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"Old Town Mall" scheduled for July opening

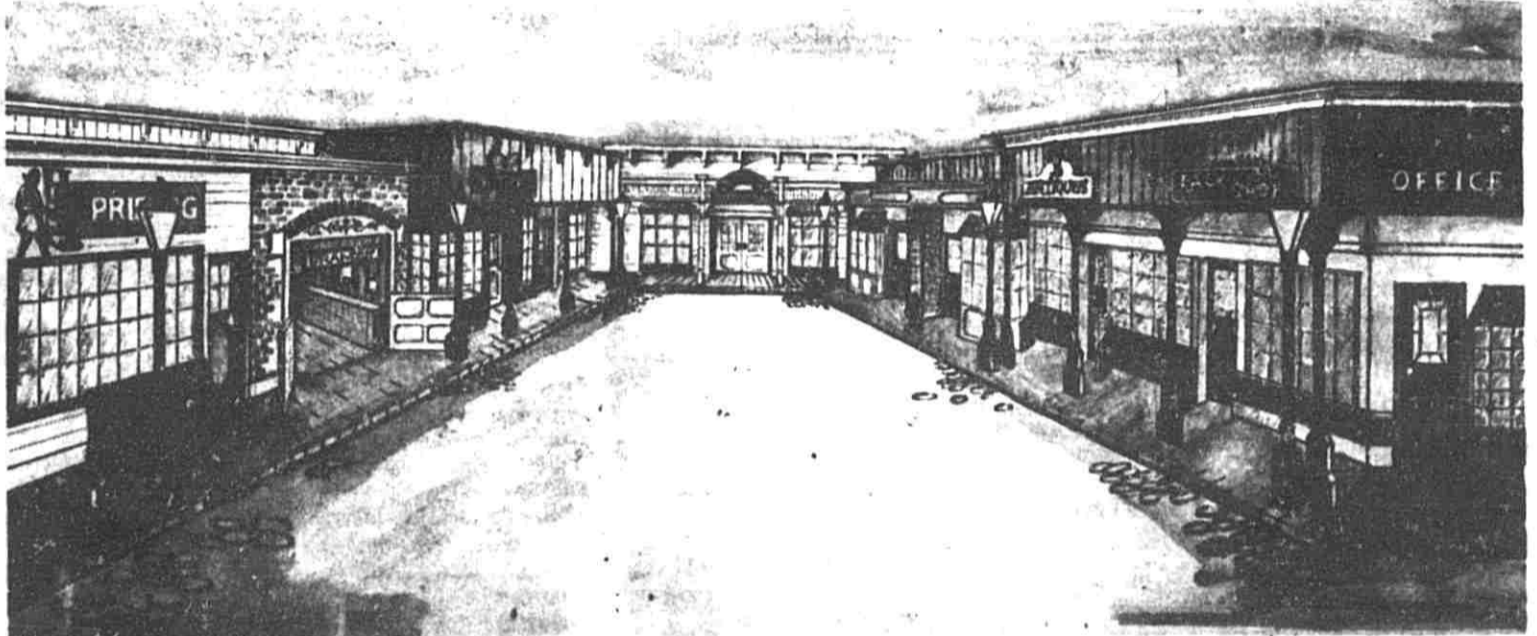
Lowell's Old Town Mall, located in the Christiansen Building, 109 W. Main St., is expected to be ready for occupancy by July of 1981.

The promotion and development of the project is being handled by Investments 500. The architectural design of the nine retail stores will be in keeping with turn-of-the-century, New Orleans and Showboat concept.

Tenants will include an ice cream store, dentist, barber, frame shop, gift and specialty stores.

Phase II of the development program will include a fine restaurant with a view through a glass wall overlooking the Flat River and Showboat. There will be seating for 150 persons and facilities for banquet and special meeting rooms. Four modern hotel rooms are being provided for businessmen and visitors for overnight lodging.

A survey and study was made indicating a need for this kind of project in the downtown area to help re-



juvenate activity and create new jobs in Lowell. With the cost of transportation, the study shows more people will be dealing locally, providing needed markets are available.

The general contractors will be Dick Graham, Dave

Clark Plumbing and Heating, Tony Havlik Electrical and Skip Oatman Cement.

Phase I of Lowell's new Old Town Mall, 109 W. Main St. (old Christiansen Drug Store) should be complete by July. Nine retail stores will be included in the building. The artist's concept of the interior of the mall also shows a restaurant at the rear which will be completed in Phase II of the construction. Photo inset shows the exterior of Old Town Mall.

Council hears cemetery lot complaint

Sparks flew at the Lowell City Council meeting Monday, May 18, when Mrs. Joyce Starkweather confronted the council with a complaint regarding her grave lots in Oakwood Cemetery. A highly emotional Starkweather explained that Richard Kinyon had recently been buried in a lot owned by her and she had brought the matter before the council because she felt the city was not handling the problem properly.

Cemetery plots are laid out in configurations of eight with lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 across the bottom and lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 across the top. Starkweather owns lots 1, 2, 5 and 6, but because of a mixup in the city's records, the Kinyon family was sold lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 with Richard Kinyon being buried in lot 5 about three weeks ago. Starkweather's son, Colin Dible was buried in lot 1 about two years ago. The other six lots in the plot are empty.

Speaking in defense of the city, City Manager Ray Quada acknowledged that a mistake had indeed been made, but added that the city was making every effort to find a solution to the problem that would be acceptable to both the Kinyon and Starkweather families.

In other council business, the renovation of Richards Park was brought off the table and discussed at some length. The improvements suggested by the parks commission include extensive construction of berms, flower and shrub plantings, some new playground equipment including a berm slide and the elimination of the basketball court. These changes are aimed at making the park more passive than recreational and it is felt that Richards Park is the most suitable park in the city for this atmosphere. Quada reported on a meeting that he had with neighbors of the park. He said that the meeting was well attended and that there were virtually no complaints regarding the proposed plan and that most of those present seemed genuinely excited about the plan.

The council accepted the proposed plan with the stipulation that the ten foot high berm for the slide be moved

to the Lincoln Lake side of the park and be lowered to seven feet, while setting a cost ceiling for the renovation at \$15,000, all of which is to come from the Lee Fund.

A public hearing was held regarding proposed amend-

ments to the proposed Disorderly Conduct Ordinance (curfew ordinance). No one was present to oppose the ordinance. The ordinance, with its revisions, appears in its entirety in this week's Ledger.

