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Busy week for L.F.D.

Lowell firemen were kept hopping this past week with grass fires accounting for six of 10 runs.

The fire department responded to a grass fire on 1416 Cumberland SE on Wednesday, April 16 about 4:30. Burning trash in a barrel caught the grass on fire and a small portion of an acre was burned.

On Thursday, the department answered a call at the Joyce Griffith residence on Lincoln Lake when the chimney caught fire. Extinguished on arrival, the department investigated to make sure it was completely out.

On Friday, April 18, a grass fire at the Gary Griffin home, 678 Lincoln Lake, burned four acres.

Another grass fire on Saturday at the Segun Ave. home of David Bruder burned a quarter-acre of grass near a barn. Also on Saturday the department was called to stand by at an auto accident on Bewell Ave. Lowell assisted the Alto Fire Department on a garage and trailer fire on Saturday about 9 p.m. at 64th Street and Wingeier.

About 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, firemen responded to Bill Teunessen's residence at 572 Fero Ave. to a four-acre grass fire. At 3:30, they extinguished a brush and grass fire at the Vern Strouse residence at 12874 Grand River Dr. Then at about 4:15, a half acre of grass and brush caught fire at the Dennis Hoskins residence, 1325 Fulton.

On Monday morning, April 21, Lowell firemen were called to douse a car fire at the Disco Dungeon. The car was owned by Mary K. Roberts of 216 Maple. Cause of the fire was unknown.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main, Lowell. TAKE OUT Chicken Bucket. Breakfast Special: Ham & Eggs, Coffee, \$1.50. Weekly Special: Chili dogs, 3/\$1.00. Wed. night is Chicken Dinner Night, \$2.00. Sparerib Dinner Thurs. Night, \$2.95. Sat. Night Sizzler Night, \$2.75, includes Baked Potato, Salad, Homemade Bread. c24

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It wasn't exactly clear what caused the fire but Mary K. Roberts of 216 Maple St., is sure that a fire was the last thing her 1972 Olds needed. It caught fire at the parking lot of the Disco Dungeon on Monday morning about noon. Lowell firemen responded and doused the fire.

MUSICALLY YOURS
Lowell High School will present its annual musical on May 1, 2, 3, in the High School Auditorium. This year the presentation is "Riverwind," by John Jennings, and 20 industrious and talented youngsters hope you plan to attend. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

50-50 FOR FIREWORKS
The fireworks for the festive Fourth of July celebration are mightily costly and organizers of the community event will begin holding weekly 50-50 raffles next week. Fire Chief Frank Baker is the raffle coordinator and he says that the tickets will be available in several businesses around Lowell at \$1 apiece. Hopefully, the raffle proceeds will come close to covering the tab for the fireworks.

FOR SENIOR DUFFERS
Jim Topp would like to invite all those fellows who enjoy bouncing a golf ball around to the Arrowhead Senior Golf outings which are held on Mondays at 8:30. Play begins on April 28. The group is looking forward to having several new fellows join them. All are welcome.

NEW FACE ON MAIN STREET
Melinda McCain stopped in to tell about the Quilt Raffle that the members of the Senior Neighbors Center is holding. She is the new coordinator for the Center. Margaret Dean has assumed a new position at the head office of Senior Neighbors Inc. in Grand Rapids. Melinda hopes many will stop in so she can meet them. She'll also have those raffle tickets on sale for \$1 a chance or 6 for \$5. The beautiful quilt, made by Senior Neighbors, is on display in the Center's window.

PASS THE SYRUP
Lowell Volunteer Firemen will serve their special Pancake Breakfast at the VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St., on Saturday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is adults \$2.50 and children under 12 \$1.

BENEFIT SLATED
Paul's Showboat Restaurant will hold a "Bruce Phillips Day" at the restaurant on Thursday, Apr. 24. Twenty percent of the day's receipts will be donated to the Phillips family to help with their expenses. Phillips was injured in 1975.

ON THE CALENDAR
This week is Arbor Week, Apr. 20-26, a good time to plant a tree. It is also Michigan Nurse Week, Apr. 28-May 3, a good time to thank a nurse for her work. On April 30, Michigan and the U.S. will salute farmers on Agriculture Understanding Day. Resolve never to call a farmer a hayseed again. Farming has entered the age of technology.

Blossomtime Festival in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph begins on Sunday, Apr. 27 and ends May 3. Vermontville and Shepherd will hold their Maple Syrup Festivals on April 26, 27.

DATE CHANGE, KIDDIES
The date for Alto Elementary School's Kindergarten Round-Up has been changed to Wednesday, April 30. Parents and children should meet at 7 p.m. in the school's All Purpose room.

TIME CHANGE, FOLKS
It's the semi-annual "Be Late for Church" weekend. Unless you remember to change the alarm clock ahead of your when you go to bed on Saturday night, the services will go on without you. The official time change is made at 2 a.m. on Sunday and you could wait until then to change all the locks in the house but then you'd be too tired to go to church anyway.

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TAXI SERVICE — D & K Shuttle, Ph. 897-8638, Hrs. a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. c51f
APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days. Lowell, 897-7506. c24

Clean-Up Week starts Monday

The basement is clean. The attic has been hoed out. The back porch is clean as a whistle. Now, what do you do with the fall out?

Has the City of Lowell got a deal for you!

City residents can bundle those bags of rubbish and household debris out to the curb for pickup in the annual "Clean Up Week" in the City, April 28-May 2. Old TV sets, bed frames, one-wheeled trikes or that gap-toothed spindleback chair can be left for pick up, too.

City crews will pick up on the WEST SIDE of the Flat River on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday only, April 28, 29, and 30; and on the EAST SIDE of the Flat River on Thursday and Friday only, May 1-2. Crews will NOT return to the area after the designated dates.

Residents are asked to cooperate with the crews by observing the "Clean Up Week" rules.

1. Material must be in containers or bundled, or it will not be picked up.
2. Don't use 55 gallon drums as they become too heavy to lift when full. Use only containers that can be lifted onto the trucks.
3. Punch holes in metal containers that could hold water.

4. Place all leaves, cans, etc., in containers, bags or boxes. Please do not rake leaves into the gutters at the curb or ditches as they will not be picked up unless bagged.

5. Bulky rubbish, such as trees, weeds and large card-

board boxes are to be bundled so as not to exceed four (4) foot in length, nor 50 pounds in weight.

This is an ideal time to get your Spring housecleaning done—garages, basements, etc.—and have your discarded items hauled away.

Council to ponder budget

Lowell City Manager Ray Quada presented his proposed budget for 1980-81 to the city council at their regular meeting of Monday, April 21. Quada pointed out in his overview that much "belt tightening" had to be done to keep a balanced budget within the confines of the present 12.5 mills being assessed by the city. Quada said that his budget does not call for any increase in the city's millage, but water and sewer rates may have to rise over the next year to keep that "marginal operation" in the black.

Ten copies of the proposed budget were printed and the general public may find copies available at Lowell City Hall, The Grand Valley Ledger, the offices of The East Press, and the Lowell Public Library. A public hearing will be held on the new budget at the Monday, May 5 City

Council Meeting.

In other council business, a request for vacation of the right of way for Jefferson St. south of Front St. was tabled until after publication of notice of hearing. The vacation has been requested by the Lowell Moose Lodge which has obtained the entire parcel of land from south of Front St. to the Grand River and is bordered on the west by Division St. and on the east by the C&O railroad tracks. The Moose Lodge has plans for park and recreational facilities and eventually an activities building on the site.

Written or verbal protests to the vacation of Jefferson St. south of Front St. may be filed at Lowell City Hall.

The contract for the city's refuse collection was again awarded to D&H Rubbish of Belding at the low bid of \$4,601.05 per month.

<p>STRAND Theatre LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>Friday, April 25 Thru Monday, April 28</p>	<p>TIM CONWAY DON KNOTT'S IN THE PRIZE FIGHTER A Knockout Comedy! PG</p> <p>MOVIES... The Gas Saving Getaway!</p>	<p>ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8 PM</p> <p>Monday is Bargain Night</p>
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Obituaries

CLARK — Richard L. Clark, aged 43, of 2750 44th St. SE, Kentwood, passed away Sunday morning, Apr. 20, 1980 in Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

Mr. Clark was employed as a pattern maker with the Westinghouse Corp.

He is survived by his family, Brian and Debbie Clark of New Hampshire, Mark and Lee Clark of Lowell, Mrs. Michael (Mary) Tuttle and Miss Becky A. Clark both of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren; two brothers, Harold of Newaygo and Robert of Kentwood; one sister, Mrs. Roland (Eigene) Poll of Newaygo.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, 1:30 p.m. Arrangements by Alt Mortuary.

MILLER — Duane H. Miller, 48, of 7268 Oak Ln., Lyons died unexpectedly in his home Wednesday morning, April 16.

He was born April 23, 1931 in Clarksville, the son of Charles and Thelma Miller, and attended rural schools.

He had worked for Strachan Orchards and was a

foreman at Brown Corp. at the time of his death. He married Sally LaBine in 1950.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Eldon J. of Alto, Dale Duane of Lyons, and Edward Charles of Lyons; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Andrews of Lyons; four brothers, Daniel and Darwin of Lowell, and Donald and Darrel of Belding; four sisters, Mrs. Donna Bean of W. Olive, Mrs. Dorothy Werner of Palo, Mrs. Dolores Graham of Belding and Mrs. Della Graham of Pierston; a half-sister, Beatrice Benjamin of Lansing and five grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at the Hull Memorial Chapel in Muir with the Rev. Kenneth Harger of the Shiloh Community Church officiating. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

BEHLER — Gerald (Jerry) K. Behler, 58, of Lake Odessa died Thursday, April 17 in the VA Hospital in Bay Pines, Fla.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1921 in Detroit, the son of Allen and Ruth Kell Behler.

