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Schools face big \$\$ crunch for 81-82

Lowell School Board members were given an update on the status of the State Aid Bill at their regular meeting Monday night and viewed a new slide presentation on the financial dilemma the schools face in the coming year.

Superintendent Don Kelly told board members that the State Aid Bill has passed

both houses of the state legislature and now awaits the signature of the governor. The signature is expected before the May 19 state election to consider Proposition A, a tax reform measure. As it now stands, the State Aid to the Lowell district will provide \$360 plus \$50.55 per student per mill levied. The bill is a compromise measure

between state leadership and house members. Kelly noted that this is the earliest in recent years that school boards have known what state aid would be.

The May 19 election could affect the State Aid Bill if Proposition A passes since there is a re-opener clause contained in it, however. Kelly believes that passage of Proposition A could adversely affect the district income by \$175,000. Details and further information on the proposition will be coming to the public in the next few weeks from the state leadership, and determination of local impact can be made then.

Board members and a larger audience than usual viewed a slide presentation which explains the financial situation of the district. It was devised by Asst. Superintendent Dr. George Jacob, Middle School art teacher Karen Lambert and School Naturalist Steve Harrington as photographer.

The presentation will be used by administrators to illustrate their budget problems to community groups who would like first-hand information. Citing the state economy downturn, reduction of student numbers, rising costs and other items of impact, the program shows the district facing the necessity of "adjusting down" to attain a balanced budget as mandated by the state. Board members will be looking to a "lean budget" over the next couple of months.

A special meeting is set for next Monday, April 27, to consider administrative layoffs of four people. Further staff layoffs appear to be inevitable. Program reductions, curtailment of extra curricular activities and some sports also appear to be inevitable although no final action has been taken by the Board in any of these areas.

Another item which will have impact on the final budget for 1981-82 will be the outcome of teacher contract negotiations which are now underway.

In other business, candidates for the two school board positions who were present were introduced: for the 4-year seat, Linda Beers (not present, Ronald Zimmerman); for the 1-year seat, Douglas Heintzleman, Betty Lou Mitchell and Susan M.

Weigel (not present, Martin Fox). The school election will be held on June 8 and will be by paper ballot since voting machines could still be tied up by the election board pursuant to the May 19 state election on Proposal A.

Board members were told that the custodial unit has voted to change their bargaining unit to MESPA. A request from William Hine-line to transfer property from the Lowell district to the Forest Hills district was tabled.

Contracts for nine administrators and five supervisors were approved including: Don Kelly, Dave Burdette, John Gabrion, George Jacob, Gary Kemp, William Kirby, Richard Korb, Dirk Venema, and Jim White; Marilyn Bovee, Dolores Collins, John Schneider, Kenneth Smith and Shirley Townsend. Second year probation for Mary Bond and Roger MacNaughton was approved.

With an eye to potential layoffs for the district, board members voted to provide the district with unemployment compensation insurance.

Jazz concert Saturday night

Eddie Daniels, jazz clarinetist, backed by the Bruce Early Trio, will appear in concert Saturday night, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Lowell Middle School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for high school students or younger. Tickets are available at That Special Place or can be purchased at the door.

Daniels is well known in jazz circles as one of the nation's top innovators on jazz clarinet. He is also a specialist on the flute and saxophone and will perform on these instruments in addition to the clarinet.

This concert is the third of The Lowell Series sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

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APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days. Lowell, 897-7506. e-3-0d

City unveils 81-82 budget

Belt tightening at the state and federal levels is being felt in the city of Lowell. In his presentation of the 1981-82 budget, Lowell City Manager Ray Quada indicated that there will probably be some adjustments to the budget as it is proposed. The loss of four C.E.T.A. employees occurred too late to revise the budget which reflects funding for them. A second change which may or may not occur is dependent on the outcome of the May 19 election when voters will make a decision regarding Proposition A. Proposition A deals with property tax reform and will drastically alter the city's primary source of income if it is passed.

The budget calls for the expenditure of \$1,849,000 which is a 6.4% increase over the previous fiscal year. The assessment of 12.5 mills is proposed, which has been the amount assessed over the past several years. Public hearings on the budget are set for May 4 & 18 at Lowell City Hall.

In the proposed budget, a water rate increase is called for that is intended to provide an equipment replacement reserve fund. As proposed, the rate increase calls for a seven cent per thousand gallons in 1981 and '82 and a six cent increase in 1983. As the sewer charges are based on water use, they too will rise but, the \$6.50 readiness to serve fee will remain the same. In an average home using 10,000 gallons per month, water and sewer rates will rise as follows: 1980—\$17.36, 1981—\$18.44, 1982—\$19.53, and 1983—\$20.46. City Ordinance #84 must be amended to raise the water and sewer rates and requires a public hearing to be held on the subject. The council has set a public hearing for June 1, 1981 at the Lowell City Hall.

In his closing comments regarding the proposed budget, Quada noted the city is sound financially and that he anticipates a good year, particularly in the area of park development.

A proposed curfew ordinance that has been in the works for several months was unveiled at the Monday night council meeting. The ordinance deals with many subjects besides a curfew for minors, and these include disorderly persons, precarious objects on building fronts that could fall to the side-

walk causing damage or injury, throwing of missiles, trespassing, falsely reporting information, cruelty to animals, loitering, molesting, annoying or obstructing another person, prowling, off-the-road-vehicles, and aiding and abetting in any of the above offenses. The ordinance will appear in at least an abbreviated form in next week's Ledger and public hearings will be held on May 20, 1981.

Last call!

Last call for articles for the 1931-81 Lowell history!

If you have not yet submitted an account of your business or civic organization but wish to be included, please write it at once and turn in to Betty Coons through the Grand Valley Ledger or the Lowell Savings and Loan office.

Batter up! for youth ball

The Lowell YMCA spring and summer baseball and softball programs will be getting under way during the next few weeks for boys and girls.

The Y staff will conduct practices and teach the fundamentals of hitting and fielding, following these practices all boys and girls are placed on teams. Competition begins in June.

April practices will be held for Little League Baseball for 9, 10, 11 & 12 year old boys. Also in April, practice for Pony League for 13, 14 & 15 year old boys begins.

Baseball fees are \$15 for Y members, \$20 for non-members.

Please contact the Y for practice schedules and to register for either league mentioned or for softball for boys and girls.

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TIME CHANGE

When you retire for the evening on Saturday, better remember to change the clock or you will miss church services or that early golf match. As the saying goes, "Spring ahead—fall back". Set your timepiece ahead one hour Saturday night and lose an hour of sleep like magic.