Search is on for Lowell Queen

Applications for Lowell's Sesquicentennial Queen Contest are not available.

The Queen and her court will reign over Lowell's 150th Birthday Party, formally known as the Sesquicentennial Celebration, on July 17, 18 & 19. They will also represent Lowell at the opening night of the Lowell Showboat, July 21. Contestants must be 17 years or older as of June 30, 1981 and a resident of the Lowell School District.

The Queen will be chosen by popular vote of the Lowell community. Ballot pre-selection will take place on June 2, 1981, at City Hall. A minimum of five girls will be chosen to be placed on the ballot. Judging will be based on personal appearance and poise in answering a brief question.

The Sesquicentennial Queen will win a \$140 gift certificate good at participat-

ing merchants. First runner-up will win a \$60 gift certificate; second runner-up, a \$40 gift certificate.

Applicants for the contest should pick up a Queen's Contest form and fill it out completely. It asks for name, address, date of birth, hobbies, how long a resident of the Lowell School District, and 50 words or less on why you should be queen.

Applications can be picked up at the Grand Valley Ledger, West's Apparel, An-

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EARLY DEADLINE

Because of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, those with news items or advertising for next week's issue should have that information at the Ledger by Friday, May 22 at 5 p.m. You will receive the May 27 issue at the usual time.

Speaking of the holiday, Michigan State Police urge motorists to take extra care during the long weekend. There were 23 traffic deaths in Michigan last year. Remember that the maximum speed limit is 55 mph. and that in Michigan penalty points are now assessable against motorists for speeding in the 60-70 mile range.

FREE CONCERT

Lowell Senior High "6th Hour Music Group" will perform in the high school gym on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. The 21 students sing upbeat music great for family listening. They have appeared at Festival '80 in Grand Rapids and will appear at Festival '81. They have also toured many area high schools this year.

JUST A REMINDER

Meeting for the 4th of July celebration in Lowell will be Thursday, May 21 at 8 p.m. at the VFW on E. Main St. Be a part of it all. Attend this important meeting.

Sesquicentennial Cookbooks are for sale at the Ledger and That Special Place for \$3. The commemorative book has great recipes from area cooks.

Showboat sure would appreciate it if you could help them get the word out about our exciting family entertainment week by distributing Showboat fliers when you travel Michigan. Pick them up free at That Special Place.

PLANS FOUND

Six pages of plans for a new house were found on Grand River Drive and dropped off at the Ledger. If you lost them, it would save you a good deal of time if you stopped at the office to retrieve them, then write "I will not be careless" 15 times.

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In 1845, the State Legislature compiled a six-page pamphlet encouraging immigration and dispatched an

agent to New York's Ellis Island with an invitation to newcomers. The document, "State of Michigan 1845 to Emigrants," is in the Michigan Unit of the State Library.

Citing advantages of settling in the Grand Rapids region, the brochure gave these directions:

"Persons wishing to visit this portion of Michigan can do so by passing around the Great Lakes to the mouth of Grand River, and up the river by steamboat, which makes

daily trips, or take the railroad at Detroit for Battle Creek, and thence by stage, which run six times a week.

"Furniture and heavy luggage can be sent by way of the Lakes, and Grand River, at less expense than it can be transported across the country."

Just two years later, the Legislature printed a larger 47-page booklet in both German and English. Immigration to Michigan continued throughout the 19th century, so that the 1900 census came up with a population figure of 2,240,912.

The diversity of nationalities and wide range of capabilities contributed to the phenomenal development of the Michigan region. There was a place for everyone in the sequence of activities and industries, which comprised the American pattern of growth: lumbering, mining, agriculture, manufacturing, navigation and miscellaneous enterprises. In time, more than 20 nationalities settled in Michigan.

Engineering society honors Amway

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers presented its Industrial Professional Development award to Amway Corporation Saturday, May 16.

It is the second time in seven years that the Society's top award for meeting professional standards has been won by Amway, an international direct selling firm based in Ada, Michigan.

The award was presented to Anthony G. Quadrine,

Appeal when you disagree with IRS

The Internal Revenue Service has just examined your federal tax return. The examiner says you owe; you say you don't. What's your next move? Pay unquestioningly? Not at all, says IRS.

If this happens, you have several avenues of appeal. First, ask to speak to the examiner's supervisor. You may well be able to resolve your case then and there. Should you come to an agreement, you'll be asked to sign an agreement form, which indicates your acceptance of the amount shown on the form.

But if you don't agree after talking with the supervisor, you have a right to appeal the proposed adjustment within 30 days.

Bear in mind that interest accrues on the amount of the adjustment from the due date of the return to the date you pay. Some taxpayers might find paying the assessment to avoid the possibility of additional interest more to their benefit; you can then file a claim for refund if you believe the tax is erroneous or excessive. You, in turn, will receive interest at the applicable rate on the amount of the refund.

Good turnout for Talent Show

Winners of the 1981 Talent Show sponsored by the Lowell Music Boosters were chosen Friday evening, May 15. For the first time, competition was divided into junior and senior divisions with first, second and third place winners in each division.

In the junior division, the winners were Tabora Belomy and Kathy Irving with their dance routine. Second place winner was Tony Beecher for his piano solo. Third place went to Kelly Nelson for her dance routine.

In the senior division, Nancy Hansen won first place with a vocal solo. Kim Vander Meulen and Steve Dickerson took second place with their duet. Leslie and Tina Serne placed third with their piano duet.

Music Boosters were pleased with the turnout and extended their appreciation to all who gave of their time and baked goods. Judges for the event were Kathy Kemp, Roger Kropf and Keith Caldwell.

Amway's Director of Corporate Engineering, during the Society's annual convention and banquet Saturday night. Society officials said the award, which Amway also earned in 1974, recognizes the firm's excellent engineering programs, policies and standards. The Industrial Professional Development award is one of the three highest honors the Society presents annually.

Thaler, Kidder win GVSC contest

Two Lowell Middle School students took top honors in a calculator contest held recently at Grand Valley State College.

David Thaler, 7th grade, tied for first place in the Grade 7 & 8 Division. Stephanie Kidder, 8th grade, placed second in the same division.

