens your right to be secure in the ownership of your home and property, in the American

tradition of private ownership. The best recourse against this threat, for all citizens and taxpayers, is at the polls.

With this in mind, I encourage each of you to attend the Taxpayer's Informational Meeting I have arranged for Monday evening, March 17, 1980, at the Lowell Middle School. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

We are most fortunate to have as our guest for the meeting Mr. Robert Tisch, sponsor of the Tisch Amendment, as well as the Chairman of the Michigan State Tax Commission and the Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget. The meeting promises to be lively and informative. Please plan to attend.

Sincerely,  
Roger A. Odell  
Township Supervisor

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# Local News

**Named to the Dean's List**  
The recently completed winter quarter at Ferris State College are three area students. Included are Douglas J. Fletcher of Lowell, Leslie J. Berg of Ada, and Yvonne Samuels of Ada.

**Bud Webb is recovering**  
from an emergency operation in Butterworth Hospital and would appreciate hearing from his friends.  
Vern and Marilyn Keim will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary on March 20.

## Carnival workbee is Tuesday

A workshop for the May 2 Alto Spring Carnival will be held following a short business meeting at the March 18 meeting of the Alto Parents Club.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. and babysitting will again be provided. Materials for articles for the "Country Store" will be furnished.

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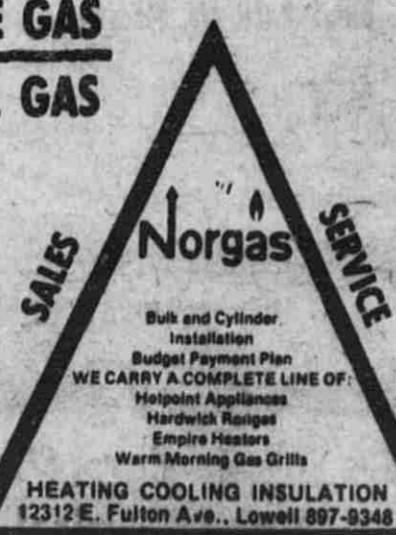
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## DanceFit goes co-ed



YMCA instructor Peggy Murphy guides class members through one of the high-level activity routines for improvement in cardiovascular fitness. New classes will begin April 7 and will be called Aerobics in Motion (AIM) [formerly called DanceFit]. The evening class of the new season will be co-ed!

Aerobics in Motion (AIM) will be the new YMCA fitness program which starts April 7.

AIM will be taking the place of the popular Y course called DanceFit. Both AIM and DanceFit stress cardiovascular improvement through exercise. They both involve an hour of exercise three times a week. The exercises are synchronized with contemporary music and range from warm-up sets, through several "dance" routines, ending with cool-down sets.

## Interlochen Troupe performs

On Monday afternoon, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., over 200 Lowell Junior and Senior High School students were the audience at a lecture-demonstration presented by

the Interlochen Arts Academy dance ensemble, on the Middle School stage.

The Academy's dance ensemble is touring Michigan as part of the Interlochen Outreach "Show-on-the-Road" program, supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts. The lecture-demonstration in Lowell was sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The students come from all over the country to study at the Academy, part of a total center for the arts, located near Traverse City. The center also includes the Academy's summer counterpart, the National Music Camp. The Academy is a college-preparatory boarding high school with equal emphasis on academics and the performing, visual and literary arts.

Academy director Bruce Galbraith says, "Our high school students benefit greatly by participating in these tours, and they spend a great deal of time and effort in preparation. We hope that those who see and hear us will enjoy the diversity and excellence of our many performing groups."

The enthusiastic response of the Lowell students showed that the efforts of the Interlochen dancers was indeed appreciated.

## Bushnell PTC meets Thursday

Parents of Bushnell students are reminded that the Parent Teacher Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Kiva on Thursday, Mar. 13.

Principal Dave Burdette will meet with parents to discuss parent concerns and answer questions.

Parents are asked to save S&H green stamps for the PTC. They will be used to purchase the door prizes for the school carnival.

## FEWER BABIES, MORE SENIOR CITIZENS

The fastest growing groups in the 1970's have been the young adults (persons 18 to 34 years) and the elderly (persons 65 and over). Young adults recorded an increase of 29.7 percent from 1970 to 1979 (19.7 percent for persons 18-24 years and 39.3 million for those 25 to 34 years). Currently, there are 29.3 million persons 18-24 and 35.0 million 25-34. There has been a 23.5 percent increase in the elderly, who now number 24.7 million persons.

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## Farmer's week activities March 17-22

Homeowners, athletes, hobbyists, gardeners, outdoor-persons and farmers will find plenty to do at Michigan State University March 17-22; that's Farmers' Week.

The 65-year-old event, coinciding with MSU's 125th anniversary, spans 6 days of educational how-to sessions ranging from growing your own vegetables to making your own gasohol.

Supporting the week's more than 150 sessions are displays, exhibits and demonstrations valued in excess of \$3 million. The content includes farm machinery, wildlife information, home heating materials, education careers, child and family information, free hearing checks and computer demonstrations on energy, to name a few.