REMINDER TO REGISTER

Monday, May 11 is the last day to register for the school election on June 8 when two school board positions will be filled. See your city or township clerk. You must change your registration if you move from one township or the city to another even if it is within the same district.

PLAN REUNION

Attention Lowell High School Class of '77 members! An organizational meeting for planning the five year reunion will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. Meet in the front parking lot of the high school. Please send current address and phone number to: Nancy Bieri, 4715 Wright, Apt. 1, Kentwood, MI 49506.

RECOGNITION TIME

Sunday, April 26, 1981 has been set aside as National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era. The measure is a "thank you" to these men and women and a plea for support of the veteran facing special problems because of that war.

April 26 through May 2 is National Letter Writing Week and focuses this year on sending letters to the editor to express one's opinion and to shape others' opinions. The Ledger letter policy is to welcome opinion on subjects of current interest to the readers of our paper. Anonymous or potentially libelous letters will not be accepted. Responsibility goes along with your freedom to communicate. Be brief and to the point, and you'll keep your reader's interest.

YOU'LL FLIP

The Lowell Area Fire Department members will fix your breakfast on Saturday, April 25 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (if you're a late riser) at their Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Breakfast will be served at the VFW Post #8303 at 307 E. Main St. Donation: Adults \$2.50, kids under 12 for \$1. All the trimmings and all you can eat.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Slightly injured in an accident early Friday morning, April 17 on Maple St. near Grand was Sharon Wierenga when she struck a parked car.

Kenneth White was injured early Thursday morning, April 16, in a one-car collision, when he struck a fire hydrant on Hudson St. near Foreman Rd.

Lowell officers arrested and returned a juvenile runaway from the Honey Creek Christian Home on Monday. He had been missing for three days.

Lowell officers arrested and filed petitions with the probate court on a juvenile in connection with the attempt to pass a forged check and larceny from a building. The arrest was made last Wednesday.

Lowell officers assisted in the investigation and arrest of two Lowell juveniles for breaking and entering of a ranch in Ionia County and the passing of a forged check. Both will be referred to probate court.

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Obituaries...

BOBKO — Joseph A. Bobko, aged 58, of Ada, passed away Thursday, April 16, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Armetia; children, Joseph Jr. of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Scott (Rose Marie) Rollins of Lowell, Mrs. Kevin (Judith) Baker of Grand Rapids, Edward and Ruth at home; sisters, Mrs. Stanley Nagurski and Mrs. Anthony Nastaj of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Lisa Rollins and Elizabeth Baker; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bobko was an employee of GM Diesel for 32 years and a Veteran of World War II.

Funeral Mass was said Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell, with Rev. Ernest J. Bernott celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery.

CAREY — Everett C. Carey, aged 68, of Lowell, passed away Monday, April 20, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; his children, Ron and Verla, Mrs. Vern (Gay) Nauta and Mrs. Dan (Jean) Hoffman, all of Lowell; a

sister and brother-in-law, William & Beatrice Wilbur of Lowell; grandchildren, Ron, Sheila, James, Matthew, Heather, James, Jeffrey and Jody and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carey was retired from Steel Case and Co-Owner of Willow & Brooke Farms in Lowell.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene of Lowell, with Rev. William F. Hurt officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Church Building Fund. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst funeral home, Lowell.

KINYON — Richard Guy Kinyon, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away April 19, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Iva; children, Richard J., Jerry and Alice Kinyon and Mrs. Michael (Debra) Waters, all of Lowell; a brother, William Kinyon of Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys DeKok of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Ruth Ann Myers of Plainwell and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Curtis officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

MASON — James Mason, aged 77, of Ada, MI passed away Sunday morning, April 19, 1981 in Kent Community Hospital.

Surviving are one aunt, Stella Byrd of Chicago, Ill. and several cousins and a host of friends.

Services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:00 in the First AME Community Church, Rev. Lyman S. Parks officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Mason resides at the Brown Funeral Chapel.

MORWAY — Mrs. Marian Louise Morway, aged 79, the widow of Arthur J. Morway, of Sylvan St. SE, Grand Rapids and former resident of Caledonia, passed away Sunday morning April 12, 1981 at the Greenville Manor.

She was a member of the Caledonia VFW and is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Lyle (Margaret) Stauffer of Caledonia; three granddaughters, Carol Killgore of

Caledonia, Bonnie Tauss of AZ and Jeanne Goochhouse of Kalamazoo, six great grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth Norman of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews, James Morway of Middleville, Una Ward of Grand Rapids, Dr. J. Christopher Norman and family of Ada, LCDR US Navy Jane Elizabeth Norman of Washington DC, Patrick o. Norman and family of Portage, Daniel E. Norman and family of Fowlerville, Thomas L. Norman and Nanette Norman Bailey and family of Grand Rapids.

The Funeral Mass was offered Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia of which she was a member. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery.

SAGE — Karen Kay Sage, 28, of 603 East Main St., Ionia, died Monday night, April 13, 1981 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids where she had been a patient for two days.

She was born in Ionia Jan. 15, 1953, the daughter of George and Lois Miller. She attended Portland High

School. She was employed as an inspector at Lux Industries, Inc., of Saranac. She was married to William Sage in July 1970.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Nathan; one daughter, Rebecca; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Lyons; four brothers, Patrick of Lansing, Timothy of Lyons, Clair of Lake Odessa, and Gary of Lyons; three sisters, Mrs. Marian Zoll of Ionia, Mrs. Janice Thelen, Portland, and Sandra of Lyons; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston of Muir; and a paternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Miller of Muir.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. from Myers-Roetman Funeral Home, with the Rev. Carl Hauserman of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Saranac Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

A memorial trust has been established for Mrs. Sage's children.

SLIVICK — Sam Slivick, aged 64, of 4360 Pine Ridge Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday evening, April 14, 1981 at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Slivick; his daughters and husbands, Mrs. William (Maryanne) Wiseman of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Timothy (Margret) Czarnopis of Lowell and Judith Besemer of Cedar Springs; one son, Timothy Slivick of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren; six brothers, George Slivick and wife, Marion of Wyoming, John and Thomas Slivick of Grand Rapids, Paul Slivick and wife, Grace, William Slivick, Nicholas Slivick and wife, Patricia all of Grand Rapids; his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hula of Grand Rapids.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the funeral chapel, with Father Andrew Moulin of St. Andrew's Cathedral of Lansing officiating. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

CUTTING WET GRASS CAN DAMAGE LAWN
Your lawn should never be cut when the grass is wet. Cutting wet grass can cause uneven mowing, the clippings are messy and they can mat and suffocate the grass.