The first place winner in

the 11 & 12 Division was awarded two \$250 scholarships to Grand Valley, one for himself and the other to be given by his school to a student who enrolls in Grand Valley. Other winners were awarded multi-function calculators and gift certificates to the Grand Valley bookstore. The contest was held on May 4.

Although Congress forced Michigan to give up its claim for the 8-mile Ohio boundary strip which included Toledo, the state was more than reimbursed when it received the Upper Peninsula as compensation.

Ninety-seven Kent County young people and adults and 46 from Ionia County will travel to East Lansing June 18 to participate in 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University.

The group will spend three days learning about new career opportunities and enhancing their knowledge and skills in such areas as sun-energy, sailing, self-defense, mountaineering, and TV production.

Exploration Days is the only program of its kind in the country. Participants have a chance to learn new skills, meet new friends and sample college life at a Big 10 university.

Nearly 5,000 young people and adults are expected to participate in this year's event. In addition to taking part in learning options, delegates will also attend a number of evening entertainment offerings, including performances by the Wizard of Arts and Live musical groups.

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Tourism outlook bright

The 78-hour Memorial Day holiday could kick off one of Michigan's best summer tourism seasons ever despite the state's continuing economic problems, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Officials from regional tourist offices, hotel associations, popular holiday attractions and private campgrounds predict tourism will rise an average 6 percent over last Memorial Day," stated Auto Club Touring Manager Joseph Ratke.

If good weather holds, the Michigan Department of Transportation predicts motorists in Michigan should drive 675 million miles over the Memorial Day weekend, nearly 4 percent more than the 650 million miles driven over the 1980 Memorial Day holiday. The Memorial Day record of 720 million miles driven was established in 1978. The holiday officially runs from 6 p.m. Friday (May 22) to midnight Monday (May 25).

Mail route change for west side

Due to energy conservation measures, the Lowell Post Office has been slated to de-motorize one of their city delivery routes.

Within the next week the customers receiving their mail on the west side of the city will receive their mail via a walking route. Relay boxes will be stationed at various sites and will not be used for the collection of any mail.

Customers receiving their delivery via Mounted Route (Sub Divisions Valley Vista, Foxes & Birchwood plus Valley Vista Trailer Court) will also be affected as to an increase in deliveries on this City route.

Whenever routes are changed there is generally a different time during the day your mail will be delivered as compared with the past. Postmaster Charlie Doyle has asked the local citizens to adjust to new delivery schedules until the system is incorporated and mail can be expected at a certain time on a regular basis.

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Society Notes

Women's Club views 100 years of fashions

The annual spring luncheon of the Lowell Women's Club was held on May 13 at the First United Methodist Church with the theme, "Love's Old Sweet Song." A variety of old-time hats decorated the tables as well as the heads of many of the 98 women in attendance.

Preceding the luncheon, Ethel Kelly presided at the punch bowl in the church's Fellowship Hall, where guests also enjoyed photographs and wedding attire of several brides of past years.

Following the luncheon, President Dorothy Randall introduced Louise Schneider, who had been chosen "Mrs. Federation of Women's Clubs" for the year 1980-81, and presented her with a Queen-for-the-Day crown, a corsage and a citation.

"Five Star General" Stella Bradshaw was also presented with a citation ribbon for her contribution of bringing 25 new members into the club since 1978. As a result of her efforts, the Lowell club has won, for the second time in a row, an award for the largest membership gain in the entire West Central district of Michigan.

Irma Richmond, installing officer, was in charge of the ceremony inducting the new

Auxiliary elects new officers

On May 11, the Lowell VFW Auxiliary and Post hosted a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood bank with an excellent turn out. Thanks to all who donated their blood for such a good cause and made the drive such a big success.

On Thursday, May 14, the VFW Auxiliary installed new officers for the 1981-82 year. They are:

President Marilyn Hendrick, Sr. Vice Pres., Gladys Groom, Jr. Vice Pres. Lucille Erickson, Treasurer Virginia Tischlaar, Secretary Ellen Flearman, Patriotic Inst. Pat Serne, Chaplain Virginia Stephenson, Conductress Frieda Hendrick, Guard Dot McCaul, 3 yr. Trustee Bonnie Howard, 2 yr. Trustee Winnie Sneider, 1 yr. Trustee Zelpha Ketchum.

Color Bearers are Winnie Sneider, Lucile Adriance, Betty Miller and Brenda Miller.

Happy Birthday...



Louise Schneider is Mrs. Federation of Women's Clubs for 1980-81.

- May 24: Maude Shores.
- May 25: Walter C. Nash, Joel Bieri, Doris Peet, Phyllis Bieri, Ray Rogers, Doris Peet, Robert Breining.
- May 26: Dorsie Rickert, Maude Adriance, Lucile Ritterenger.
- May 27: George Dey, Helen Ann Sterzick.
- May 28: Melba Miller, Donna Kehoe, Esther Biemera.
- May 29: Lois Kloosterman, Iola Johnson, Art Smith, Dale Rogers.

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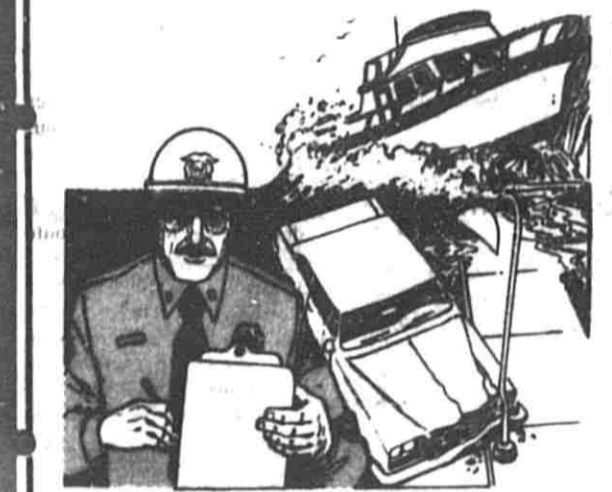
May 10th and 11th will probably go down in weather annals as two of the most miserable spring days West Michigan has ever seen. The weather events on those days were extraordinary.

At the Kent County Airport, 6.51" of rain fell in about 36 hours. In a 24-hour span between 9 A.M. Sunday and 9 A.M. Monday, 5.48" of that total came down. It is the most rain Grand Rapids has ever received in a 24-hour period, and shattered the old record of 4.58" set back in June 1905. Most of West Michigan experienced a deluge, but the heaviest rains fell within a thin band from Van Buren and Allegan counties northeast through the southern end of Grand Rapids.