He attended Lake Odessa High School and served in the U.S. Army for eight years. He married Virginia Frizzell in 1942 Conway, Ark.

He farmed in the Lake Odessa area for several years and moved into the village in 1959. He was a truck driver for the Hastings Aluminum Co. until his retirement in 1978. He was a member of the Lake Odessa Lions Club, the American Legion, VFW Post 4461 and Lake Odessa Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife; his mother Ruth Behler of Grand Rapids; one son, Michael of Lake Odessa; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Quenda) Story of Lansing; one sister, Mrs. Willis (Arlene) Hatch of Alto; and one grandson.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Pickens-Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa. Burial in Lake-side Cemetery.

THOMAS — Charles L. Thomas Sr., 71, 5020 Portland Road, Portland, died Wednesday, April 16 in a Lansing hospital.

He was born Feb. 11,

1909, the son of Wilbur Thomas and Rose Wilcox. He was a retired employee of the Michigan Department of Health.

On Nov. 2, 1931, he was married to Elizabeth Carbaugh, who died Aug. 12, 1974. On Nov. 25, 1978, he married Mary Sprague who survives him.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; five sons, Charles Thomas Jr. of Portland, Philip of Ionia; Larry of Portland, Robert of Ionia and William of Lyons; a step-son, Wayne Stout Sprague of Lansing; a step-daughter, Mrs. Larry (Janet) Listerman of Ionia; a brother, George of Ionia; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Myra) Rudd of Saranac; and Mrs. Charles (Mable) Jack of Ionia; and 24 grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at the LeValley Methodist Church with the Rev. Willis Braun officiating. Burial will be in Balcom Cemetery.

CRISMAN — Charles Kern Crisman, aged 24, died of aplastic anemia in Baltimore, MD., April 17.

He is survived by his parents, Trish and Dick Crisman of Caledonia; his grandmothers, Erna Eells of Milwaukee and Zola Crisman of Bloomfield Hills. He is also survived by his sisters, Katie (and Eric) Ursin of Chicago, Susan in South Africa, Jane (and Keith) Robb of Saranac and Molly at home; his brothers, Jim (and Penny) of Ithaca, N.Y., John and Bob at home; nieces, Penny and Jessie; aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral arrangements were private. Charly would appreciate contributions to the Kent County 4-H Association or just give a loved one a big hug.

HOVEN — Mr. Otto Hoven, aged 88, formerly of Dorr, MI went to be with his Lord, Wednesday, April 16, 1980 at a local nursing home.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; his children, Clarence and Agnes Hoven of Canada, Don Hoven of Nevada, Bill and Donna Hoven of Middleville, Robert and Jane Hoven of FL., Ray and Anne Hoven of Alto, Ella and Herman

Murphy of Wyoming, Ann and Harry Wood of Grand Rapids, Bernice and Bud Visser of Montana; Jean and Bernard VanderVeem of Wayland and Henrietta Geers of Caledonia; 39 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; one brother and three sisters living in the Netherlands.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the funeral home, with Rev. Sy Voortman officiating, in Termer Dorr Cemetery.

Letters

Dear Editor:

The fifteenth annual meeting for the West Central Michigan Historical Society is being held at the Lowell Rucimian School Auditorium at Monroe and King Streets Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

All members are requested to attend and the public is cordially invited. This is an important meeting with several special topics to consider.

The program will feature "Harmonica Bob" Moy. This young man has done many years of research into local lore and given a number of programs in the area. His "Jack Haggerty and his Flat River Girl" and other ballads and stories will provide an entertaining evening.

Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend and bring ideas and participation in your local Historical Society.

Sincerely,
Leonora Tower
President

In uniform...
Pvt. Christopher Dibble son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Dibble, 11420 Bluewater Highway, Lowell, recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Program at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Marine Lance Cpl. John F. Irving, son of Frederick J. Irving of Cumberland Drive, Lowell, and Marie M. Irving of 7935 Bailey Drive, Ad has completed the Aviation Electrician's Mate Course. The 11-week course was conducted at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn. A 197 graduate of Forest Hills Central, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1979.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF APRIL 28, 1980

Mon., Apr. 28: Goulash or Lasagna, Cole Slaw, French Bread with P-Nut Butter Assorted Fruits, Milk.

Tues., Apr. 29: Cheese burgers or Hamburgers, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Fruit or Whipped Jello, Bars or Cookies, Milk.

Wed., Apr. 30: Ham and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes or Rice, Green Beans, Biscuit or Dinner Rolls, Jello with Whip or Fruit, Milk.

Thurs., May 1: Tacos with Meat, Cheese and Lettuce Cornbread with Syrup, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.

Fri., May 2: Stacked Ham Sandwiches, Tater Tots and Pickles, Soup or Salad, Cheese Squares, Chilled Fruit and Cookies, Milk.

Garden Club has teacher scholarship to study environment

The Showboat Garden Club met Wednesday, April 16, at the Lowell Public Library where members and guests viewed three organic gardening films. Most of the information centered on

planting through a thick mulch of hay requiring no plowing or weeding. A report from the District 4 meetings held Tuesday, April 15, at Douglas told about beautiful slides of exotic

plants at a local nursery, a demonstration of some large spectacular flower arrangements depicting scenes along the lakeshore, and some beautiful movies of the four seasons done locally. There was emphasis on the fragility of Michigan's sand dunes where the winds shift the sand and are held in place by precarious vegetation. Plucking flowers and plants, off road vehicles, even hiking, and the commercial use of this fine sand is endangering the dunes which can never be returned. P.J. Hoffmaster Park near Muskegon is preserving the natural beauty of this picturesque part of Michigan, and the U.S.

Another matter of business was time scheduling at the Showboat Ticket office. Information of this opportunity is with Avis King, 897-8788, and Ruby Leeman, 897-7992. A plant sale to be held May 10 and plans for the annual

if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

Lately the husband has discovered he can adjust his TV set simply by leaning toward it. Like penicillin, it was an accidental discovery.

One night, in the middle of "M*A*S*H", the color suddenly left Hawkeye's face. The husband has never owned one of those remote control gadgets that allow a man to control a TV set several feet away without leaving his chair. He has always wanted one, but his wife has forbidden it for selfish reasons, worrying that if he weren't forced to stand up to switch channels, he might forget how to walk and she would have to carry him to bed every night.

So, when Hawkeye paled, the husband struggled toward the TV. Before he got there, the color returned. He figured that was life. "A watched pot never boils," he explained in memory of his grandmother.

"What does that mean?" asked the pampered wife for whom boiling pots have always whistled.

"It means if you watch a pot to make sure it doesn't boil over on the stove, it never will. But the minute you go into the pantry to churn butter, the pot begins boiling," he answered.

"As long as I sit in my chair, there will be no color on that TV. But the minute I stand up, the color will return, before I touch the set. That is the perverse nature of life. If life weren't supposed to be that way, God would have commanded us to spread the churned butter on both sides of the bread."

Sure enough, when the husband sat back down, the TV turned black and white again. And when he stood up, the color returned before he got halfway to the set. After this procedure was repeated several times, and the husband was beginning to pound his head against his knees, he turned sly. He pretended to get out of his chair but actually only leaned forward. The TV set was fooled and the color came on. But when he leaned back, the color disappeared again.

This was when the husband knew he'd crossed over into the twilight zone. Simply by rocking back and forth in his chair, he could control the hues on his TV set across the room. "You are married to a man with mysterious powers," he told his wife as he rocked and the TV chameleoned.

At first, the wife insisted the co-ordination was coincidence. She said the TV would lose color even if the husband didn't lean back, and vice versa. But it never happened that way. She was finally convinced when he orchestrated the changing shades of "M*A*S*H" merely by thrusting his arms toward the set while remaining seated, much like Leonard Bernstein conducting from his piano bench.

"I'll concede you are controlling the color, but you don't have any mysterious power. I could do the same thing if I were sitting in your chair," she said. "When you lean forward your body somehow interferes with the TV signal. Our antenna probably needs adjusting. There is a logical explanation for everything."

"No one else will ever sit in my chair. My power might be diluted by the presence of a foreign body," he proclaimed. "For my next demonstration I will float in the air and eat off our best dishes."

It has always disturbed the husband that the best looking dinner plates in their home are hung on the wall, close to the ceiling. Even if someone could get high enough to eat off them, the food would slide off the plates. The husband often calls these plates to the attention of guests eating off chipped saucers from K Mart. He tells the guests that after dinner they are welcome to take a walk on the handsome rug hanging on the wall in the family room. The wife thinks he is the funniest thing since butter churners.

"I would like to watch you float. In fact, I would be satisfied to just watch you get out of that chair and walk," she said. "It is always a rare pleasure to watch you do anything except sit."

"What you are forgetting," he said, "is that a watched pot never boils, especially in the twilight zone."