Local historical group to meet

West Central Michigan Historical Society's annual meeting is Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Runciman auditorium in Lowell. There will be election of officers and a program plus refreshments.

It is our privilege to have Priscilla Johnson Lussmeyer for our program. In costume, Priscilla will present some excerpts from speeches and tell some of the story of the efforts of Frances Dana Gage, who lived in the 19th century and was very well known in the areas of Suffrage, Temperance and Abolition. In a day when women's place was definitely in the home, she had eight children, and was also an author and poet.

Priscilla will be giving this program in Seneca Falls, New York next month on the site of the first National Women's Rights Convention. The site has been designated as a national historic park.

Also, Judy Baird will have blanks and information for all residents of the community to obtain free microfilm copies of family, church and cemetery records. This is an effort of genealogy groups all over the country to preserve for all time records which may otherwise be lost to our descendants. Cooperation of several people in Lowell and Vergennes Townships is needed to complete the task this summer.

Sportsmen to give free trees

Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will welcome sportsmen and their families at an Open House at their club located at 11400 Foreman Rd. on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In honor of Arbor Day, anyone who visits the club during the open house will be given saplings.

The young trees are pines or autumn olive trees. The autumn olive is a habitat tree which provides good cover for birds and small animals, produces berries for the birds and is fast growing.

The community is invited to the Qua-Ke-Zik Open House where members will be available to show the clubhouse and grounds and answer your questions. There will be directional signs to the clubhouse on M-21 and Foreman Rd.

Baker retires after 15 years with City

Friends, family and co-workers will honor Frank Baker, 701 Amity St., Lowell at a Retirement dinner on Thursday, April 23. Baker retired after 15 years with the City of Lowell on April 15.

Baker has served the City as mechanic since the beginning of his employment. He kept some pretty rickety machines in service over the years, often without benefit of the correct repair parts.

Born in February, 1916, Frank married Marion Read of Lowell in 1939. In 1938 he went to work for Percy Read & Sons doing all the mechanical work for area farmers. In 1946 and '47 he worked as a mechanic for the Central Garage owned by Anthony Stormzand on West Main Street. In 1948 thru '50 he worked as a mechanic for the L.E. Johnson Garage.

In 1950, Baker built and was owner of the West Side Garage (located across the street from Wittenbach Sales and Service.) He went into partnership with Nelson Stormzand and they provided 24-hour wrecker service and did mechanic work and body work. The business was sold in 1964 to Wittenbach Sale and Service. From 1965-67 he was the mechanic for Bristol's Body Shop.

Frank Baker joined the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department in 1946 when the



Frank Baker retired last week from the Department of Public works of the City of Lowell after 15 years of continuous service. He will continue to serve as the Fire Chief of the Lowell Area Fire Department.

Kroger Store caught fire. He served on the department continuously since that time and became Fire Chief in 1954.

Baker is a community worker for various local events through the years and has been a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose for

40 years this June.

Frank and Marion have four children: Duane Baker, Norene (Baker) Martin, Bonita "Ping" Baker and Kellie Baker. Their two grandchildren are Toni and Stacy Martin.

JCs begin Project Redball

Plans are being made by the Lowell Area Jaycees to conduct Project Redball in the local area as a community service to residents.

The project consists of the distribution of red/orange decals to be placed in the bedroom window of children, elderly or disabled persons. The decal is a signal to firemen that the room may contain a person that requires special assistance in an emergency.

The Jaycees plan to distribute the stickers door to door in the Valley Vista and Eastgate areas first, with other areas of town to be covered later. However, persons desiring a sticker immediately can obtain one by stopping at the Lowell Police Dept. or City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by calling Jaycee President Stan Williams at 897-6374 to arrange for delivery.

The Redball Project has been conducted nationwide by the Jaycees with full cooperation and support of

local fire departments. The decals are provided by the Prudential Insurance Co.

Fair season begins June 30

"Michigan's 1981 fair season promises to be a showcase for the horticultural, educational, mechanical and artistic skill of Michigan residents," said Dean M. Pridgeon, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Eighty-six county, 4-H and agricultural fairs, plus two state fairs, are scheduled from June 30 through October 3 this year. Michigan's two state fairs are the Upper Peninsula State Fair at Escanaba August 18-23, and the Michigan State Fair at Detroit August 28-September 7.

Area fair locations and their dates are: June 30-July 5, Lake Odessa; July 12-18,

Theatre workshop for kids

There are still a few tickets available for the afterschool theatre workshop for elementary children, this Friday, April 24.

A Lansing Arts Encounter group will conduct the workshop in the Bushnell Gym from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Admission to the workshop is \$2 with tickets for sale at the YMCA office. During the

school day the Arts Encounter Theatre group will perform the play "Pickpocket" at each of the Lowell elementary schools.

The Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring this spring experience in theater. It's an introductory sampling of the types of activities that will take place at a two week children's summer theatre

workshop coming June 15-26.

The fee for this workshop is \$10 for YMCA and Arts Council members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations and fees should now be paid at the YMCA office. The summer theatre workshop will put on a children's theatre production at its conclusion.

Legion dinner is Apr. 27

Clark-Ellis Post 152 announces its annual Auxiliary Post member & guest oyster stew-vegetable beef stew dinner to be held on Monday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post, located at 805 E. Main St., Lowell.

Members, as well as area Vietnam veterans and their guests are invited to attend, and are asked to bring their own table service including soup bowl, knife and spoon and coffee cup.

TAKE TIME TO BE SAFE

Before mowing your lawn, take a minute to walk over the area carefully to look for rocks, toys, sprinklers, clothes pins and other possible obstructions which could cause injury if a lawn mower runs over them.

Spring carnival is coming

Everything is ready to go for the annual Bushnell Spring Carnival which will be held on Friday, May 8 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bushnell PTO members, school staff, students and parents will be working to make this Carnival an evening of fun for children and parents, too. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. with Barbeques and Hot Dogs on the menu with chips and drinks. Games will begin about 6 p.m. Favorite games will be back along with some new ones, such as the Win a Goldfish, Cakewalk, Bozo's Bucket Bonanza, the Poster Toss and more. There will be

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Society Notes

They're engaged!

Kathy Phillips of Lowell and Howard Flanagan of Clarksville have announced their engagement and plans for a June 13 wedding.

Kathy is the daughter of Gordon and Laura Rogers of Lowell. Her fiancé is the son of Ila Livingston of Clarksville and Harvey Flanagan Sr. of Lowell.