This unprecedented downpour was a case of our being in the wrong place at the wrong time. A slow-moving storm system developed in the Rockies at the beginning of the week, where heavy snows were reported in Montana. The low then swung down into the southern plains, but didn't become well organized until Saturday, May 9th. Then, it touched off killer tornadoes in Texas and Oklahoma. When the low moved into Missouri, our rain began early Sunday. Its northeast track from there to Ohio again touched off severe weather to its south, but brought a long band of rain right through Illinois, Indiana and Lower Michigan. And as you now know, we received the worst of that. More about flooding next week.

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Area Sports

Lowell whips Belding, Sparta

In a qualifying game for district tournament, the Lowell Red Arrows defeated Belding 10-0. The win now places the Red Arrows against Grand Rapids Northview, last year's state runner-up, in a pre-district game, to be played in Lowell on Friday, May 22.

Shirley Wilcox faced only 19 batters in tossing a one hit shut-out. The lone hit came in the fifth off the bat of Deb Childs. Childs was later cut down trying to steal on a perfect throw by Beth Beachum. The win brings Wilcox's record to 9-2.

Lowell scored in every inning but the first and third. Lowell knocked out 10 hits. Kim Strouse led the attack with three while Chris Vroma collected two. The win ups Lowell's record to 12-3 overall.

with Greenville wins over Fremont leaves Lowell and Greenville with identical records of 10-2 in league play, with 2 games to be played.

In the opener, Lowell jumped off to a 3-0 lead. Sparta came back with one in the second to make it 3-1. Lowell finally broke the game open in the sixth when consecutive singles by Kim Larabee and Chris Vroma, put runners on. An error off the bat of Melanie McBain scored one run and Edie Evans' double to right scored two more runs. Lowell added its tenth and final run in the seventh. Sparta picked up three runs in the seventh.

Shirley Wilcox picked up the pitching victory, striking out seven batters. Beth Beachum had 3 hits, and Chris Vroma had two. Ruth Bobko ran for a triple.

In the night cap, Lowell jumped out to a 9-0 lead after two innings. The big blows were Ruth Bobko's triple and Beth Beachum's double. Lowell scored at will with two in the fourth, one in the fifth

and ended the game in the sixth due to the 10 run mercy rule, by scoring three times.

Beachum and Kathleen Beachler collected two hits. Beachler, Vroma and Bobko each knocked a triple. Wilcox picked up her second victory of the day striking out seven. The victory brought the record to 8-2 in league play.

Macker sign-up now to June 8

Registrations forms for the 8th Annual One and Only Original "Yes We're Building an Empire" Gus Macker All-World Invitational Three-On-Three Outdoor/Backyard Basketball Tournament. In case you're relatively new to Lowell and the environs, that translates to the summer basketball fever Macker tournament which began in 1974.

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Gus Macker. In real life he is Scott McNeal, formerly of Lowell now of Durand. He and several friends shoot baskets in the driveway of his parent's home on Elizabeth St. with their tongues firmly planted in their cheeks. The tourney began with six teams in '74 and has become "an event" in Lowell with 500 participating in 3-man teams last year.

The Macker Empire, a spoof on the sports industry today, is semi-serious. It includes Macker Condominium Campsite (McNeal's backyard), Macker Stadium (McNeal's driveway) Macker Hilton and Executive Offices (the garage), Macker

Dickerson, Clark to state

Diane Clark and Kelly Dickerson advanced to State competition in track last Saturday. They placed in the top three in their events in Regional competition held in Greenville.

Dickerson will compete in both the shot put and discus. Her toss in the discus of 131'7" was good enough to bring home a first. She threw the shot 37'9" to place second.

Diane Clark, a senior, jumped 16' in the long jump to advance to Sturgis on May 30. Clark is also a member of the 440 and 880 relay teams which placed 5th.

Other members of the relay teams are Stacy Lippert, Brenda Lehigh and Sue Schoenborn.

Lowell had 30 points in the meet for a 6th place finish.

This week, Lowell is at Coopersville for the Tri-River conference meet. The Red Arrows are in second place behind a first place tie by Sparta and Greenville. The final running events begin at 5 p.m. on May 21.

Good week for girl's golf

Saranac's girl's golf team tied for eighth place Tuesday, May 12, in the Kalamazoo Invitational Golf Tournament played at the Pine View Golf Club in Three Rivers.

The Redskins tied with Kalamazoo Loy Norrix in the final standings with a total team score of 424 on the 18-hole, par 72 course.

Charlotte High School took top honor in the tourney with a score of 354.

Saranac's top golfer for the day was Laurie Sible, who turned in a 92. She was followed by Brenda Bignall, 96; Andrea Newell, 111, and Cherie Gage, 125.

Saranac's girls golf team up-ended Ionia 198-220 at Deer Run Golf Club in Lowell Wednesday, May 13.

Medalist for the nine-hole match was Laurie Sible of Saranac with a 44. Other Saranac scores included Brenda Bignall, 45; Andrea Newell, 52, and Cherie Gage, 57.

Saranac's girls golf team set a school record, placing seventh of 19 teams in a Region One golf match at Marywood Country Club in Battle Creek.

Sturgis took first place with a 388 total. Saranac placed seven with a 461.

Saranac's Brenda Bignall had a 98 to tie for seventh place out of 76 girls. Freshman Laurie Sible had a 102 to take 14th place. Andrea Newell had a 124 and Cherie Gage had a 137.

Saranac's next match is Thursday against Kenowa Hills at Morrison Lake Country Club. This is a make-up date from May 11. It starts at 3:30 p.m.

Commute by bike, save \$\$

With the high cost of gasoline these days, not to mention the cost of insuring and maintaining a car, bicycling is becoming an attractive transportation alternative.

More than three percent of the American population last year decided to ride to work on bicycles rather than drive their cars. Though commuter bicycling has several advantages, most people are hesitant to try it.

In Europe, where fuel has been an expensive commodity for many years, bikes are an accepted mode of transportation. In fact, in Europe bicycles are the norm—cars are the rarity.

If you're new to bicycle commuting, start slowly and gradually work up endurance. For example, if you live 10 miles away from work, leave a little earlier and drive 9 miles of the way. Park your car in a large parking lot, take your bike out of your trunk and pedal the remaining distance.