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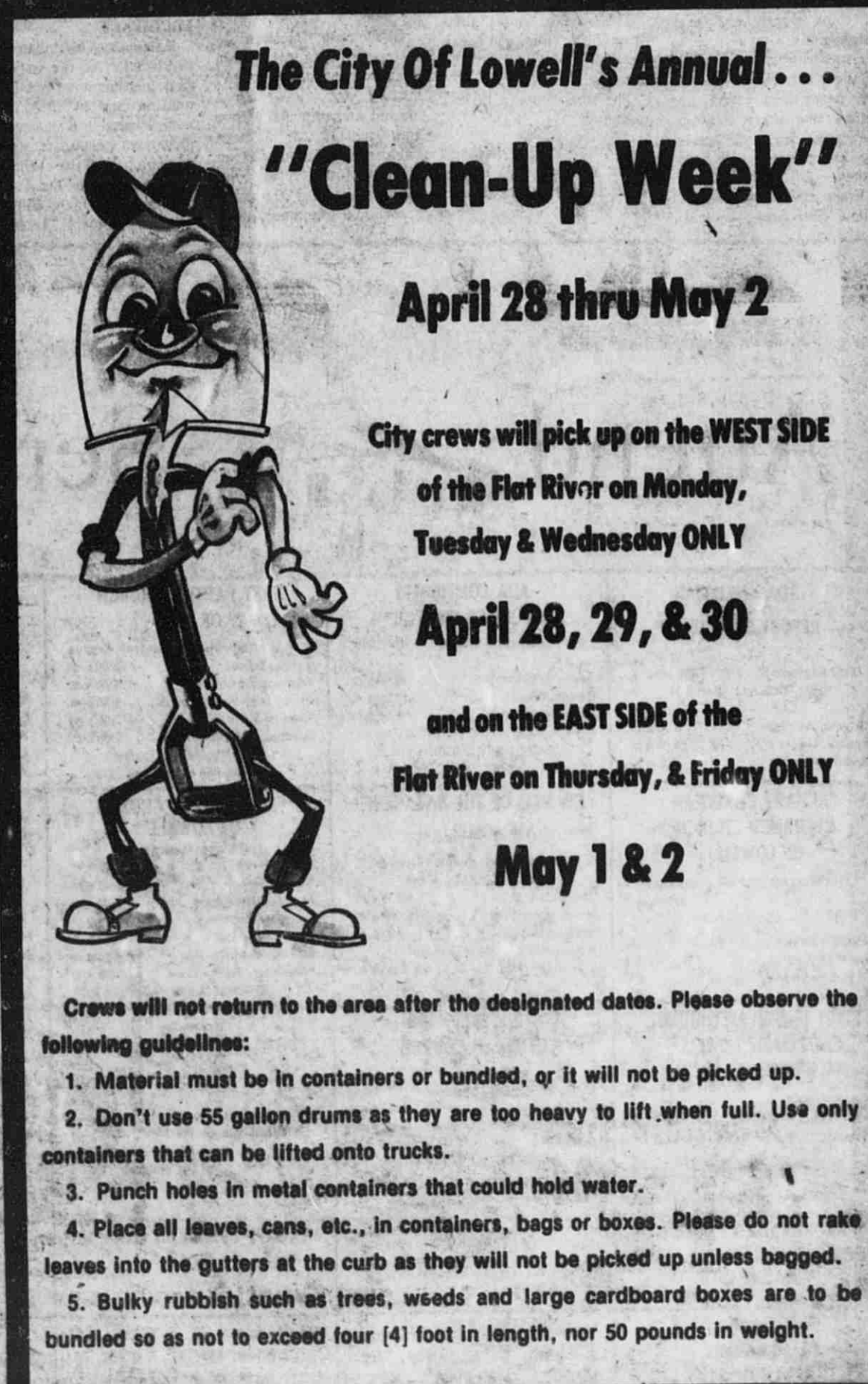
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The City Of Lowell's Annual... "Clean-Up Week"

April 28 thru May 2

City crews will pick up on the **WEST SIDE** of the Flat River on **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday ONLY**

April 28, 29, & 30

and on the **EAST SIDE** of the Flat River on **Thursday, & Friday ONLY**

May 1 & 2

Crews will not return to the area after the designated dates. Please observe the following guidelines:

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Church News

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm (Mark 4:39).

Sudden storms strike in the lives of Christians—and when we least expect them. All is calm and peaceful until adversity lashes out in all its fury, threatening us with panic and hysteria. Even as we try to pray, it seems God does not hear.

However, when the storm has ceased and everything is quiet once more, we are able to think clearly and pray intelligently. God assures us He was with us in the midst of the blast. He never has, He never will forget nor forsake one of His children. He cares. He understands. He sympathizes. He protects.

From these experiences, fellow Christians, we learn how to trust. If God is piloting our lives, He will guide us aright and bring us safely into harbor when "sudden storms" strike.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thou wilt guide me safely through the journey of life if I keep my hand in Thine. Teach me to remain confident and serene when "sudden storms" strike. I am trusting in Thee. Amen.

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my Guide, Ray Palmer

Be Thou my Guide, Ray Palmer

Missionaries to speak

Lowell's Church of the Nazarene will host Michael and Rachel McCarty, missionaries to Indonesia, on Friday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

This young couple from Springfield, Ohio, will speak on their field work in the Indonesian mission.

The community is invited to attend.

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Week of Renewal begins at St. Mary's

Father Emery Tang, a Franciscan priest from Los Angeles, California, will conduct a Week of Renewal at St. Mary's Church in Lowell beginning with this weekend's Masses, April 26-27.

Monday through Friday, Fr. Tang will give a presentation at 7:30 p.m. and each day will offer the same presentation at 10 a.m. for those who cannot attend in the evening.

The topics of his sermons will be: Let's Talk About Ourselves, Let's Talk About Others, Let's Talk About God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, Let's Talk About Our World, and Let's Talk About The Church.

Fr. Tang has been in the Grand Rapids area many times for a Week of Renewal in parishes. He will be conducting the week of introspection in Lowell for the first time. As a speaker he is very much in demand throughout the nation and must be scheduled a year in advance.

Of Chinese American ancestry, Fr. Tang was born in Phoenix, Arizona. He began his 27 year career as a teacher and principal of two high schools in northern California. Later he was an associate producer of Tele-Kelica and TeleSPOTS at the Franciscan Communications



Fr. Emery E. Tang, O.F.M.

Center in Los Angeles for 30 years. For the past several years, he has served as a retreat director and lecturer at large. He is a photographer and writer. He collaborated photographically with the late F. Hugh Noonan on "Listen, the Clams are Talking" and authored the 1977 Lenten series of meditations in the National Catholic Reporter.

MICHIFACT
Kalamazoo, Michigan was the location of the nation's first permanent pedestrian mall opened in 1959. The mall, located in Kalamazoo's downtown section is still a thriving part of the community, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, Lansing.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

We live in very difficult days! Of course, you know that, don't you?

So many things are pressing us. Inflation is eating up any increase in income that we might have. People are being laid off. Consumers are not buying. Energy is getting more and more expensive. Interest rates are out of sight.

Just seems like there is nothing that is stable.

But there is! God and our need of God is stable and just the same. It is the same as it was for our parents, our grandparents and our great-grandparents. Man's need of God never changes. We might have different ways of saying it today, or of showing our need, but man's need of God is always the same.

He is the one stable thing in a very changing time. "God is the same yesterday, today and forever." That was the decision that the early scripture writer made and there is nothing to show that God has changed now.

Probably the most difficult part of this need of man for God is recognizing our own need. We would like to feel that we are pretty independent people, able to make our

own decisions and then to carry them out. We want to do all things in our own strength. So the real shocker is that finally we come to a place in our life, where we are not able to make our own decisions, we lack the resources or personal strength to carry them out and we come face to face with our own emptiness, our own need for a source of strength outside of ourselves—Our own need of God.

Recognizing our own need of God is not a shameful thing. It is a very manly or womanly thing, it is a very wise thing to do. I know that there are people who will put us down. But that's not important. The important thing is to make our own decision about our need of God. And then live out that decision and seek a relationship with God.

Even this is not easy to do! It takes a real discipline to build relationship. It's true of the relationship we build with people and it's true of the relationship we build with God. God is ready to help us with this relationship, for He has always made himself available to His people. But we work at it, too. I guess the most important part of the relationship we have with God is to talk with Him. Some of us call it prayer. But just talking is good enough.

I suspect that as the pressures of living grow greater in the days ahead, we will need strength, both inner strength and strength from an outside source, so why not get started now? Talk with God today!

Keep the love flowing...
Jerry

WEDDING INVITATION & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Ledger.

OPEN LETTER
Dear friends,
Some widows can promptly talk about their loss, repeating its circumstances, until the cruel edge is blunted enough for them to accept its reality. Other widows require months to bring themselves to talk about their husbands, about their death. Until they can talk, they have not really started on the road to recovery from grief.
Respectfully,
David Gerst
ROTH-GERST FUNERAL HOME
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Coming Events

WED., APR. 23: Arrowhead Women's Wednesday Night Golf will meet at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse.

THURS., APR. 24: Lowell Middle School orientation meeting for parents of all present 5th graders who will enter LMS in the fall of 1980. Tours at 7 p.m. Discussion and question period with staff and administrators at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Bushnell Parent Teacher Club.

THURS., APR. 24: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will host a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at Lowell, to precede the regular convocation at 7:30. Arrangements will be finalized for presenting the illustrated commentary "I Am The American Flag" on May 29 after the annual installation ceremony.

SAT., APR. 26: Lowell Fire Department will serve their Annual Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$2.50. Children under 12, \$1.00. All you can eat at VFW Post 3803, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

MON., APR. 28: Story Hour at Lowell Library for pre-schoolers and early el. Begins at 7 p.m. with films, tapes, games, songs. Also May 5 & May 19.

TUES., APR. 29: Annual membership meeting of West Central Michigan Historical Society will be at Runciman School at 7:30 p.m. Program and refreshments, election of Board of Directors.

Births
Michael and Darcee Blocher of Lowell have a new son, Michael Paul Jr., born Mar. 20 at Butterworth Hospital. He weighed 4 lbs., 9 oz. Grandparents are Paul and Donna Blocher of Alto, and Delores Weaver of Lowell and Robert Weaver of Grand Rapids.

David and Darlene Funkey of Alto became the parents of a baby boy Wednesday, April 16. Mr. and Mrs. Funkey's son was born at Butterworth Hospital weighing 4 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Funkey.



Celebrating anniversaries in the next week are Carlen and Rev Anderson on April 30 and Ray and Terry Zandstra on April 30. On the same day, Gib and Winnie Schneider celebrate their 34th anniversary.

Michigan Technological University at Houghton has announced that two Lowell students have been named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter for earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Named were Paul A. Miller, a junior in civil engineering and Steven P. Noffke, a senior in civil engineering.

Mrs. Carrie Condon has returned home after enjoying the winter months with her son in Florida.