Howard is employed at Lax Industries of Cascade.

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Celebrating their 35th

Gib and Winnie Snider of Lowell will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, April 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St. The event is being

hosted by their family and friends. No invitations have been sent. Your presence is all that is necessary to make Winnie and Gib's anniversary a happy occasion.

Wiseman chosen for Honor Society

Wendy Wiseman, an Alma College junior from Lowell, has been elected to membership in Gamma Delta Alpha, senior women's honor society. Gamma Delta Alpha, dedicated to encouraging women in furthering their careers, recognizes junior year women who are outstanding in leadership and scholarship.

New members of various honor societies on campus, including Gamma Delta Alpha, were introduced at Alma's 1981 Honors Convocation on April 8, then were invited to a reception in their honor that evening.

Wendy, a 1978 graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School, is the daughter of

Garden club meets

Lowell Showboat Garden Club met at the home of Evelyn Briggs on April 13 to exchange gardening tips and to discuss the Spring Plant Sale which will be held on May 9.

Attending the District IV meeting in Whitehall on April 14 were Avis King, Ruby Leeman, Mildred Lind, Evelyn Free, Rose Roberts, Olive Cook, Emerson and Betha Stevens.

The club welcomes new members. Anyone interested should call 897-7992, 897-8788 or 897-7925. The club meets on the second Monday of the month.

Open House slated

An Open House is being given for Steven and Ana Hewitt and baby Patricia on Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Key Heights Recreation Room on West M-21.

Family and friends are invited to attend and meet his new family. The Open House is being given by his parents, Pat and Mel Hewitt. Friends may call Steve at 897-5420.

Wells, Goodwin to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wells of Ionia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Kay, to Jeff Goodwin, son of Floyd and Madeline Goodwin, Ionia.

The bride-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Saranac High School.

The groom-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Ionia High School and is employed at Oldsmobile in Lansing.

An August 29, 1981 wedding is planned.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cahoon Jr. announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Ann, April 5 in Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids. Stephanie Ann weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Meyers of Saranac, and Mrs. Janet Cahoon of Saranac and Mr. Michael Cahoon Sr. of Rogers City.

Dan and Kim (Lucchesi) Courser have a new son, Robert Daniel III born March 31 weighing 8 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucchesi of Ada, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courser of Lowell.

PERSONALIZED — Playing cards, single or double deck. Grand Valley Ledger, 897-9261.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

- WEEK OF APRIL 27, 1981
- Mon., Apr. 27: Italian Spaghetti W/Meat and Cheese, Cole Slaw, French Bread, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
- Tues., Apr. 28: Hot Dogs, Lettuce Salad W/Dressing, Steamed Corn or Peas, Fruit or Jello, Bars or Cookies, Milk.
- Wed., Apr. 29: Lowell Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Jello W/Whip or Fruit, Milk.
- Thurs., Apr. 30: Tacos W/Meat, Cheese & Lettuce, Jonny Cake W/Syrup, Vegetables or Salad, Assorted Fruit, Milk.
- Fri., May 1: Red Arrow 'Sub' Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, Vegetables or Soup, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Cookies, Milk.

New exhibit at Festival '81

Festival '81, June 5, 6 & 7 will feature a new photography exhibit this year. There

is no age limit and anyone who is a resident of Newaygo, Montcalm, Ionia, Barry,

Allegan, Ottawa, Muskegon or Kent counties may enter.

Only color and/or black and white photographic prints are accepted and entries must not have been shown in any previous exhibit or contests. Two entries are allowed per person with an entry fee of \$1 per photograph. All photographs must be framed or matted and completely ready for hanging (including wire). The minimum size for frame or mat is 8" by 10".

All entries must be hand delivered with fee on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the new County Probate Court Building, 350 Ottawa NW. No late entries will be accepted. Jurying will be the following week and participants will be notified by mail if their photographs have been accepted.

Although this is not a competition, various purchase awards will be given. Chairman Ken O'Rourke said, "A sales desk will be maintained throughout the Festival '81 weekend. If you wish to sell your original photograph or prints of the same, please indicate on your application. A commission of 16% will be charged."

Entry forms are available at the Arts Council offices, 17 Fountain NW.

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To The Editor...

Dear Editor,

The week of April 26 through May 2, the Postal Service, the National Council of Teachers of English and the National Association of Elementary School Principals, will be sponsoring National Letter-Writing Week.

The focus of this year's NLWW observance will be on the importance of letters to editors in expressing one's own opinions and in shaping the opinions of others.

Ed Asner, who portrays the title role of the crusty but warmhearted and wise city editor of the fictional Los Angeles Tribune on the Lou Grant television show, is serving with Postmaster General William F. Bolger as co-chairman of NLWW.

Posters throughout the nation will feature a picture of Mr. Asner at his news desk, copy pencil in hand, urging: "A letter to the editor is democracy in action. Get in the act and write."

We would be most pleased if your Grand Valley Ledger would join us in the observ-

ance of National Letter-Writing Week by recognizing the importance of the written word, as expressed in letters, in influencing opinions, lifting spirits and preserving memories.

Classroom teachers will be encouraging their students during NLWW to write letters to your newspaper, expressing themselves on local, national or international issues. I sincerely hope you will be able to find the time to review these offerings, and the space to publish those that merit it.

Sincerely,
Charlie Doyle
Postmaster, Lowell MI

Dear Sir:

I was surprised to read in the Wednesday, April 8, 1981 edition of the Grand Valley Ledger a paragraph concerning a 3 acre brush and grass fire at the Gary Eickhoff residence, 2642 Segun Avenue. What surprised me was the statement made that the fire started from "an open trash fire."

I would like to make it perfectly clear that the Fire Department was incorrect in informing the Ledger that the fire started from burning of open trash. We were not at that time, and in fact never have in the past, burned open trash on our property. As we were not at home at the time of the fire, we have no idea how same started.

However, it would be appreciated if, in the future, the Fire Department and The Grand Valley Ledger would get their facts straight before printing same in the paper.