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Memorial Day
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Saranac

Drake named Ionia Co. 4-H agent

Julie A. Drake of Holt has been appointed Extension 4-H youth agent for Ionia County, effective June 1, pending approval of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

As 4-H youth agent, Drake will be responsible for planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating 4-H educational programs relevant to the needs and interests of Ionia County youths. She will assume the responsibilities previously done by Marv King who resigned last October.

Drake has bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. She has worked as a graduate teaching assistant in the MSU Department of Animal Sciences since 1978.

Drake will reside in Ionia County.

Off the blotter...

Timothy R. Carigon of Saranac is free on bond pending the outcome of an appeal of the conviction for burning the old Keene Township Hall last year. Bond was set by Judge Charles W. Simon at \$20,000 on May 11.

Carigon was sentenced on April 13 to one year in jail plus five years probation and reimbursement after being found guilty on Feb. 19.

Ionia Sheriff's deputies ticketed Clayton Antcliff, 388 Hawley Hwy. for failure to have vehicle registration certificate.

Ionia Police cited Allen Daggett, 161 Washington for defective vehicle equipment. Steven Ellison, 6058 Riverside, was ticketed for speeding as was Robin Lombardo Cloverland Dr., in a separate incident.

State Police ticketed David Sallee, 36 Morrison Lake Garden, for speeding. Ronald Burhans, 328 Summit St., also received a speeding violation.

Local News

Eagle and Carmen McDonald of Saranac were style pin winners at the Ionia County 4-H Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, May 2 at Belding High School. They competed in the Young Miss (9, 10 & 11 year olds) clothing category.

The style award pins were given to the top 15 percent based on modeling ability, proper fit of garment, and selection of pattern, fabric and color according to the individual.

Early Indians had a name for Michigan—Michiganaw—which means Great Water.

Lunch Menu...

- LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF MAY 25, 1981**
- Mon., May 25: NO SCHOOL
 - Tues., May 26: Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Steamed Corn, Choice of Fruit or Jello, Buns or Cookies, Milk.
 - Wed., May 27: Lowell Fried Chicken, Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits or Rolls, Jello w/Whip or Fruit, Milk.
 - Thurs., May 28: Tacos with Meat, Cheese & Lettuce, Jonnycake with Syrup, Salad or Vegetables, Chilled Fruits, Milk.
 - Fri., May 29: Stacked Ham Sandwiches, Tater Tots with Catsup, Soup or Vegetable, Assorted Fruits & Cookies, Milk.
- Tomato is No. 1

It's no wonder that the tomato is the most popular home garden crop. The plants are fairly easy to grow and highly productive. The fruits come in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes and are rich in vitamins. And tomatoes can be used fresh or cooked, canned and even frozen.

Gardeners with sufficient space should plant at least five tomato varieties to provide for every need: an early tomato, a main season red tomato for fresh eating, a yellow tomato for salads, a cherry tomato for snacking, and a paste-type tomato for canning and snacks.

Because tomatoes take a long time to grow, they're planted in the garden as transplants. When buying transplants, look for short, stocky plants with dark green foliage and no fruits or flowers. Avoid tall, spindly plants; plant with yellow or spotted leaves; and plants that already have flowers or fruits on them.

Plant most of your tomatoes in the garden after the likelihood of frost is past. But don't be afraid to gamble a bit and set out a couple of plants two or three weeks earlier. Use black plastic to warm the soil before planting so they'll begin to grow at once. Otherwise they may just sit there until the soil warms up naturally. Protect those early plants from frost and you may be enjoying fresh tomatoes weeks before your neighbors.

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To The Editor...

Senior to attend ballgame

Raab as President. As always we offer an open invitation to all young men in the area between the ages of 18-36 to join us in providing much needed community services as we practice leadership and individual growth programming.

Once more then, thanks for your support this past year.

Sincerely yours,
Stan Williams
Past President,
Chairman of the Board
Lowell Area Jaycees

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow drew his information for "The Song of Hiawatha" from Henry R. Schoolcraft, famous Michigan historian and scientist. One of the Upper Peninsula counties bears the latter's name.

The bus will leave the Lowell Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. Please call 897-5949 for information and reservations.

After the frost-free date in your area, plant coleus, impatiens, wax begonias, caladiums and tuberous begonias in shaded areas; and light-loving annuals like geraniums, petunias, alysium and moss rose in sunny spots.

Memorial Day
MONDAY
MAY 25

All Offices Of The State Savings Bank Will Be Closed For Memorial Day.

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Council Proceedings

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

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 4, 1981.
The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Fonger, Maatman, Schneider and Collins. School Representative Burdette.

Absent: Councilman Christiansen.
IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the Minutes of the April 20 Meeting be approved, supported by Councilman Schneider.

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

Yes: All present.
No: None.
Absent: Councilman Christiansen.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 30,405.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 518.57
Water Fund	\$ 331.41
Equipment Fund	\$ 1,130.94
Investment Fund	\$150,000.00
Rehab	\$ 3,308.74
Building and Site	\$ 498.45
Federal Revenue	\$ 26.31
Storm Sewer Fund	\$ 29.96
Trust and Agency Fund	\$ 533.22

1981-82 Proposed Budget Hearing
Mayor Collins then opened the Public Hearing on the 1981-82 Proposed Fiscal Budget.

There were no questions from the audience.
Mayor Collins stated that he had only one question, that being the possibility of setting aside funds for the construction of the proposed connector street from Main to Foreman.

Manager Quada replied that a balance in the construction fund is now about \$35,000, which could be set aside, and the City could also set aside the State gas and weight tax we receive, and also could sell bonds for such a project.

Mayor Collins closed the Hearing at 8:15 p.m.
The second Public Hearing will be held Monday, May 18, 1981.

Presentation of Proposed Richards Park Plan
Manager Quada then presented the Proposed Richards Park Plan. He commended Mr. Ray Zandstra, a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, for his work in drafting the plan on his own time.

Manager Quada explained that the plan was to design the area as a "passive park", where residents can simply sit on the benches and relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

A play area has been included, swings, monkey bars, etc., and a slide area built into the side of one of the major berms. Also incorporated into the plan is the location of the ice skating rink. Mr. Quada stated that the use this past year of the rink at Richards Park had been almost continuous, and there had been no destruction of the ice by vandals.