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Society Notes

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman W. Clagett are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Suzanne to Mr. Steven Graham, son of Elmer Graham and the late Mrs. Graham of Lowell.

Suzanne is a graduate of Hastings High School and the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. She is employed at Radio Bible Class, Grand Rapids. Steven is a graduate of Lowell High School and Ferris State College. He is employed by Schneider Transport in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Wedding plans are being made for August 2.

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Election time for WOTM

Carrie McCaul, chairman of the Academy of Friendship for the Women of the Moose, will be in charge of the chapter night program on Monday, May 5, at 8 p.m.

The ring ceremony will be held for those who attended the Academy of Friendship session in Muskegon on Sunday, April 20. The Award of Achievement will be presented for the year 1979-80. Election of officers for the new year, 1980-81 will be held on May 19, 1980.

The nominating committee for a slate of new officers for the coming year met on April 14, 1980 at the home of Marian Baker. The following officers were nominated: Sr. Regent—Emily Zengri; Jr. Regent—Lorna Franks; Chaplain—Vada Kline; Recorder—Rose Marie Nead; Treasurer—Marian Baker.

To be June bride

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Jackson are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Carol from Saranac, to Jerry A. Young from Lake Odessa.

Darlene graduated from Lakewood High School in 1979 and is now employed at Herbruck's Poultry Ranch in Saranac.

Jerry is a 1967 graduate of Hastings High School and is employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

A June 7 wedding is being planned.

Local News

Mrs. Emory Bowen of Lowell is in Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids for surgery.

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On Dean's List

Kathryn A. Emelander, 515 Higgins Rd., Saranac has been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Northwood Institute.

Students must earn a 3.2 grade point on a 4.0 scale to make the list.

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Saranac to levy 15 mills, park still in limbo

Saranac Village Council approved the new budget of \$176,000 and called for a tax levy of 15 mills, the maximum permitted by law, to pay for it. Last year, only 10 mills were levied.

Councilman Phillip Denny explained that several factors have not yet been plugged in to the new budget. The

Headlee Amendment rollback is one of the major factors still to be figured in. The amount of millage that the village is allowed to levy under Headlee is based on a formula of the increase in the district's valuation divided by the Consumer Price Index. It is anticipated that the village will be able to levy about 90 percent of the 15 mills for the general budget and 90 percent of an additional mill for the library.

The rollback will mean that the Council will have to rework the budget, make cuts and amend it. Another factor that is still up in the air is the final cost for the next year on the contract with the Ionia County Sheriff's Department. Presently, the contract says services will cost \$22,500 but that expires on January 1.

Each fiscal year, the park project has been shelved for lack of funds and the Council members voted to wait one more month for some final word from the DNR before they begin to explore alternative methods of financing the park.

Plans for the park include a playground, tot lot, picnic area, and fishing and boating area. The site for the park is near the center of town along the river. The DNR grant was to have been \$14,000 with a matching amount to come from local funding. Each year, the Village has had to resubmit the plan for

The Council is still in negotiations for settlement of next year's contract and a ball-park figure was used in preparing the budget.

Other expenditures called for in the new budget are: \$36,000 for the fire department; \$17,250 for the village park; \$11,600 for buildings and grounds; and \$54,650 in the unallocated category. The latter funds street lighting, unemployment compensation, hospitalization, retirement, printing and publishing, and legal services.

In other action Monday night, the Council expressed frustration with the Department of Natural Resources over funding for a park along the Grand River.

The plan for the park has been on the drawing boards for four years and the Village has been waiting that long to receive a \$28,000 grant from the DNR which would allow construction to begin.

Greenfield Village is an outdoor museum village of more than 80 historic buildings. Carriage or sleigh rides are offered in appropriate seasons. Village hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Guided tours only. First tour 9:30 a.m., last tour 3:30 p.m.

State police said the incident remains under investigation.

Escapee car theft suspect

A Michigan Reformatory dormitory resident who walked away from the facility Monday, April 14 is believed to be connected with the theft of a Saranac car.

Michigan State Police at the Ionia Post report a car owned by Mark Williams of Saranac was taken from Williams' driveway Monday between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

Mark D. Smith, 21, was last seen at the reformatory at approximately 4:40 p.m. Monday, police said.

Williams' vehicle was found abandoned in Melvindale Tuesday by local police authorities. Smith reportedly is from Melvindale.

Off The Blotter Ionia Police report Larelle McMahon, 191 Bridge St., was fined \$19 for impeding the flow of traffic.

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Ionia shuts out Lowell 4-0

Bulldog Vaughn Mayle fired a no-hitter in his first varsity start to lead the Ionia Bulldogs to a 4-0 non-league win over the Lowell Red Arrows.

In notching their fourth straight win of the season, the Bulldogs were helped along by 10 walks as Ionia managed just four hits off a pair of Lowell hurlers.

The Bulldogs took advantage of wildness on the part of starting, and losing, pitcher Brian O'Hara in first two innings to take a 3-0 lead.

In the first inning, Jim Loveless delivered a sacrifice fly for a 1-0 lead while the bases were loaded.

Ionia upped the count to 3-0 in the second as the Bulldogs scored twice without the benefit of a hit. After a walk, a player was hit and the two advanced on a sacrifice. Another walk brought home a runner.

O'Hara suffered the defeat in two plus innings of work as he gave up three runs on two hits, while walking six. Mike Kaye finished up and was

touched for a run on a pair of hits, while walking four and fanning one.

For the second straight time this season, the Ionia junior varsity baseball team lost a heartbreaker.

Thursday, the Bulldogs went an extra inning before dropping a 3-2 decision to Lowell.

Lowell had three runs on three hits and two errors, while Ionia, now 0-2, had two runs on five hits and three errors.

Lowell outscores Saranac, 8-5

A disastrous fifth and sixth inning stretch in which Lowell outscored Saranac, 7-0, boosted Lowell to an 8-5 softball victory Wednesday.

"We ran into pitching trouble," Saranac coach Barb Vezino lamented after the game.

Saranac, now 1-1, collected only two hits, singles by Stacy Metternick and Holene Opdycke. The Redskins scored one run in the first inning, one in the third and three in the fourth, assuming a 5-1 lead at that point. Then the roof fell in.

Key blows during that

time were a pair of doubles which drove in four runs, all in the sixth inning. Lynn Wilcox was the focal point of the day's hitting barrage, collecting three hits in four trips to the plate, including a double and two runs batted in.

For the game, Lowell got eight runs on four hits and four errors, while Saranac got five runs on two hits and three errors. DeAnn Eddy was tagged with the loss after pitching only one-third of the sixth inning and giving up two walks and a double to the three batters she faced.

Lowell dumps Ionia, 22-9

The Lowell varsity softball team got out of the starting gate quickly Thursday, April 17 and registered a convincing, 22-9 victory over Ionia.

Lowell scored in all seven innings, with three runs in the first inning, one in the second, five in the third, one more in the fourth and eight in the fifth en route to the win.

Ionia tried a comeback with six runs of its own in the third inning, cutting the deficit to 9-6, before Lowell began to pull away. The Bulldogs did manage to tack on two runs in the fifth inning, making the score, 18-8, and one more in the sixth but Lowell had already forged a 21-9 lead at that juncture. Mary Bobko earned the win for Lowell.

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Girls softball begins

The Lowell YMCA has started its 1980 Baseball and Softball Season. Saturday clinics and sign-ups for Boys Junior and Senior Little Leagues, and Pony League, were held.

Clinics and sign-ups for the girls Softball program are as follows: 6-7-8 yr. olds April 28th, 6:30-7:30; 9-10-11 yr. olds April 29, 6:30-7:30; 12-13-14-15 yr. olds April 30, 6:30-7:30. All girls will meet May 3 at 1 p.m. These clinics will be held at the Middle School fields. If you are in the Alto area, you will meet at the same times but at the Alto Elementary field.

For more information call the Y office at 897-8445.

Girls track chalks another win

The Lowell Girls Track Team defeated Cedar Springs last week 115-20. It was their second win in as many outings this year. Individual wins were: 100 meter hurdles, Sue Sitzer; 100 meter dash, Stacy Lippert; mile run, Kathe Dey; 440, Sue Schoenborn; 220, Lippert; 2 mile, Bonnie Peters; 220 hurdles, Sitzer.

440 relay, Ann Smith, Elaine Blasher, Diane Clark, Chris Hildenbrand; 880 relay, Smith, Sitzer, Clark, Hildenbrand; mile relay, Robin Hayes, Lyndsay Machado, Schoenborn, Tawnie Knottnerus; High Jump, Clark; Long Jump, Clark; Shot Put, Kelly Dickerson; Discus, Dickerson.

traveled to Hastings to take part in the Hastings Relays. Lowell placed 4th in a field of 20 teams.

Those who took medals home were: Kelly Dickerson 2nd in the shot put and Discus; and Patty Reagan, Tawnie Knottnerus, Sue Schoenborn and Kathe Dey in the distance relay.

On Saturday, the team

Hill plays for Aquinas



Gordy Hill
A local student has a place on this year's Aquinas College tennis team. Gordy Hill, son of Gordon and Donna Hill of 12365 Bailey Drive in Lowell, is a 1976 graduate of Lowell High School. Hill was a standout tennis player for the Red Arrows and spent two years performing for Grand Rapids Junior College before settling at Aquinas last year.

Gordy is one of 5 seniors on a squad coming off its best season ever. The team faces a tough schedule of 14 matches and 3 tournaments. Coach Joe Hesse's Saints play their home matches at Grand Rapids Racquet Club.

Golfers top Caledonia

Brenda Bignall paced the victorious Redskin golfers as they posted a 220-262 win over Caledonia Thursday, April 18 at Morrison Lake.

Bignall fired a 42 nine-hole score—good for meet medalist honors—in leading Saranac to its first dual meet win in two starts.