Cordially,
Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff
Lowell, MI 49331

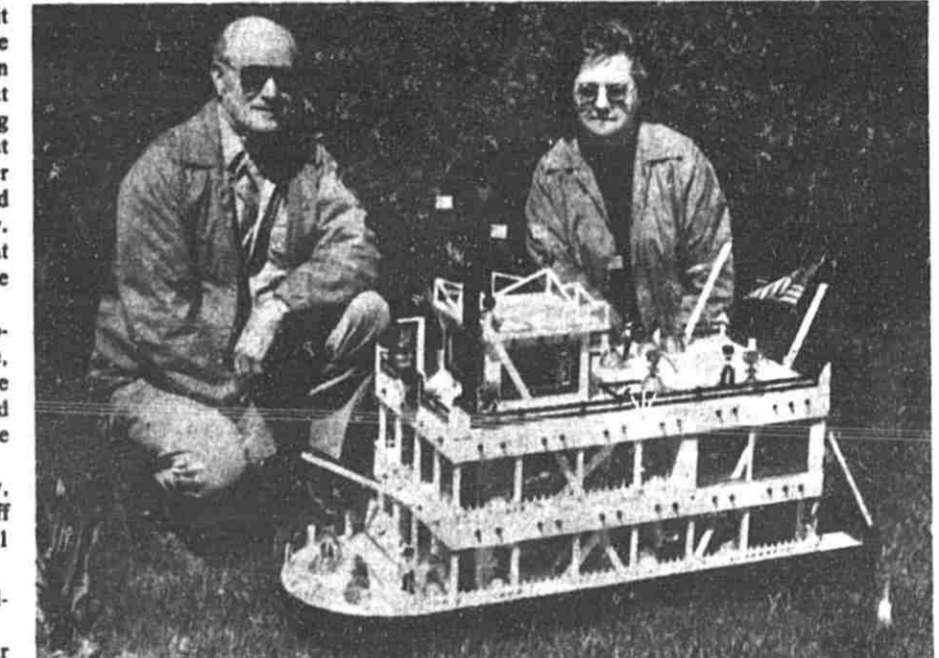
One more change of address.

Unlike Pauline Watts our paper is always delivered by the Postal service on Tuesday of the week following its issue.

We plan to leave here early the 27th so we will have some reading material when we get there.

Mrs. George Hale

Showboat visit inspires miniature



Last week, Alex Kell and his wife, of Watervliet, MI, brought the Lowell Showboat to Lowell. Yes, you read that right, but the catch is that they brought a detailed model complete with furnishings and lighting. Kell is retired and enjoys woodworking. His wife enjoys helping to furnish what he makes.

The replica of our Robert E. Lee sternwheeler is the Kell's third attempt. They decided their first model was not detailed enough. Working from memory after attending the Showboat, they found their second model was missing several important details. They visited the boat, sketched it and then took two months to build it.

Musical set for Apr. 30



Members of the cast of the Lowell High School musical "Something's Afoot" were given a donation to help with the expenses of the production from the Lowell Area Arts Council last week. LAAC President Jill VanAntwerp hands the check for \$100 to Kim VanderMeulen as Steve Dickerson and Beth Hendricks look on. Directed by Paul Balsam, the musical opens April 30, May 1 & 2 in the high school auditorium.

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April 30, May 1 & 2 are the play dates for the Lowell Senior High School musical production "Something's Afoot".

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The cast invites the community to come and enjoy while figuring out the puzzle and "who dun it". (The butler DIDN'T)—S.D.

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Coming Events

APR. 21, 22 & 23: Auditions for 3rd Annual Talent Show sponsored by Lowell Music Boosters, 7-8 p.m. in the Middle School gymnasium. Show date Friday, May 15.

SAT., APR. 25: Eddie Daniels, jazz clarinetist, backed by the Bruce Early Trio, will appear in concert in the Lowell Middle School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. Tickets are \$5 (\$3 students) and can be purchased at That Special Place or by ordering through the LAAC Box Office, PO Box 53, Lowell.

SUN., APR. 26: Grace College Bell Choir of Winona Ind. is coming to Alton Bible Church on the corner of Lincoln Lake and Three Mile roads on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. This is a unique combination of Schulmerich hand

bells and girls voices. Everyone welcome.

MON., APR. 27: The April meeting of the Grand Rapids Audubon Club will be held at the Grand Rapids East Building Multipurpose Room. Early Birds meeting 7:30 p.m., business meeting 8 p.m. and a program on Alaska presented by William Bouton.

All interested persons are most welcome.

APR. 30 to MAY 3: Kendall School of Design's 53rd Annual Open House and display of student work is scheduled for Thursday, April 30 thru Sunday, May 3. The display is open to the public from 10 to 10 daily at the campus located at 1110 College Ave. NE.

TUES., MAY 5: Mother-daughter Banquet at Lowell United Methodist Church at

6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 897-5399. If busy or after April 26 call 897-5448. Cutoff date is May 1.

FRI., MAY 8: Bushnell Spring Carnival, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Games, Space Walk, Movies, Raffle, Country Store, Supper a la carte.

MAY 15, 16, 17: Women Alone Together trip to Caberfae, theatre weekend. Anyone in community interested in the trip call Barbara Brown, 897-9671 by Apr. 15.

SAT., MAY 16: ATTENTION: LHS Class of '77. Organizational meeting for planning of 5 year reunion at 7 p.m. (Meet in front parking lot of High School).

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April 30: Robin Moss, Nancy Tyler.

May 1: Rick Roth, Dave Hayes, Karen Brandt, Martha Lewis, Elon Johnson.

Learn CPR at the Y

The Lowell YMCA will be sponsoring a Red Cross CPR class. It will run three Mondays starting May 4th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be a \$1 fee for books. For more information please call the YMCA at 897-8445.



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2, Roger Brown

I guess we all made it through again this year. "Through what?" you ask. April 15th, and the I.R.S. deadline, of course. Did you notice how the Post Office got their rate increase into effect just in time to catch all those tax returns for an extra three cents? This was the first year in the past several that I didn't file for an extension. In fact, I even sent mine in a few days early. The fact that I've got a refund coming might have had something to do with that.

That refund is something else. If the I.R.S. owes you money, they pay you, but they take their own sweet time about it and they wouldn't dream of paying any interest on your money that they've had the use of for several months. But, have you ever owed them any money? It's a whole different story when the shoe's on the other foot. They want it, and they want it yesterday at the latest, and they tack on the old interest for every day it's past due.

I don't seem to be getting anywhere on my own, so I'm going to share some clever quotes with you on the subject of taxes.

With the space shuttle having gone up last week, this one is particularly applicable. "There is just one thing I can promise you about the space program: Your tax dollar will go farther."—Wernher Von Braun.

A fellow named Richard Strout said, "Every child in America can hope to grow up and enjoy tax loopholes." Also on the subject of taxes and youth, Herbert Hoover quipped, "Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt".