A discussion followed in which the question was raised about the safety of children, especially in the winter, when they discovered that the major berm could be a good sliding hill, toward Hudson Street, possibly into the path of traffic. Councilman Fonger also questioned the \$9,000 cost, citing the outcome of the May 19 tax cut election, and the real need to start cutting extras in this economic period.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Fonger that the Proposed Richards Park Plan be tabled until at least after the work study session, to discuss cost.

The motion died for lack of support.
Mayor Collins stated that he would like to see the plan itself approved. He said that the Council had asked the Parks Committee to come up with a "concrete" plan for the area, and after much thought and hard work had done just that.

Councilman Schneider suggested that the plan itself be adopted, and that cost cuts, if necessary could be worked out later.

Councilman Fonger stated that he was opposed to adopting the plan, then cutting costs, and having to change the plan again for the safety of children, etc., and suggested that that should all be taken care of first, so that a plan could be adopted that should suit everyone. Council concurred.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Fonger that the Proposed Richards Park Plan be tabled indefinitely, for further study, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Resolution Library Roof Repair
Council then discussed the necessary roof repair at the Library. Manager Quada stated that with the record setting amount of rain, a leak in the roof had caused a considerable amount of damage to books, carpeting, ceilings, etc. He stated however, that no more than \$1,800 would be spent at this time. Also included is necessary repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lowell City Council does hereby waive the normal bid procedure and awards the contract for roof repair to Custom Coating, Inc., of Lowell, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,800 Library, and \$1,200 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to expend said amount from the Building and Site Fund.

Carried.
There were no Citizen Suggestions or Input.

Manager's Report
Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that one more "final" step was necessary for the Division Street Bridge project to get under way, the signing of another contract, our "we will pay our share" guarantee.

He also reported that after two years of the Housing Commission's working on senior citizen housing to be built in Lowell, the entire project has been turned down for funding. All available pieces of property have been investigated, and Federal agencies feel that with the availability of senior housing at Saranac, the City of Lowell could not support the necessity of a senior housing complex.

A discussion followed. Mayor Collins asked if the City itself could float bonds and build our own, that Lowell senior citizens have asked for, and supported the efforts for senior housing for years. Manager Quada replied that, yes, it could be done that way. The discussion continued, noting the fact that it seemed unfair that people who have lived in a community all their lives, and wished to continue to do so should be expected to move to a senior housing project, just because one is available seven miles away.

There were no Council comments.
Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.
Approved: May 18, 1981.
DEAN E. COLLINS, Mayor
RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

Board Proceedings

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RESUME
May 11, 1981

The Board approved payment of bills from general fund totalling \$254,955.34; funds 3, 5, and 7, \$27,684.58; and building and site, \$1,441.00.

After approving the agenda, the board held open comment from members of an audience of about 175 teachers, school personnel, and citizens. Questions were asked and comments and suggestions made relative to the proposed five-hour day; a possible election; personnel layoffs, and the general effects the five-hour day would have. At 9:12 p.m. the president stated that discussions would be held pending the items of the actual meeting, and final comments would be noted at the end of the meeting.

Informational items included acknowledgement of a letter from the Governor's office commending Runciman School for its scores on the assessment tests (math and reading); appointment of a delegate and alternate to the K.I.S.D. election; a report on arbitration hearings and grievances; notice of receipts and acceptance of an elementary teacher's resignation; and discussion of the attorney general's ruling that sex education cannot be part of a required course.

Action items included passing resolutions on staff lay-offs. Final action included a motion upholding the dismissal of an non-certified employee.

Eat your way through summer events

Michigan's summertime festival schedule reads somewhat like a menu of tempting delicacies from across the state and around the world, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

First there is the fruit salad combination of Travers City's National Cherry Festival July 5-11, South Haven's National Blueberry Festival July 11-19 and Howell's Melon Festival Aug. 20-23. The tantalizing treats awaiting visitors to these events include pancakes and pies of blueberries or cherries and big round juicy melons.

Add a main course like the pick of the catch from Ludington's Salmon Derby Aug. 22-Sept. 6 or the one served to some 1,600 tourists and another 12,000 visitors at the Manchester Chicken Broil July 16. This outdoor picnic is held annually at the high school athletic field, with the town fathers doing the cooking while the town mothers relax.

For a truly hearty meal, visit the International Kleibassa Festival in Hamtramck's Memorial Park July 4. The succulent sausage will be served noon to 10 p.m., and it is free—compliments of the city's meat packers.

Another hearty dish—go-labki (stuffed cabbage)—is the specialty at the Polish Festival in Flint, which is held twice annually—July 12 and Aug. 23.
For dessert, try some ac-bleakiver (fried pancake dough rolled in a ball and coated with confectioners' sugar) at the Danish Festival in Greenville Aug. 14-16.
Wash it all down with

FCA helps with Special Olympics



Young members of the Lowell Fellowship of Christian Athletes helped area handicapped youngsters practice for and participate in the Special Olympics held recently at Housman Field. Paul Whaley (left) of FCA gave encouragement to Dennis Ryder of Lowell (right).

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes from the Lowell Senior High School recently helped in putting on the Special Olympics. Twenty-three of the club's members assisted in the program.
F.C.A. was started last year at the high school for any athlete who was also interested in furthering their faith. The club has grown to 35 active young people who meet on a weekly basis.
Advisers for the F.C.A. are Mike Kazmerski, Mike Connell, Laura Kuna and Phil Christensen.

The first college to confer degrees on women was Oberlin College, in 1841.

Summer shape-up program has healthy rewards

Ninety minutes of exercise each week can firm sagging muscles, increase endurance and help lower a person's odds of injury during summer sports, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Adults beginning an exercise program should gradually build up to at least 20 minutes of cardiovascular exercise for 3 to 5 days per week," stated Walter Zeiler, Auto Club's MemberLife manager. "A 20- to 30-minute workout is needed to challenge and improve the capacity of the lungs, heart and muscles, known collectively as the cardiovascular system."

"Most fitness experts agree that running, bicycling and swimming help produce peak cardiovascular fitness and burn the most calories per minute," Zeiler said.
Running a mile in less than 8 minutes has the same conditioning value as playing handball for 35 minutes, cycling 5 miles in less than 20 minutes or swimming 600 yards in less than 15 minutes. Walking at a brisk pace for 30 to 40 minutes is also an excellent cardiovascular exercise.