Rachelle Wolbers and Sheri Canfield each posted 57s and Donna Chase and Polly Grieves both turned in 64s.

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Saranac errs, Lowell wins

Nine errors forced the Saranac varsity baseball team to take one on the chin, losing 15-8 to Lowell Wednesday, Apr. 16.

The Red Arrows pushed four more runs across in the fourth frame on three hits and two errors.

—back from a recent eye injury—and Dave Krabowski. Krabowski and Patrick both got RBIs in the inning.

Girls drop opener

The Saranac girls golf team dropped its opening match Wednesday, April 16 to Kenowa Hills, 202-246.

Girls take doubleheader

The Saranac varsity softball team wasted no time in putting points on the board Friday as the Redskins swept a double header from Vestaburg, 12-11 and 19-12.

Wendy Sheldon earned the win, striking out four and walking 14.

State Savings Bank Consolidated Report of Condition of Lowell, Michigan March 31, 1980

Table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, and Equity Capital. Rows include Cash and due from depository institutions, U.S. Treasury securities, Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies, etc.

Robert J. Elzinga, Vice President & Cashier... We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.

Vestaburg scored a pair of runs in each of the first two innings, one in the third, three in the fourth and three in the fifth.



cozy corner By Roger Brown

Casey, my almost-five-year-old son, has been mentioned in this column on many occasions. I don't think that he has ever had an entire Cozy Corner devoted to his shenanigans.

Saranac Doin's - School cuts 11 in austerity measure

Saranac School Board members got down to business at their regular meeting last Thursday evening. They decided that 11 employees will have to be eliminated from the staff and decided on their choice for a new superintendent.

The superintendent's position will be vacated in June on the retirement of Earl Cady after 20 years in that post.

The eleven positions to be eliminated include three high school teachers, one elementary school teacher, a part-time secretary, the transportation director, a reading aide, a custodian, a bus driver, a teaching assistant and a middle school playground supervisor.

Coping with cancer - Area students in Phi Kappa Phi

"You have cancer." These are probably the most feared words in our society today. The patient is usually stunned upon hearing them, but soon questions arise, such as "How do I tell my family?" or "How is this going to affect my day-to-day life?"

Two area students have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society at Central Michigan University.

New full-time fireman for Saranac

After driving to work in Lansing for 14 years, Jeff Meyers was ready for a job close to home.

because a full-time employee was needed in that department; as a result, the village needed a new fireman, Tullis said.

Meyers, his wife Sharon and son, Jeff, live in Saranac.

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Erosion halted in Ada park

"The riprapping to prevent erosion of Chief Hazy Cloud Park at the Grand River, Ada Township, is as sound today as it was when it was laid in 1976," says Don Palmer, acting Kent County park superintendent.

Heavy rains each spring, melting snow and the high level of the river flooded the park, causing damaging erosion and toppling trees into the water.

The riprapping material, huge blocks of concrete, prevents erosion of the river embankment from near the entrance to the northwest end of the park, a distance of 700 ft., says Palmer.

"The improvement has gone through four winters and there is no sign of weakening," he states. "If we had not riprapped, most of the park would have been

washed away within three or four or five years."

A jetty near the southeast end of the park sticks out into the river about 200 feet, deflecting the swiftly moving water, which also helps prevent erosion.

The riprapping material came from the nearby Pettis Avenue-Vergennes Street-Bailey Drive intersection which was removed to make way for widening to four lanes. Also, part of Bailey Drive was relocated, and part of Vergennes Street was rebuilt to the east as well as Pettis Avenue between M-21 and Honey Creek Avenue. Some of the 50-year-old chunks of pavement were part of old M-21.

The blocks were hauled in 1975 from the intersection to the nearby park without charge by the contractor.

Kammings & Roadvoets of Kentwood. It was estimated there were about 800 cubic yards of concrete hauled to the park.—**Dave Barnes.**

Happy Birthdays

April 26: Bonnie Baird, Casey Brown, Marsha Ray, Jane Anible, Greg Ball, George Notéware.

April 27: Bob Johnson, Carmen Brown, Teresa Sheffer.

April 28: Terese Brown, Clair Flynn, Lena Lehman, Shirley Smith, Almira Tison, Marge Baron.

April 29: Bryan Roth, Christopher Kamphuis, K.J. Vezino, Ewilda David.

April 30: Robin Moss, May 1: Rick Roth, Dave Hayes, Karen Brandt, Martha Lewis.

May 2: Dianne MacNaughton, Oswald Bieri, Luedell Godwin.

Convenience foods: luxury or economy?

Convenience foods account for nearly 50% of all foods sold nationally in chain retail grocery stores, according to a study released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1979.

The USDA study defined a convenience food as any partially or completely prepared food that could be prepared in the home. The percentage would have been much greater if every food that provides some convenience would have been considered.

Convenience foods are not always more expensive than equivalent home-prepared foods, as many believe. When the costs for food, fuel, and preparation time (at the minimum wage) were combined for 41 convenience products, nearly half were less expensive than their home version.

The choice between convenience or home-prepared is a value judgment that must be made by each individual depending on the time and money available. Clearly, the time factor is very important

to the increasing number of women employed outside the home who do not have time for lengthy meal preparation on workdays.

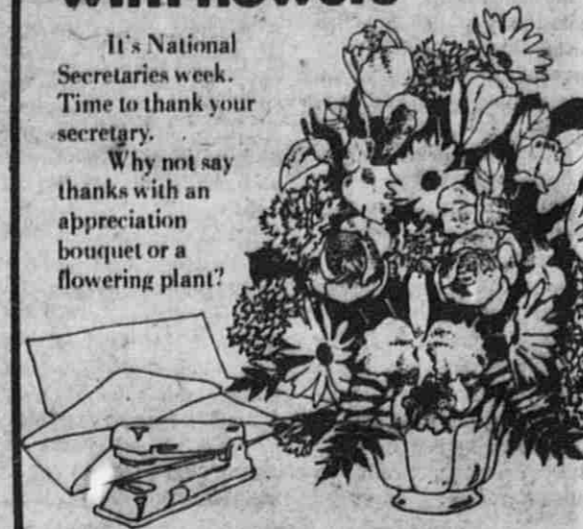
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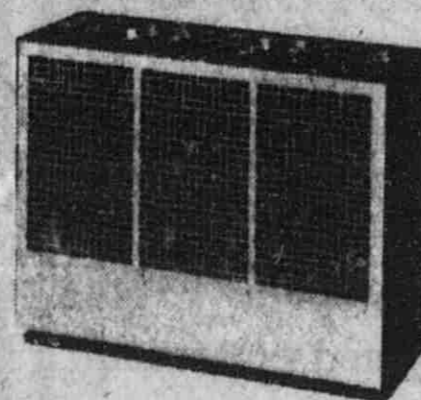
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Big Scout show set for May 10

Scouters in Ionia and Montcalm counties and Lowell will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cub Scouting and the 70th anniversary of Boy Scouting by staging a large scouting show at the Ionia Free Fair Grounds Floral Building from noon to 6 p.m., Sat., May 10.

According to Dave Hess of Ionia, Chairman of the exposition, the "Scout Fest" will include displays, demonstrations, and competitive events designed to tell scouting's story to the public.

A camporee for Boy Scouts is also being planned for the show, with the various units setting up their campsites the evening of May 9 in the vicinity of the Floral Building, along the banks of the Grand River.

Family tickets for the show are being sold by the scouts. Proceeds will be used to finance the show and units' activities.

Ionia's Scout Fest is one of seven scheduled to be held this spring in the West Michigan Shores Council, which covers eleven western Michigan counties. The other show sites are Fremont, Ludington, Grand Haven, Holland, Muskegon, and Grand Rapids.

Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn NW, offers a free adult program entitled "Flowering Shrubs & Spring Wildflowers" April 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. and repeated from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary, call 453-6192 for reservations.

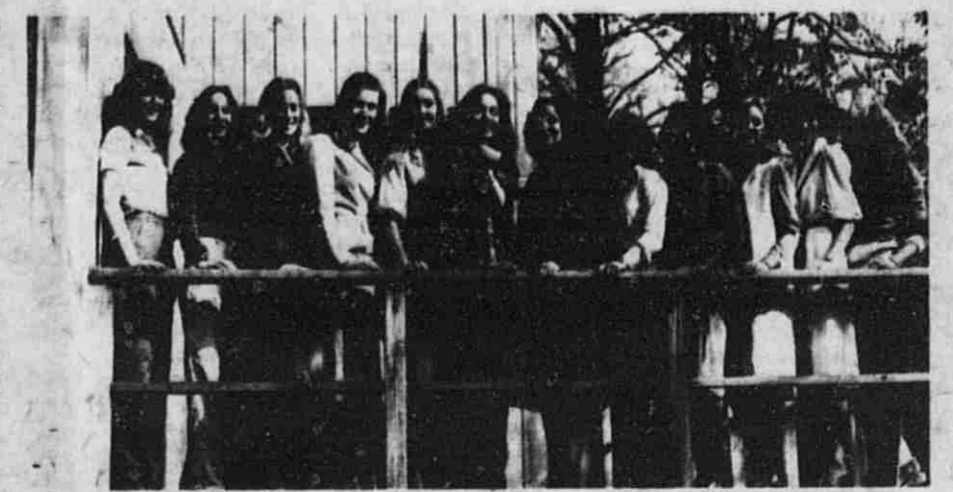
12 compete for crown in Miss Ada Pageant

The second annual Miss Ada Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 8 p.m., at the Forest Hills High Central Auditorium. Contestants from the Lowell, Ada, Cascade, E. Grand Rapids, Forest Hills and Aho area will be participating.

Contestants are judged according to a personal interview with five of the district professional judges, talent and evening gown competition. The winner and her court will receive scholarships and represent the area in the 1981 Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant. This is a pre-liminary pageant.