Arthur Godfrey said, "I'm proud to be paying taxes in America. The only thing is - I could be just as proud for half the money". The Old Farmer's Almanac is credited with this one. "If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad, he should see it with representation".

Peg Bracken asked, "Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you about thirty cents?"

Will Rogers said that "the income tax has made more liars out of American people than golf has". And finally, here's one with some merit from ole J. Pierpont Morgan. "Anybody has a right to evade taxes if he can get away with it. No citizen has a moral obligation to assist in maintaining the government."

All this talk about taxes is just leading up to a little experience I had the other day that points out the infinite wisdom of the I.R.S. I received a form in duplicate, complete with our nine digit employer I.D. number, a fourteen digit document locator number, a three digit form number and a mysterious seven digit number up in the corner.

The form was entitled, "correction to arithmetic". The text, which took the better part of a page, explained that their arithmetic and mine didn't jibe, a common enough problem I suppose. So, they went on to spell things out and show me exactly where the error was. It seems I goofed and underpaid a six hundred and some dollar payment by one penny.

My reason for bringing up all this about taxes and the I.R.S. is to show that contrary to popular belief, somewhere way down deep in the Internal Revenue Service, there is a heart. The closing paragraph on the form said that I didn't have to pay them the penny I owed them.

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Orientations set for 5th graders, Kindergarten

Parents of all 5th grade students in Lowell are invited to an orientation program at the Middle School on Tuesday, May 5. The sixth grade teachers and administration will host this informal open house beginning with tours of the building at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the orientation is to acquaint parents with the school and its programs. A brief general meeting beginning at 8 p.m. will follow the tours with time for

questions and answers to follow. Dates have been set for the Lowell Area Elementary Schools to hold Kindergarten Round-Up. Parent and Child Orientation Meetings will be held at:

Alto Elementary School: April 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Bushnell Elementary School: April 28th at 7:30 p.m.
Runciman Elementary School: April 30th at 7:30

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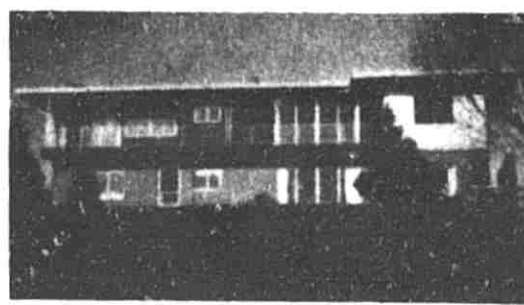
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Area Sports

Track team trips Greenville

The boys dual track meet resulted in a victory for Lowell which defeated Greenville, 62½-69½, at Birch Field last Thursday. The Arrows took a comfortable lead after the Field events: Carl Kloosterman received first in the Discus (144') and also first in the Shot Put (49'9"). Steve King placed third in Shot (36'10")

and Jim McCready placed first in the Pole Vault (110"). Steve Doyle placed first in both the High Jump (5'4") and Long Jump (19'2½"). Pete Brown followed close behind Doyle in the Long Jump taking second (17'7½").

The Yellow jackets narrowed the margin during the Running events. In the 120 High Hurdles, Kloosterman finished first and Jamie Fitzpatrick finished third in the 100 yd. dash. George Schoolmaster took second in the 440 yd. dash. The 880 relay team (Tom Brown, McCready, King and Doyle) defeated their opponent's relay team. In the 330 yd. Low Hurdles, King placed first and McCready placed second in the 220 yd. dash. Results of the two mile were Schoolmaster with a first and Matt Peters with a third. The Mile Relay Team (Doyle, Pete Brown, Fitzpatrick, and Tom Brown) finished in front of Greenville breaking a previous tie and winning the meet.

The next meet will be home against the Coopersville Broncos starting at 4 p.m. at Birch Field.

Greenville tops LHS girls track

Lowell girl's track team suffered its second defeat in as many outings as they fell victim to Greenville. It was the conference opener for both teams.

Lowell, the co-champion in the Tri-River last year, cap-

Girls split league opener

On Saturday, April 18, Greenville came to Lowell and walked away with a split in a doubleheader played at the Middle School field. Lowell won the opener 7-4 but lost the nightcap 3-2. The split stamped Greenville as a team to watch as they upset a favored Red Arrow team.

In the opening game Shirley Wilcox pitched a no hitter, but issued 13 walks while striking out 5. Greenville scored all four of their runs in the second as an error and six consecutive walks gave Greenville a four-run lead. Lowell came back to tie the score in the third, thanks to an error, a single by Kim Strouse, a double by Jackie Malone and Kathleen Beachler's two-run scoring single. Lowell picked up two more runs in the fifth on hits by Kim Larabee, Beachler, Beth Beachum and Strouse. The Red Arrows picked up an insurance run in the sixth on a hit, a sacrifice and an error. Jackie Malone went three for three with a single, double and triple.

The night cap turned out to be a classic battle between

two good teams. Both teams were in mid-season form. Greenville drew first blood by scoring two runs in the first on a walk and three hits. Lowell came right back, scoring one run on back to back doubles by Kim Larabee and Kerry Cosgrove. Two outs later Beth Beachum drew a walk. Kim Strouse then brought home Cosgrove with a sharp single to center. Lowell filled the bases but could not score again.

The next few innings were filled with good pitching and sparkling plays on defense by both teams. Then in the sixth, after two walks, a fly out and a fielder's choice, Candy Malone drove in the winning run with a hit to left field. Shirley Wilcox suffered her first loss of the season while Kathy Cosgrove picked up her first league win.

"You saw two good teams here today," said a dejected Bob Rodenhouse of Lowell. "It was a classic Lowell-Greenville game. Last year we went nine innings and won. This year it was their turn. I will tell you this, both teams are going to win a lot of ball games this year. We had our chance in the sixth and seventh but just couldn't get the key hit. We will bounce back! We have to get ready for Belding next week."

Saranac JVs bow

Saranac's junior varsity baseball team dropped its opener Monday afternoon, April 20, losing to Lowell, 12-4.

Ahead, 5-4, Lowell (2-0) scored seven runs in the final two innings to break the game open.

Ketchum was credited with the win after working four innings and striking out six.

JVs down Ionia, 14-0

Lowell's junior varsity clipped Ionia 14-0 last Thursday at Bertha Brock Park's Allen G. Pierce Memorial Field. Lowell scored a run in the first inning, added six more in the fifth, one in the sixth and six in the seventh.

Netters lose 5-2

Lowell opened tennis conference play with a match against Greenville last Thursday and came up short, 5-2, on the home courts.

Greenville swept all four singles matches to secure the win.