Monday's activities mostly center around dairy association meetings and include the Michigan Dairy Breed Luncheon during which the

state's outstanding dairy producers will be honored. The USDA Deputy Secretary Jim Williams will speak about funding and support of agriculture. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. in the MSU Kellogg Center Big Ten Room and is open to the general public at no charge.

Among Tuesday's activities is a special program for dairy producers on cattle feeding, a farmers' market management workshop, a clinic on field crop irrigation and a beef-cow and cow-calf management session. There are also programs for poultry producers, youth poultry science sessions topped off by the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries banquet.

On Tuesday programs include sessions on rural energy survival, heating the home with wood, wildlife investigative clinics, farm pond and lake management, the skill and sport of fly fishing. There is also a

day-long program on nutrition and exercise. The Wednesday lineup includes programs on a field crop production, planning for the farm's future, using the programmable calculator for farm management, and financial management for counties. There are also sessions on application of chemicals through farm irrigation systems and a special program on making gasohol. Home gardening, home landscaping, sheep, swine, dairy goat and livestock disease control programs are offered. Outdoor enthusiasts can learn more about wildlife, carrying waterfowl decoys, campground management and design and hear about proposals for underwater parks in the Great Lakes.

On Thursday, learn about coping with stress and cultural values, proper clothing for active people, using the

mini and micro computers for farm management, coping with inflation rates at the farm and how to control insects in the home, yard and garden. Special sessions are planned for persons interested in livestock shows, and horse health care.

Friday has programs on beekeeping, protection from pesticide application, a clinic on beef cattle judging, nature photography and campground management in times of high fuel costs.

On Saturday are continued programs for beekeepers and for campground managers. There is a session for horse competitive trail riding and annual meetings for several dairy breed associations.

Details of all Farmers' Week programs are listed in a free guidebook available from the MSU Cooperative Extension Service office located in each county seat.

The Kent Soil Conservation District has a few seedlings still available. Deadline for orders is April 1. Available are Red Pine, Austrian Pine, and some Black Walnut.

Red and Austrian Pines are each \$6 for 50. Black Walnut is \$10 for 50. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information and an order blank stop in at the District Office at 3321 Plainfield or call 361-5345.

"Youth Talent Show" exhibits the creative works of area young people in a variety of mediums. April 1-20, 10-5 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

## New member of Angus Assn.

Ms. Lisa Klahn of Lowell is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Dr. C.K. Allen, executive vice-president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the Ameri-

can Angus Association and take part in Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with some 12,000 active junior members and some 26,000 active life members.

## Order seedlings now

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## Tree of the month

Good drainage, full sun and room to grow are the basic ingredients for success with the blue spruce (*Picea pungens* Glauca).

When young, the blue spruce has a stiff, pyramidal habit of growth, and the needles have a blue sheen that makes the tree highly desirable. Because it is so attractive, it is often used—and misused—in landscape plantings.

A common mistake, says Harold Davidson, Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University, is to use the blue spruce in foundation plantings. It quickly outgrows the site, creating a very crowded impression. The obvious alternative—planting the tree in the center of the lawn—also detracts from the total landscape effect because the bright blue tree demands attention. In a small yard, it may totally dominate a home and grounds.

Davidson suggests planting the blue spruce with other, smaller plants in non-public parts of the home grounds or along the border of large properties where it can grow to its full size without overwhelming the house and becoming the focus of attention.

The blue spruce will grow on most soils as long as the drainage is good. It does not do well on wet sites. It does best where it can get full sun.

"Unfortunately, the blue spruce does not grow old gracefully like the white pine," Davidson observes.

"All too often as the plant reaches 20 or more years of age, it begins to lose its lower branches, either to disease (Cytospora canker), insects (spruce gall aphids) or natural decline. When its appearance begins to deteriorate, it's time to think about replacing it."

Davidson suggests the cultivated varieties Moerheimii, Koster and Hoopsii. These trees tend to retain the blue needle color as they age. Seedling trees selected for their blue color often tend to lose needle color as they get older.

Davidson advises that young trees propagated by grafting need to be staked for four or five years after planting if they're to develop an upright habit. If the top portion of the grafted plant came from a side branch, the new plant will tend to grow horizontally rather than upright. Staking will redirect this growth vertically.

Some young plants (less than 8 years old) may also develop multiple leaders (trunks). Extra leaders should be removed as soon as they're observed. Use a clean cutting tool, Davidson advises, to avoid infecting the tree with Cytospora canker. This disease could cause early decline and death.

## RESEARCH/ Tomato Fertilization

Florida study shows low soil calcium ratio as cause of blossom-end rot

Geraldson at the Univ. of Florida studied the many factors that contribute to blossom-end rot of tomato. He reported that blossom-end rot may be expected to occur where soils have calcium ratios lower than 10%. All of the contributing factors that adversely affect calcium uptake can be grouped into two major categories: (1) An excess of soluble ammonium, magnesium, potassium or a deficiency of soluble calcium salts; (2) Excessive total salts, because at higher salt concentrations the solubility and activity of the calcium salts decrease at a more rapid rate than other salts. Calcium Nitrate was reported as an excellent source of soluble calcium.