Karen Sue Parks, 1979 Miss Ada Scholarship Queen, will be representing the area at the 1980 Miss Michigan Scholarship pageant in Muskegon on June 13, 14, and 15. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Donald and Arlene Parks of Ada. Karen will present a gymnastic dance routine for her talent.

She is presently a senior at Forest Hills Central and will continue her education at Michigan State University. Twelve contestants who will vie for the title of Miss



Contestants in this year's Miss Ada Scholarship Pageant will vie for the right to represent the area in the 1981 Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant. They are [L-R]: Pamela Dykstra, Deborah Sourbeck, Sue Vanderploeg, Patricia Prins, Patricia Filka, Gayle VerBerkmoes, Nancy Lynn Ostrow, Kathleen Doody, Erin Seekman, Michelle Mikesall, Diane Aylworth and Laura Nowak.

Ada on May 17 are (left to right): Pamela Dykstra, daughter of Robert and Carol Dykstra; Deborah Anne Sourbeck, daughter of Edward and Barbara Sourbeck; Sue Vanderploeg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Vanderploeg; Patricia Prins, daughter of Dewey and Doty Prins, Sr.;

Patricia Filka, daughter of Paul and Ada Filka; Gayle VerBerkmoes, daughter of Edwin and Aoloe VerBerkmoes; Nancy Lynn Ostrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ostrow; Kathleen Marie Doody, daughter of Beatrice and John Doody;

Erin Michelle Seekman, daughter of Larry and Sherry Seekman; Michelle Mikesall, daughter of Maurice and Betty Mikesall; Diane Aylworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Aylworth; Laura Nowak, daughter of Raymond and Irene Nowak.

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If you're converting lawn to garden, remove the sod before tilling or spading. If you don't, you'll be fighting grass all summer long. An alternative is to cover the grass with black plastic, old carpeting, sheets of cardboard, or some other material and plant through it.

The right time to plant depends on the crop. Those that do best in cool weather—including the cabbage-family crops, peas, onions, lettuce and spinach—need to go into the garden as early as possible. Most of them can be planted again in mid-summer for a fall harvest.

The perennial crops—rhubarb, asparagus and Jerusalem artichoke—should also be planted early. The warm-weather crops—including squash, cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers—must wait until the danger of frost is past. Beans and cold-resistant sweet corn varieties can be planted two to four weeks before the frost-free date.

Some garden vegetables

do best if they're planted as seeds; others, as transplants. Early crops of the cabbage-family plants—cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi—and warm-weather crops like tomatoes, peppers and eggplant are almost always planted as transplants. Using transplants gives plants a head start and brings them into production sooner.

When buying transplants, think small. The bigger a plant is, the longer it will take it to become established in the garden and begin to grow again. Tomato and pepper plants should not already have flowers and fruits when they're planted.

A couple of planting strategies can help make the most of limited garden space. Companion planting is the combination of a quick-growing crop with one that matures more slowly. Radishes can be planted with onions or carrots, for instance; or lettuce or spinach between broccoli plants. The quick-maturing crop will come and go before the slower ones begin to need the space.

Another strategy is successive cropping. This means following an early-harvested crop with something else. July-planted broccoli or cauliflower, for instance, could follow June-harvested peas. Beans could follow an early crop of spinach.

Plant strawberries in the spring

It doesn't take a special kind of green thumb to grow strawberries. Anyone can improve his/her chances of success by selecting a suitable site, buying virus-free stock and controlling weeds.

Jim Hancock, Extension small fruits specialist at Michigan State University, says the best site for strawberries has rich, organic, well-drained soil. It is a little higher than the land around it—so cold air drains away from the plants in late spring when frosts can damage flower buds—and it receives direct sunlight.

A good site for strawberries has not recently been in sod or been planted to tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, or strawberries for at least three years. Land that has been in sod, Hancock explains, usually contains large numbers of white grubs and other pests that will feed on strawberry plant roots.

In the spaced row planting system, plants are set 18 to 24 inches apart in rows 3 to 4 feet apart. Most runners are removed, leaving only 4 to 6 plants per square foot.

Strawberries need plenty of water. The rule of thumb is an inch of water per week from rain and irrigation. A very important bit of first-year care consists of removing the flower buds. "If you don't remove the flowers, you may get a little fruit the same year that you plant," Hancock says. "But you'll get almost none the second year, which should be a top production year, and the plants will never recover from the stress of trying to produce fruit that first year before they had established good roots and crowns."

Strawberries should be planted as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring. Set plants in the soil so that the buds at the top are just above the soil surface. If they're planted shallower, the exposed roots will die. If they're set deeper, they may not grow at all.

Strawberries in the home garden are often grown in the matted row system. Plants are set 24 to 28 inches apart, and runners are allowed to root and widen the row to 15 to 24 inches. Rows are 3 to 4 feet apart.

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A GOOD BUG Ladybugs will soon be coming out of hibernation and may congregate at the bases of house walls. Don't spray—these are good guys! If they get into the house, sweep them up and dump them outside again. Engraved Playing Cards 897-9261

Interest rates up for farmers

The interest rate on all 1980 crop loans made by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will be 13 percent, stated Vernon Kretzschmer, Chairperson of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Kretzschmer also announced the 13-percent rate would apply to any new 1979-crop loans and new farm storage facility loan applications or requests filed after April 15.

The new rates are based on the cost of borrowing money from the U.S. Treasury. Continuing interest rates at the earlier level, he said, would result in losses to CCC.

Farmers who already have CCC commodity or facility loans would not be affected by the new interest rate.

The interest rate for 1979-crop commodity loans had

been 9 percent until April 15. The interest rate for farm storage facility loans had been 10.5 percent since Mar. 22, 1979.

Help for veg gardeners

If yours is one of the 37 million households that will be involved in vegetable gardening this summer and you can't decide from the vast array of seed catalogs what's best to plant in Michigan, the MSU Cooperative Extension Service has a brand new guide to the best varieties to plant in Michigan and how much to plant to meet family needs.

The bulletin, "Home Vegetable Variety Recommendations," E-760 (a), is available at the MSU Cooperative Extension Service office in Ionia, relates Bill Fryer, County Extension Director.

"Bavaria", a film narrated by the producer, Rick Reddy, that features the beauty that fall and winter bring to this historic part of the world. Program is presented by the Grand Rapids Museum Association at St. Cecilia Auditorium, 24 Ransom NE, at 8 p.m. April 17. Admission is \$5 for Association members and \$2 for all others.

"Michigan Astronomy Day", community astronomical groups will be participating in activities at Eastbrook Mall. The Chaffee Planetarium will, weather permitting, have a telescope available for public viewing outside the Museum during the evening hours on April 26.

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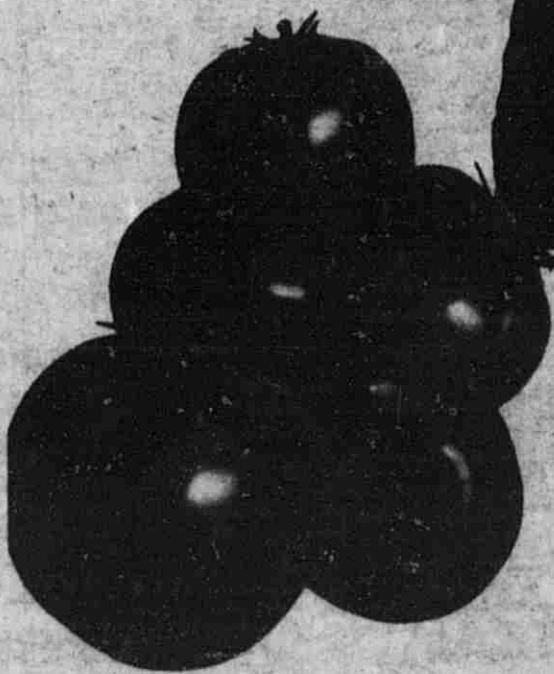
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15 will compete in State meet



Lowell students who participated in the Regional Forensics Tournament in Ionia recently are (L-R): Standing—Paul Baerwalde, Todd Bryan, Tom Caldwell, Laura Yost, Mrs. Gillespie (Forensics Coach), Dawn Condon, Curt DeVries, Chris Winger, Barry Eldridge; Seated—Teresa Serne, Carla Shores, Jeanne Courser, Corrie Woods, Kathleen Bieri, Jilisa Grooters; Floor—Meredith Althaus, Brenda Schiel, Julie Ramsdell. Not pictured: Steve Dickerson, Lori Reed and Kim VanderMuelen.

Fifteen Lowell students will be participating in the State Forensics Tournament in Ann Arbor on May 3 after they earned honors at the

Regional meet. The Regional Forensics Tournament was held at Ionia High School on April 19. In all, 19 Lowell students

participated in the various events at the Regionals. Students who will be attending the State tourney and their events are:

Dramatic Duo—Laura Yost, Barry Eldridge; Serpent Multiple—Jilisa Grooters, Todd Bryan, Lori Reed, Kim VanderMuelen, Steve Dickerson and Corrie Wood; Odyssey Multiple—Tom Caldwell, Meredith Althaus, Dawn Condon, Paul Baerwalde, Julie Ramsdell, Curt DeVries, and Teresa Serne. Carla Shores placed fourth in Oratory and is an alternate for State competition.

Kids are calculating

Ten Lowell Middle School students earned the right to participate in Grand Valley State Colleges' second annual high school calculator contest on Friday, April 18. More than 300 students from 32 schools were involved.

The contest is designed to stimulate interest in math. Competing students were given 30 problems requiring insight into the nature of numbers, computations or limitations of the calculator. Students were divided into three categories based on their grade level.

Each of the Lowell students first qualified in Lowell. They are math students in the classes of Mr. Akers and Miss Lycos.

Five 7th graders and five 8th graders who attended are: Allen Post, Mark Knottnerus, Klass Kwant, Dale Fegal, Janney Althaus, Stephanie Ford, Rex Hyser, Kevin Barrett, Matt Barton, Lisa Melon.