To avoid the dangers of overexertion, individuals should see a physician before beginning a vigorous exercise program if they have medical problems, suspect disorder or are over age 35.
Auto Club stresses that individuals beginning a summer fitness program should not do too much, too fast or too soon. Participants should ease into activities to avoid the muscle aches, excess fatigue and injuries common among "weekend athletes."

Births

Craig and Chris Yeiter of Ada have a new daughter, born May 9. Tasha Christy weighed 9 lb. 2 1/2 oz. and was welcomed home by sisters Shanda and Sheila. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin DeYoung of Ada, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Yeiter of Lowell.

Robert and Mary Ford of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of a son, Richard James born on May 16, 1981 at Butterworth Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. and 20 in. long.
Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James R. Alexander of Lowell, Mrs. Yelma Ford of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford of Walker. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Dovie Jones of Lowell and Mr. Daniel Kauffman of Port Charlotte, Florida.

LETTER POLICY

The Ledger invites readers to express their feelings on topics of general interest in letters to the editor.
Letters should be no longer than 600 words and typed double space if possible. They should be addressed to The Editor, Box 128, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. All letters must be signed by the author.
The Grand Valley Ledger retains the right to edit all letters for punctuation, grammar, spelling and length but not for content.

Bike away extra pounds

Last year's summer shorts may have gotten a little tighter. But don't give up hope and crawl back into those baggy winter woollens. You can get rid of those extra inches and take advantage of the warm weather, too. Try bicycling.

According to Dr. Lowell F. Rothert, Michigan 4-H Youth program leader, cycling burns up an average of 220 calories an hour and ranks with running and swimming as a sport that contributes to all-around physical fitness.
Before you start your spring bicycle exercise campaign, check your bike over. It was idle over the winter months, too, and it may need repairs or adjustments.
Proper fit is the key to enjoyable cycling. If you have a closed frame bike, you should be able to straddle your bike with one inch or more clearance between you and the bar. If you have an open frame bicycle, you should be able to reach the pedals and handlebars while sitting in the saddle. Fitting your bike is a matter of raising or lowering your seat, which can be adjusted by loosening the bolt below the saddle. Handlebars can be adjusted by loosening the bolt that connects them to the bike frame.
Once your bike's in good working order and properly fitted, start building up your cycling endurance by taking short rides. "Most healthy people should be able to start out riding 20 miles with little problem," Rothert says.

SUMMER FUN ENERGY GUIDE

For an hour of:	A 150 lb. person will use these approximate calories:
REST AND LIGHT ACTIVITY	50 - 200
Driving an automobile	120
Standing	140
Domestic work	180
MODERATE ACTIVITY	200 - 350
Bicycling (5.5 mph)	210
Walking (2.5 mph)	210
Aerobic dancing — walk level	250
Golf	250
Bowling	270
Swimming (25 mph)	300
Horseback riding (trotting)	350
Roller skating	350
VIGOROUS ACTIVITY	Over 350
Tennis	420
Water skiing	480
Aerobic dancing — run level	500
Jogging (5.6 mph)	500
Squash and handball	600
Cycling (13 mph)	660
Running (10 mph)	900
Swimming (crawl stroke 2.2 mph)	1,550

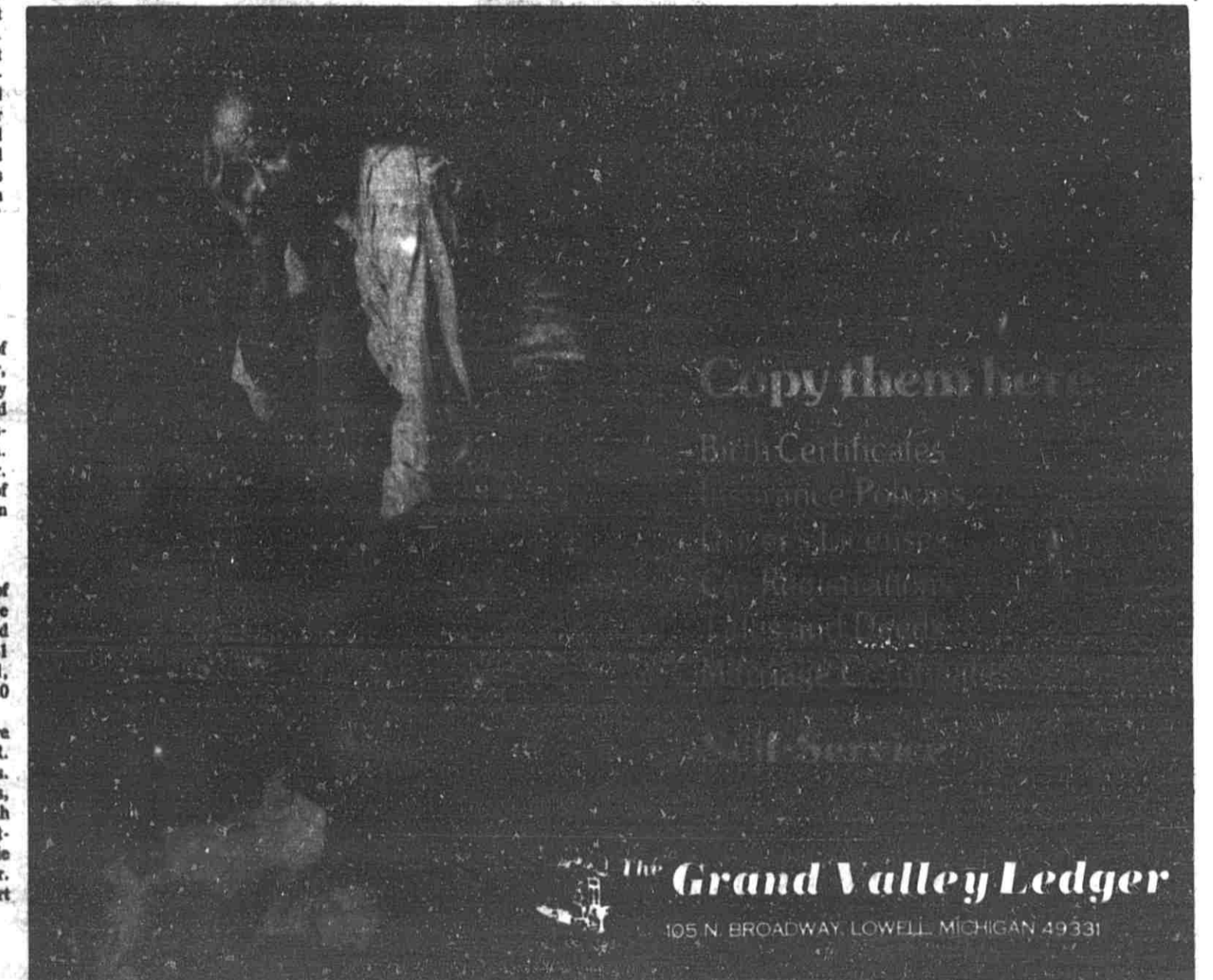
Regular exercise is an important key to fitness and weight control. When food calories equal calories expended through activity, weight should remain about the same. Sports buffs are reminded by Automobile Club of Michigan's MemberLife area to shape up before beginning strenuous summer activities. It is important to start with moderate activities, such as walking or bicycling, then gradually build to vigorous ones. Before beginning any exercise program, the guidance of a physician or other health professional should be sought, especially by persons with medical problems or those over age 35. Calories stated above are estimates and will vary with the vigor of activity and a person's weight.