Lowell's Greg Caldwell and Paul Rittenger won at No. 1 doubles 6-1, 6-3. Jim VanHeulen and Rick Serne won their doubles match 6-2, 4-6 and 6-3.

In extra exhibition matches, Roberto Araujo and Steve Dickerson won their singles matches.

Several of the singles matches were close with good performances turned in by Kevin Conrad and Paul Baerwalde.

The Arrows meet Belding away on Tuesday. Scores were not available at press time. On Wednesday, Lowell travels to Union High School. Friday, Lowell meets the Ionia Bulldogs and on Saturday they will compete in the Greenville Invitational.

Tower named Most Improved

Michigan State University freshman forward Ben Tower has been named the Spartans' Most Improved Player for the 1980-81 basketball season.

Tower, a 1980 Saranac High School graduate, started 15 of MSU's 18 Big Ten games and led the team with a conference field-goal percentage of 58.

SHS golfers win

Saranac's Brenda Bignall won medalist honors as the Redskins defeated Pennfield, 230-246 in golf Wednesday, Apr. 15.

Bignall shot a 48 on the par 38 course at Marywood Country Club. Teammates Laurie Sible (52), Andrea Newell (60) and Donna Chase (70) completed the Saranac scoring.

SHS loses softball opener

Saranac opened the 1981 softball campaign Monday with a 13-11 win over Lowell.

Jean White, pitching in her first game, picked up the win for the Redskins (1-0) as she held the Red Arrows to 11 runs on two hits and three errors.

Lowell (3-2) led 4-0, in the first inning. Saranac scored

its first run in the top of the second, then added two more in the top of the fourth to cut the Lowell lead to 4-3.

Lowell scored three more in the bottom of the fourth and another in the bottom of the fifth to push its lead to 8-3.

Saranac went ahead, 9-8, in the top of the sixth with six

runs and added its final four in the seventh as Barb Snay followed three straight hits with a two-run, bases-loaded single, and Martha Smith and Tanja Hardy each stroked run-scoring singles.

The Redskins added their final four runs in the seventh inning.

Martha Smith was the only

Saranac player with more than one hit as she collected a pair of hits.

Shirley Wilcox was the losing pitcher.

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Ionia downs Arrows, 14-3

Ionia clobbered Lowell, 14-3, on the 10-run mercy rule Thursday afternoon in non-conference baseball action at Ionia.

Lowell jumped on top, 1-0, in the first inning but the Bulldogs (2-1) came back with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

After a scoreless second inning, Lowell (0-2) pushed two more runs across the

plate in the third inning to cut the Ionia lead to 4-3 before the Bulldogs broke loose later that inning for seven runs.

Ionia scored its final three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game.

Scott Yeiter was credited with the loss for Lowell, giving way to Don Grummett in the third inning.

Softball opens with 2 wins

The Lowell Softball team flexed its muscle in winning two non-league games last week. In the season opener, Lowell defeated Grand Rapids Central 21-2, and on Thursday whipped a hapless Ionia team 24-2.

In the opener, Shirley Wilcox notched her first win of the new season by allowing two runs on three hits. Lowell was helped in the game with 21 walks from three Central pitchers. Lowell broke the game wide open in the third when they scored 10 runs. The big blow of the inning came when Jackie Malone unloaded a bases loaded double scoring three runs.

The Red Arrows powered Ionia pitching for 18 hits in registering their second win of the young season. The big bats for Lowell were Chris Vroma with two triples and five RBIs; Kim Larabee with two doubles and a single; Beth Beachum, Kim Strouse and Edie Evans each collected two hits, with Evans driving in five runs. Lowell scored in every inning with the big inning coming in the sixth, when 12 runs were pushed across the plate. Kerry Cosgrove, in her first pitching assignment, picked up the victory, allowing only two runs on two hits and six walks.

Murphy named to Warren YMCA

Peggy Murphy, Program Director of the Lowell YMCA for the past two years, has been named Physical Director of the Greater Warren YMCA, a branch of the Detroit Y.

Peggy begins her new duties on April 25th. She has

been responsible for the development and supervision of the very popular Aerobic-In-Motion exercise program for women. She has also been responsible for the expansion of both the youth basketball and youth baseball programs at the Lowell

Y. Peggy began her Y career in Lowell under the CETA program and was hired as a full time YMCA professional in the fall of 1980. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Spring carnival in Alto

The Alto PTO annual spring carnival is scheduled for Friday, May 1. It's a great family activity.

Supper, featuring barbecues, hot dogs, and homemade pies, will be on sale in the lunch room for those who would like to eat at school, starting at 5 p.m.

Game rooms will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. sharp. The traditional Fun House, Cake Walk, Country Store, White Elephant, Raffle, and Children's area are all planned.

Fourth grade rooms have completed making posters. Other students are working on craft items to be sold.

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NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 81-1
An Ordinance to adopt by reference a nationally recognized building code as authorized by the State Construction Code Act of 1972, Act 230 of P.A. of 1972, as amended.

Section 1. The Township of Grattan ordains that the following recognized model codes, with amendments through December 31, 1980, be adopted for Grattan Township:

B.O.C.A. NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

Section 2. Any ordinances of the Township in conflict herewith are repealed coincident with the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective 60 days after publication or 60 days after a certified copy thereof is delivered to the State Construction Code Commission, whichever is later.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Grattan Township Board at its meeting held on the 13th day of April, 1981.

Patrick Malone, Clerk
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Trotting in Lake Michigan has been good also when the wind was down. Surf casters have had some luck very early in the morning.

Turkey season starts on April 20 in most areas for those lucky enough to draw a permit. Remember—small game licenses are available at all license agents but just a few locations have the turkey seals required for the spring season. In this area, the seals are available at:

Grand Rapids District Office, 350 Ottawa, N.W., Grand Rapids; Great Outdoors Sporting Goods, Apple Avenue, Muskegon; Bob's Sport Shop, 8th Avenue, Holland; Tuttle's Sport Shop, M-57 and M-66; Ron's Sport

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We have seen a few mushrooms. The next 3-4 weeks should be prime time for mushroom hunting.

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Council Proceedings

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

Regular Meeting of Monday, April 6, 1981.

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

Present: Councilmembers Christiansen, Maatman, Schneider and Collins. School Representative, Burdette.