Tot story hour Mon.

Pre-schoolers and early elementary students can spend an enjoyable hour at the Lowell Library this Monday after supper.

At 7 p.m., Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, Librarian, will have another popular "Story Hour" featuring films, tapes, games, songs and stories for the small fry. Good reading habits begin with good listening habits.

The program of story hours will have three sessions this month with another on May 5 and still another on May 19. The program is free.

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The contest was announced this week by Lt. Gov. James Brickley as contest rules and entry blanks were mailed to high schools across the state.

The top two scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded for the best brochure, pamphlet or flyer encouraging energy awareness, and for the best energy conservation idea.

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On NMU stage

James Ball, a Lowell junior at Northern Michigan University, is taking part in the mystery play "The Ripper", which won the 1980 Roberts Playwriting Award at Northern Michigan University.

This thriller is running April 16-19 and deals with the question, "Who was Jack the Ripper?" Ball, who plays inspector Flanders, has taken part in numerous productions at NMU, including "West Side Story," "The Bronx Bomber" and "The Mouse Trap."



A theater major, Ball is Harold Ball, 513 East Main St., Lowell.

Golden anniversary



Glenn and Marie Rickert

Glenn and Marie Rickert will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 4. An Open House will be held in their home at the Educational Building, First United Methodist Church, Lowell, from 2-5 p.m., by their children, Larry and Marilyn Cahoon and family, and Shirley Weeks and family. The Rickerts have lived at their Centennial farm in Keene all their married life. The couple has seven grandchildren. Friends, neighbors and relatives are invited. The couple has requested no gifts, please, only your presence to help them celebrate the happy occasion.

Jazz tonight at LHS gym

The Western Michigan University Jazz Lab Band, which will be presented in concert on Wednesday evening, April 23, was organized over 10 years ago under the direction of Robert Davidson of the Department of Music faculty.

The concert is sponsored by the Lowell Music Boosters and will be held at the Lowell High School Gym at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students with children under 5 free. Senior citizens with a Golden Pass will also be admitted free.

The Jazz Lab Band emphasizes modern music and jazz (of course) with a mixture of standard charts, specially commissioned arrangements and compositions, and original compositions by WMU students. Members of the Lab Band earn credit for the class in the music department. A Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz studies is offered at WMU.

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DNR report

Spring's warm breeze has again turned to a more winter-like weather pattern bringing with it cold rains with mixed snow and ice. Temperatures dropped below normal further retarding already sluggish runs of steelhead upstream. Fishing has been on again, off again according to what the weather is at the time. Water levels remain high and waters remain cloudy after recent spring rains. Mushroomers and smelt dippers alike will probably have to wait on warmer weather.

The Muskegon, White and Grand Rivers are all boasting good numbers of steelhead in the rivers. The better baits are spawn, spawn, and spawn, with some wigglers and small spoons being used. With high water levels, fishing is done mostly by boat or from the bank. Fishing is reported better in the lower Muskegon River with good reports being made throughout the Grand and White Rivers.

Panfishing has had a real shot in the arm. Good crappie fishing is reported on Muskegon Lake and the bays of the Grand River. Fishermen report conditions and catches great.

Most inland lake panfish are awaiting warmer weather in deep water. Good spring-like weather will be well accepted by sportsmen and fish alike.

GROWING SHORTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS

The number of college students preparing to be science teachers has dwindled to all but nothing. The result is a growing shortage of high school science teachers, especially in rural and inner-city schools.

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Herblet retires from MDOT

Glenn D. Herblet, 1000 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, will retire April 25 after 20 years with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Herblet is a highway construction inspector in the department's 11-county Grand Rapids District. He joined the department at

Grand Rapids in 1960 and has worked in that area throughout his MDOT career, except for about two years in Detroit Metro District in the mid-1960s. Herblet and his wife, Theoda, plan to maintain their home in Lowell and spend their winters in Florida.

Preschoolers build Main Street



Asst. Fire Chief Frank Martin brought a real fire truck to the Methodist Pre-School last week so that the youngsters could compare it with their slightly smaller version. Martin spoke to the children about safety. He also had a chance to admire the fire station they built as a part of their Main Street project.

Lowell's Main Street is slowly being constructed at the Methodist Pre-School.

The project began last week with Community Helpers. To prepare for the visit of Assistant Fire Chief Frank Martin and Lowell Police officer Al Eckman, the children built a fire station. A large box was cut and painted bright red. The pre-school fire station holds three trucks and three "firepersons". The children discussed how firemen and police officers make our lives safer.

Next week, the children will discuss transportation and the Lowell Airport. As the weather permits, the children will visit several places of business on Lowell's Main Street such as the bank, shoe store or the bakery.

Inside the pre-school, a doctor's office is being constructed and there will be a grocery store and house center, too.

Enrollments are now being taken for next Fall's pre-school session. For more information call 897-7514. Or stop in and visit the pre-school children's version of Main Street-

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Cascade Christian Church plans centennial

Cascade Christian Church, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., will celebrate in October the 100th anniversary of the original church building, now known as The Chapel, located on Orange Street just north of Cascade Road.

Paul Slater has been named chairman of a centennial committee which will plan activities observing the anniversary, announces Rev. Raymond Gaylord, pastor of the church. Other committee members are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Vanderveen and Mrs. Elma Geib as well as Rev. Gaylord.

The first meeting of the committee is slated to take place in about a week, says Slater, and discussion of what kind of observances will take place then. A target date for the celebration is Oct. 12.

The Chapel, which has been improved and remodeled during the last 12 months, is the scene of many activities. Among the improvements to The Chapel are a



The Chapel, the original church building of Cascade Christian Church in the village of Cascade, is 100 years old. The original steeple, above, has been replaced with a similar one. This picture was taken two years ago.

new ceiling, wiring, gas furnace, windows, closets and cupboards. The building also has been painted. Last year, The Chapel received a new steeple—the original one was suffering from dry rot.

Among the activities and facilities are three church services each Sunday, vacation bible school in the summer, weddings, funerals, Sunday School classes, adult meetings, and nurseries for small children.

The Cascade Historical Society has displays in a part of The Chapel.

There will be an attempt to contact retired and former ministers of the church so they can plan to participate in the observance program, says Slater.

Cascade Christian Church has a complex of several buildings on 2½ acres, including the relatively new church building.—Dave Barnes.

CONSERVE GAS—Let your mailman deliver your Grand Valley Ledger. One year \$6 in Kent & Ionia Co., \$8 elsewhere. Call 897-9261.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES STATE OF MICHIGAN LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

The last day on which persons may register with the Township Clerk[s] or City Clerk to vote is May 12, 1980. Persons registering after 5:00 o'clock p.m., on said day NOT ELIGIBLE to vote.

Persons planning to register must determine when the City and Township Clerks' offices will be open for registration.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, MICHIGAN.

Dated: April 18, 1980.

Orion Thaler
Secretary, Board of Education

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday,

MAY 8, 1980

at 8:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, for the purpose of hearing Dawn Real Estate's request for a variance that would allow two parcels of property in Section 19 of Lowell Township to be sold as building sites even though they have insufficient road frontage to comply with the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance.

Carol L. Wells,
Lowell Township Clerk
897-7600

c24

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday,

MAY 5, 1980

at 8:00 P.M. at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., for the purpose of receiving comments on a request to vacate Jefferson Street south from Front Street. Citizens are invited to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed vacation.

Ray E. Quada,
City Clerk

c24-25

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Lowell City Council on Monday,

MAY 5, 1980

in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, at 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Hearing will be to consider the request of Saunders Sign Company for a variance from the Sign Ordinance, to allow the placement of a pylon sign at the Southeast edge of the Lippert Pharmacy parking lot, in the C-2 Central Business District.

Ray E. Quada,
City Clerk

c24-25

CITY OF LOWELL BID NOTICE

The City of Lowell is seeking bids for design and installation of mechanical, plumbing and electrical equipment in its proposed new public works facility.

Plans and performance specifications will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or from Wolverine Building Products, 4700 44th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 on or after April 25, 1980.

Bids must be received not later than 2:00 P.M. May 9, 1980 at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. All bids will be opened at that time.

Ray E. Quada,
City Manager

c23-24

Birthdays celebrated



Only three of the eleven residents of Cumberland Hill celebrate April birthdays were on hand to have their photo shot. Seated is Rosa Peckham and standing are Barbara Badder and John Cook.

Stinson New VFW commander

Election of officers for Lowell VFW Post 8303 was held on April 15 with the following named to Post positions:

Post Commander, John Stinson; Sr. Vice Commander, Merrick Stephenson; Jr. Vice Commander, John Erickson; Quartermaster, Olen

Miller Sr.; Post Advocate Ray Clark; Chaplain, Roy Hovinga; Surgeon, Roy Phillips; Three-year Trustee M. Jack Fonger. Appointed to position were: Post Adjutant, Paul Welker; Service Officer Don Souser.

Focus on stars Saturday, April 26

Governor William G. Milliken has proclaimed Saturday, April 26, as Michigan Astronomy Day. All across the state planetariums, observatories, university and college astronomy departments and amateur astronomy groups will be having special activities.

Grand Rapids' Mayor Abe Orasin has added his endorsement by declaring Saturday, April 26 Grand Rapids Astronomy Day. Kicking off the celebration in our area will be an exclusive showing of the film "2001: A Space Odyssey" in the Grand Rapids Public Museum's Multi-purpose Room on Friday, April 25. The film is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Museum Association and is

paid for in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for Museum and Astronomical Association members and \$2 for the general public.

On Astronomy Day itself, the entire Grand Rapids astronomical community will participate: Aquinas College, Calvin College, Godwin Heights Public Schools (Reiser Planetarium), Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association, Grand Rapids Junior College, Grand Rapids Public Museum (Chaffee Planetarium), Grand Rapids Public Schools (Educational Park and Light-house), Grand Valley State Colleges and the Great Lakes Planetarium Association

(Michigan Section).