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REUNION

The Class of 1931 from Lowell will meet on July 19 at Fallsburg Park. Please save the date.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lowell officers arrested Antonio Silva of Canfield Ave., Grand Rapids, on Saturday evening, May 16, for driving while license suspended. He was lodged in the Kent County Jail. Silva posted bond on Sunday morning.

Lowell officers are seeking two subjects in connection with the breaking and entering of the Lowell Branch Library on Tuesday evening, May 12. A small amount of cash was taken.

Queen, cont'd.

erson's Shoes, Lipperts Pharmacy, Modern Photo, That Special Place and Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing.

They should be returned to Pfallers, That Special Place or the Ledger.

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Memorial Day services planned

Traditional Memorial Day services will be observed throughout the area on Monday, May 25.

Lowell's Memorial Day Parade will form at 9 a.m. at Richards Park on Hudson St. and begin at 9:30 a.m. The parade will move south on

Lowell and Lapeer might as well be sister cities, since they have much in common. In conjunction with Michigan Week's (May 16-23) Mayor Exchange Day on Wednesday, May 20, a delegation from Lapeer will visit Lowell while Lowell's Mayor Dean Collins, Councilman Jack Fonger and their wives visit Lapeer.

Lapeer is a city of about 6,500 situated on the eastern

Hudson St. to Main St., then east on Main with the parade halting at the Main St. bridge for a 21 gun salute to the war dead. The Lowell VFW Auxiliary will cast flowers into the river as a memorial. The parade then continues to Oakwood Cemetery.

Dave Clark will manage the ceremonies at the cemetery and introduce the speaker, Rev. Wilson of the Lowell Baptist Church. The Lowell Middle School Band will march in the parade and play for the ceremonies. Harold Zeigler Ford Inc. has donated three vehicles for the dignitaries. Ray Clark will be Grand Marshall for the parade.

Attention: parents of '81 Kindergarteners

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up earlier this month, there will be a final session for children who will be starting kindergarten next fall.

The testing will take place at Runciman Elementary School on Thursday afternoon, May 28th.

Please call 897-9257 and make an appointment for your child. By bringing your child in for the Spring Round-Up, the school system will have a better chance to plan for that all important event—your child's first year in school.

et. Chelberg has been a resident of Lapeer for 8 years and was newly elected to the City Commission on April 6. He is a senior sales engineer for General Motors Corp. City Commissioner John (Jack) Adams will be part of the Lapeer delegation. He has been a commissioner for one term. He is a mailman and in the printing business.

Representatives of the city will greet the Lapeer group at 10 a.m. at City Hall and spend the morning with an overview of Lowell's operation and plans for the future. The group will tour the city offices and have a presentation of the city computer system.

At 11 a.m. the entourage will tour the Lowell Showboat, the new Department of Public Works garage and the city's waste water treatment

end of M-21. It is the county seat which has an active central business district, light industry and pride in their school system. They will also celebrate their Sesquicentennial this summer!

Lapeer City Manager Arnold Whitney is the father-in-law of Lowell City Manager Ray Quada.

Visiting here on Wednesday will be Lapeer Mayor Barry Shoultz, a Lapeer resident for 11 years. He was elected mayor on April 6 of this year. He served on the City Commission for three years and also served as a County Commissioner for two years. Shoultz, 29, is a law clerk with interests in lumber sales, floor covering sales and radio announcing.

Also a guest in Lowell will be City Commissioner Paul Chelberg and his wife, Jan-



Barry Shoultz, Mayor of the City of Lapeer

plant. After lunch at the Masonic Temple with the Rotary Club, there will be a tour of Schneider Manor and the Lowell airport, and Lowell Light & Power Plant. Other sites to be visited are Recreation Park, King Milling, and the schools.

The evening will end with dinner at Deer Run Golf Club which will be attended by Lowell area officers of service groups, school administrators and representatives of the cities of Lapeer and Lowell.

First Security names Belding mgr.

David N. Meissner has been appointed manager of First Security Bank's Belding office. Harry R. Larkin, President and Chief Executive Officer announced the appointment.

Meissner has been employed by Old Kent Bank and Trust Company in a series of increasingly responsible positions since 1966. He has been a branch manager there since 1974. Most recently he was manager of that bank's Seymour Square Office. Before joining The Old Kent organization, Meissner was employed by Household Finance Corporation.

Meissner attended Grand Rapids Junior College and the University of Michigan. He has also completed various American Institute of Banking courses. Meissner and his wife, Susan, have four children.

Join the fun at Catch and Fetch contest

One sport that is quickly gaining popularity with pet owners is teaching the canine members of the family to catch Frisbees in mid-air. "Catch and Fetch" as it is popularly called, is a fast paced, action sport that is fun for the whole family.

The sport, beneficial to both owner and pet, reinforces team work during the Frisbee throwing-catching motion. Pet and owner work together, gauging each other's motions to try and create the most efficient and winning catch.

People from all over West Michigan are invited to come and join in the fun at the Kent County "Catch and Fetch" Contest, sponsored by the Kent County Park Commission and Cycle dog food. Action starts at 10 a.m. at Johnson Park, June 13. Spectators will get a first hand look at how man and dog work together as a team. For additional information, call 451-2724.

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