All-nitrate source of nitrogen doubles tomato yield in Israeli study

In a comparison study of N sources on tomatoes, Kalkati and others reported that a nitrate source of nitrogen can more than double tomato yield and actually require 30% less water. In commenting on the deterrent effect of NH<sub>4</sub> they noted, "... complete avoidance of ammonium is desirable for maximum yield under intensive tomato cropping conditions... when the ammonium concentration is... only 1/3 that of nitrate it causes a decrease in yields."



As with any fertilizer application, consult your extension office or other advisory service for recommended practice that meets local crop and soil conditions.

## RESULTS

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Mr. Dierksheide farms 325 acres. He used Calcium Nitrate on 55 acres of tomatoes and 30 acres of pickles during the '77 season. He stated, "CN held my tomatoes better during the hot, dry conditions we had last Spring. We picked a week to 10 days earlier than usual and had 70% #1s. My pickle crop was the best ever; excellent vine growth, good color and no disease."

"We had better vine growth, healthier plants and early maturity" **Gene Walston Pemberville, Ohio**

Mr. Walston applied 600 lbs./acre of Calcium Nitrate broadcast, on 30 acres of tomatoes and 32 acres of cucumbers. It was applied 10 days after transplanting. He reported, "We noticed a lot better vine growth and healthier plants. I wanted to control blossom-end rot and get earlier maturity on my tomatoes and that's what CN gave us. My pickles were the best ever and brought \$2000 to the acre."



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# The Back Page

## Win \$250 selling Showboat tickets

The object is to have sell-out crowds for every night of Showboat Week 1980. The prize is \$250. The way to have both is to register for the Early Ticket Sales contest at City Hall. According to Jim Hall, president of Showboat Corp., the contest works this way:

any organization or individual may register for the contest at City Hall where they will receive order blanks for tickets to Showboat Week, Monday through Saturday, July 21 through 26. As orders for tickets are taken, the individual collects payment by check or money order payable to Showboat Corporation.

The contest ends May 31, 1980. The winner is the person or organization which sells the most tickets in the next three months, and they take home the \$250 prize money.

Showboat Board members and their immediate families are excluded from competition.

Tickets will be mailed to each purchaser directly within 15 days of order placement. If, for some reason, they are not received, the

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Showboat Week 1980 will be a split week, with Tammy Wynette starring Monday through Wednesday and The Lettermen starring Thursday through Saturday.

Family Night of Showboat Week has been changed from Monday to Thursday 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.

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## COZY corner

By Roger Brown

You readers were almost spared a "Cozy Corner" this week. As I've said before, I write this column at 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays, (pressday). If something happens that I don't get my column written then, there will be no "Cozy Corner" because there isn't time during the rest of the day.

My early rising and subsequent writing, was nearly sabotaged because someone turned the volume way down on my clock radio. I'm sure that if I ask around, I'll find that Mr. Nobody did it. A good guess would single out my four-year-old boy however.

At any rate, the audio was just barely audible, and I'm really surprised that I heard it. Being a light sleeper is not my claim to fame. In fact, when I'm sleeping, I've been likened to a log, a stone, and sometimes a dead toad (whatever that means).

My ideas for this column come from some pretty weird places, and a sabotaged clock radio is as good as any. Since I didn't have a particular topic in mind anyway, I've decided to run off at the typewriter about "oversleeping".

I was always a "near-miss" sleeper during my school years. That is, I always slept until the last possible moment that would allow me enough time to dress, brush my teeth, drag a comb through my hair and dash out the door, barely able to make it to school on time. Well, usually on time.

My brothers and I slept in a bedroom in the basement of our house and of course, it was my mother's job to get us all out of bed and off to school. We lived about a mile from school and had to walk or ride bicycles. Last bell was 8:30 a.m. and we got our first wake-up call at 7:30 a.m. My mother would open the door at the top of the stairs and call, "boys". Again at 7:45, "boys". And then finally at 8:00 the stairway door would swing open and down the stairs plunged our 100 pound German Shepherd. If you don't think a 100 pound dog leaping headlong into bed with you is a rude awakening, you've got another think coming.

When I got to college, I didn't have my mother and her 100 pound alarm clock to wake me up. My roommate and I both had the same 7:25 a.m. physical education class in our first term. To roll ourselves out for it, we set my wind-up alarm clock at 6:30, his wind-up alarm clock at 6:45, and finally his clock radio went off at 7:00. One particularly cold morning, my alarm clock was knocked off the desk by a flying pillow and smashed to pieces on the floor. I never said a word. At 6:45, his alarm clock was smashed against the wall by my size twelve left shoe. He never said a word either, but you should have seen him scramble to protect his clock radio when that went off at 7:00. My right shoe just missed.

In the Army, I was partially cured of oversleeping and learned to get up at first call. The reason for this being that the second call consisted of getting rolled out of bed mattress and all. And if you slept on the top bunk, this was a particularly tough way to start the day.

I was married shortly after getting out of the Army and oversleeping has been nearly impossible ever since. I'm literally kicked out of bed if I still resemble a dead toad at 7:00.

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