Free open houses will be held at the Veen Observatory 8:30 to 11 p.m. and at the Calvin College Observatory 9 to 11 p.m. The Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum will offer its current sky show "Capture the Sun" at 2:30, 3:45, 8:00 and 9:15 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75c for students. Telescope observations will also be held at John Ball Park and at the Grand Rapids Public Museum from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. (weather permitting). The observations are free.

Regardless of the weather, there will be numerous events of interest for everyone.

All sponsoring groups will have displays at Eastbrook and Woodland Malls. There will be displays designed especially for children, some especially for educators and some just for fun. Hours for these free activities at the two malls are 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

MICHIFACT

Sault Ste. Marie, at the northeastern corner of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, is the oldest city in the Midwest. It was established in 1668 by Jesuit missionaries Father Jacques Marquette and Father Claude Dablon, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, Lansing.

Main Street, cont'd.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident on Monday, April 14, on East Main and Jefferson were Frances Wert of Gonen when she pulled from a private drive into the path of Donald Morgan of Grand Rapids.

James Kimball was injured when he failed to yield the right of way at Amity and Howard St. on Friday morning while riding a motorcycle. He struck a vehicle driven by Gloria Ossewaarde.

Three juveniles were cited into 63rd District Court for trespassing on private property with dirt motorcycles on Wednesday evening.

A fifth grade juvenile will be referred to Probate Court in connection with the theft of jewelry from Runciman Elementary School.

William Grummet was uninjured in an accident early Sunday morning on Grand River near Division when he lost control of his car and hit a tree.



Now open on an interim basis, the new North Carolina State Zoo near Seagrave, will feature the world's largest natural environmental zoo.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To hear comments on the proposed use of Revenue Sharing and the 1980-81 Budget for the City of Lowell.

The hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m.

MAY 5 and 19, 1980

at the Lowell City Hall.

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

Citizens are invited to submit written and oral comments regarding the proposed use of Revenue Sharing and the 1980-81 Budget.

Ray Quada,
City Clerk

c24-25

Board Proceedings

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular School Board Meeting April 14, 1980

The Board approved payment of general fund bills totalling \$45,513.64.

The Board, by action, placed the following teachers in second year probation for the 1980-81 school year: Kathy Cuneo; Nancy DeVries; Ron MacPherson; Ames Bedi; Robyn DeGraaf; Cynthia Visbeen; Sarah Junberg; Cynthia Wilson; Lauri Hart; Kathleen Lynch; Paula Murphy; Maureen Dorough; Mike Kaznierski; Laurie Kuna; Karen Pizarek; Katharine Talus.

The Board also passed resolutions regarding three teachers hired on a temporary basis to fill vacancies, and on the discontinuance of a room for severely emotionally impaired students, these students to be serviced by Grand Rapids next year.

Personnel items included resignations received from Ethel Rivette; Cynthia Visbeen; Connie Molesta; Barbara Wood; Melissa McLaury and Amy Brown, with a senior high school teacher requesting a year's sabbatical leave.

The two incumbents, Wayne Dowling and Dr. James Dumas, have filed petitions to run in the annual election June 9, when two board members will be elected.

Wayne Dowling commented on changes within the Kent Intermediate School District resulting in the I.S.D. being much more responsive to local boards and superintendents in the over-all operation of the district.

A problem with teacher certification was brought to the board's attention.

The Superintendent reported that the Michigan Educational Support Personnel Association has notified the district that the custodians have affiliated with that organization.

Administrator contracts were referred to the Personnel Committee, with power to act.

Roll Call Votes were taken on two motions: A motion to approve a proposal to convert the bus fleet to propane gas for an amount not to exceed \$32,319; and a motion to approve the purchase of an I.B.M. 5120 Computer for \$21,868. Both motions were approved unanimously.

A policy revision brought before the board at the previous meeting calling for a one-semester required course of Consumer Education was approved.

The firm of Donald R. Helmholdt was appointed to audit school financial records for the present year, and with the appointment of some board members to attend forthcoming workshops, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Council Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 1980.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Dean Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmembers Carter, Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, School Representative Lessens, and Collins.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the March 18 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Maatman.

Yes: All.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Council discussed the request of Optec, Inc. to set a date for a Public Hearing on their request to establish an Industrial Development District, in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 198 of 1974.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Meeting date of May 5 be set as a Public Hearing on the Request of Optec, Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

Council then discussed the proposed C.E.T.A. project for cleaning up the riverbank area and islands of Flat River in conjunction with the Parks plan.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen for adoption, supported by Councilman Carter.

Resolution/C.E.T.A. Riverbank Project

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell requested and has received authorization for a special C.E.T.A. work project to clean up the islands and the riverbank; and

WHEREAS, said project is to begin immediately and cease in not less than eight months; and

WHEREAS, said project has 100% funding under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement between the City of Lowell and the Grand Rapids Area manpower Council authorizing the above described work project. Carried.

Request by Scout Troop 102/ Annual Bar-B-Que/City Parking Lot

Also discussed was the request of Boy Scout Troop 102 to hold their annual Chicken Bar-B-Que in the City Parking Lot, (Main Street) on Saturday, May 17.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen to approve the request, supported by Councilman Carter. Carried.

There was no Citizen Input, or Council Remarks.

Manager's Report

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada gave an update on the status of the bridge replacement and the share of funding from the Kent County Road Commission.

He also headed a discussion on the necessary repairs to be done to the bleachers at the ball diamond at Recreation Park, before the summer ball program starts, and reported that Fedewa Brothers, Inc. have been asked to update their application for Senior Citizen Housing, which may now be eligible for funding in July of 1980.

Also discussed was the City's responsibility for upkeep of Recreation Park, and the need to prohibit the High School football practice on the baseball field. The grass has been worn completely off and the ground has been packed as hard as cement. It will need attention before Fall, to revamp the diamond and infield as well.

IT WAS THEN MOVED to adjourn by Councilman Carter at 8:16 p.m. Approved: April 21, 1980.

DEAN E. COLLINS,
Mayor

RAY E. QUADA,
City Clerk

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HAPPY 83RD BIRTHDAY — To Mrs. Marie Kropf on Sunday, April 27th.—Love, Your Grandchildren. c24

KAY — You may be 30 but you're looking 21. Happy Birthday with much love.—Ken. c24

POWERS THAT B — Thanks for not giving me a ticket for littering in front of City Hall.—Lowell Twp. resident. p24

WANTED

WANTED — Someone to do errands for in general Lowell area. Am 12 years of age. Phone 897-8857. c24

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WANTED

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JAN — What happens to that many dead wine bottles? All in one trash pickup?? Dinner was delicious. Thanks.—Neighbors.

SANDY & JIM — Love your house. We finally made it over to the woods. Nice location.—Former Neighbors. D&M.

KATRINA — Loved the card and letter. Thanks a heap. See you June 20th, we hope.—Love, D&M.

HELP WANTED

Secretary/Receptionist needed at Honey Creek Christian Homes. This full time position requires a motivated, well-organized person with good typing and general office skills. If qualified and interested please call 897-8475. c24

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IN MEMORIAM

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 In loving memory of our grandchildren Shelly and Chris Thomas who left this world three years ago today April 27.
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 Grandma & Grandpa Bouck.

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Army surplus 4 x 4 is now a Lowell grass fire fighting unit

One of the shortest fire trucks you've ever seen is parked in Lowell's Firehouse. Well, actually it is an army surplus "4 x 4" which has new life as the newest piece of fire equipment for the Lowell Area Fire Department. The rig was obtained through an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division. The agreement says that in exchange for the rig, Lowell



Lowell Area Fire Department's newest piece of equipment is an Army surplus 4 x 4 obtained through agreement with the DNR. Completely refurbished and painted, the rig will help with brush and grass fires in remote areas. Pictured with the unit is Fire Chief Frank Baker and Assistant Fire Chief Frank Martin.

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The vehicle was received in March and the Department began its restoration. It was painted and fire equipped for approximately \$1,700. The most costly item was the 200 gal. tank and pump which has been installed for \$1,500.

The rig adds an important capability to the Department. It will be able to fight brush and grass fires in remote areas where the large tankers cannot go. It supplements the 75 gal. Bronco tank unit already in service.

When the rig is inactive, it will be used by the City to water parks and plantings on Main Street.

Henry Ford Museum is separate from the Village adjacent to it. In 14 acres under one roof, it contains Decorative Arts Galleries, a Street of Early American Shops and a Hall of Technology. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mond.-Fri., and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Rotary gala tickets out

Tickets are now available for the Rotary Club's gala Anniversary Party on May 14. This year Rotary International celebrates its 75th anniversary and Lowell Rotary celebrates its 45th.

According to Don McPherson, coordinator for the event, Remick (Rem) G. Jufferies was the prime mover in organizing the first Rotary Club in Lowell. Other charter members were: Wilbur V. Burras, Patrick Beahan, Frank F. Coons, Harry Day, Ernest C. Foreman, Walter W. Gumsier, W. Earl Hall, Robert D. Hahn, George Herald, Lee E. Lampkin, Douglas H. Oatley, Carlton H. Runciman, Theron Richmond, Wesley A. Roth, Dr. H.B. Shepard, Ralph Townsend, Rev. Samuel B. Wenger.

The party will begin at 6 p.m. in the Middle School Cafetorium. Orville J. Hoxie

Jr., Executive Vice President of Amway Corporation, will be the guest speaker. Two past presidents of Rotary and several former Rotarians will be honored.

A special invitation has been extended to widows of past Rotarians to join the festive event. Members of other area civic and service groups have been invited to help celebrate.

Joy's art on exhibit

Joy Singh, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Singh of 174 McCabe Rd., Lowell, will exhibit her work in the Senior Art Majors show at Albion College from Sunday, April 20 through Saturday, May 10.

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