Absent: Councilman Fonger.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the absence of Councilman Fonger be excused, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the Minutes of the March 16 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

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

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Maatman, Schneider and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: Councilman Fonger.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 32,112.48
Major Street Fund	208.55
Local Street Fund	190.98
Sewer Fund	584.15
Equipment Fund	4,533.41
Water Fund	3,214.52
Various Funds	852.20
Trust and Agency Fund	957.00
Investment Fund	\$100,000.00

Division Street Bridge/Title Sheet

Council discussed the Bridge project. Manager Quada stated that this was the last step of a long procedure. The Michigan Historical Society has been satisfied with our need for a new structure. Their final requirements are to preserve the original structure with photographs of the bridge, the name plates and original plans must be preserved.

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

WHEREAS, all necessary documents have been completed and approved relative to the Division Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, all necessary plans have been completed and accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Division Street Bridge Title Sheet.

Carried.

Purchase of Electrical Protection Monitor

Council discussed the purchase of an Electrical Protection Monitor.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Schneider, supported by Councilman Maatman.

WHEREAS, there is a need to install electrical monitoring equipment at the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said equipment is to

protect pump motors in the event there is a loss of three phase power; and

WHEREAS, Fryling Electric has submitted a quote of \$1,252.00 to install the necessary equipment; and

WHEREAS, Fryling Electric originally installed the electrical system at the Water Treatment Plant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid requirement is hereby waived and the quote of \$1,252.00 submitted by Fryling Electric is hereby accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and to expend \$1,252.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing for the installation of electrical phase monitors at the Water Treatment Plant.

Carried.

Payment of 1981 Library Fee

Council then discussed the payment of the Library Fee for 1981. Manager Quada stated that the Lowell Library is now operating at 25 hours per week, and recommended that the fee be paid. The Library Committee from the City and Townships will continue to meet, but much more time will be needed to resolve an alternative plan.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell is a participating municipality in the Kent County Library System; and

WHEREAS, the fee for 1981 has been set at \$7,132.00 with quarterly payments of \$1,781.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby authorize payment of the 1981 Kent County Library System Fee.

Designation of Street Administrator

Manager Quada then stated that the City each year must designate a Street Administrator in compliance with the P.A. 51 funding for reimbursement of State Highway Funds.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Maatman that Manager Ray Quada be appointed as Street Administrator for the City of Lowell, in compliance with Act 51.

Carried.

Designation of Authorized Person for Fire Equipment Purchases

Manager Quada also stated that the County has asked for a designated person through which fire equipment purchases may be made. He recommended Frank Baker, Fire Chief, and himself as Manager.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Maatman that Fire Chief Baker and City Manager Quada be authorized as the contact persons for purchase of fire equipment.

Carried.

Payment of MI Municipal Fees

Council then discussed the payment of the Michigan Municipal League fees for 1981.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell has been a member of

the Michigan Municipal League since 1908; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell desires to continue its membership in the Michigan Municipal League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby approve the payment of the 1981 dues in the amount of \$335.00.

Carried.

Manager's Report

There was no citizen input.

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that the C.E.T.A. funding program will terminate in two weeks. One employee will be retained as a City employee. Manager Quada proposed to expand the City's overnight truck parking policy for trash loading, thus, eliminating the first Thursday of the month pick up service. A Spring cleanup program is being planned for the first week in May, and again in July before the Sesquicentennial.

Manager Quada also stated that he has had several calls from local business people regarding the new P.A. 255, which is a tax reduction incentive for small retail business, similar to the P.A. 198 for industry. It provides for rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

Manager Quada then introduced Attorney, Richard Wendt, of the firm of Clary, Nantz, Wood, Hoffius, Rankin and Cooper, who will represent the City of Lowell. Mr. Wendt stated that their firm is the only one in the state which specializes strictly in municipal law. They do not represent any other local area of government, so there will be no conflict. The closest municipality represented by their firm is the City of Rockford.

Council Remarks

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Christiansen introduced the following resolution for adoption, supported by Councilman Schneider.

WHEREAS, Frank L. Baker has served as an employee of the City of Lowell for 15 years and 2 months; and

WHEREAS, Frank L. Baker has elected to retire on April 15, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Council desires to express its deepest appreciation to Frank L. Baker on behalf of the residents of Lowell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby extend its appreciation to Frank L. Baker for his continuous service to the City of Lowell; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council hereby wishes Frank L. Baker the very best as he begins his retirement years.

Carried.

Councilman Maatman headed a discussion on the beginning season of loud mufflers on motor cycles and the new ruling on not being allowed to impound abandoned vehicles. A lengthy discussion followed.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Christiansen to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: April 20, 1981.

DEAN COLLINS, Mayor
RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

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Local news

Teresa Lynn Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy of Saranac, recently accepted a position with Decater Airlines in Chicago. She graduated from the Wilma Boyd Career School in December and attended Lansing Community College from 1978-80.

In service

Sgt. Chris R. Soules, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. McLeod of 158 South St., Saranac, has been awarded the Good Conduct medal for exemplary conduct while in active military service with the U.S. Army at Fort Riley, Kan.

County group to study disposal

A thirteen member committee, established by the Ionia County Planning Commission under the directive of the Board of Commissioners has been meeting for the last few months. The goal of the committee is to develop a comprehensive 20 year plan for the collection and disposal of solid waste in Ionia County.

Solid waste in Ionia County is currently collected and disposed of in landfills by private industry. The vast majority of waste is directed to the Ionia and Saranac landfills with Pitsch's near Belding, and the Clinton County landfill receiving smaller portions of the waste stream. Ionia County residents, the correctional facilities, and commercial and industrial waste generators have utilized landfills as the sole disposal method.

It has become apparent that the costs of landfilling solid waste is increasing rapidly. These costs are not just dollars for transportation, operation and maintenance, and land acquisition. There are social and environmental costs which have to be considered. Recent changes enacted by the State Legislature, particularly Act 641, the Solid Waste Management Act, either have already or will in the future, increase the costs of landfilling solid waste considerably.

The planning committee will be considering over the next six months, various alternatives to landfilling. Such alternatives will include source separation and recycling, compaction, composting, and incineration. All of these alternatives will be analyzed for their social, environmental, and economic acceptability. The objective of all of the methods to be considered is a reduction in the volume of the solid waste going to landfills.

Early in this process, the planning committee adopted specific goals and objectives to guide them. One of these goals is to provide information to, and receive com-

mments from the general public and any other interested parties or their feelings and attitudes on the solid waste situation in Ionia County.

On April 21, 1981 at 1:30 p.m. the Ionia County Solid Waste Planning Committee will hold a meeting at the Youth Building on the Ionia Fairgrounds to review prog-

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It is critical to the success of this project that the citizens of Ionia County take an interest and become involved.

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