

Lowell Ledger

Four in Race—No Primary

There will be no primary election in the City of Lowell in February due to a limited number of candidates.

Only four nominating petitions had been filed with City Clerk Laura Shepard at the 5 p. m. closing time Monday afternoon. Under provisions of the city charter, a primary may only be held when more than twice the number of candidates for seats available enter a council race.

The four nominees seeking seats in the April 5 runoff are: Carlen E. Anderson, in-

cumbent; Richard A. Curtis; Harold F. Jefferies; and Mrs. Virginia L. Myers.

Incumbent Councilmen Richard F. Schmitzauer and Philip Schneider did not seek reelection.

Anderson, 34, a civil engineer with the Kent County Road Commission, is rounding out his first year on the city council.

A graduate of Lowell High School, Anderson attended Wayne State University and has resided in Lowell for 16 years. A Lowell resident for 30

years, Curtis, 45, is making another try for a council seat, following defeat in the April election last year.

He is president of the Curtis Distributing Company and operates a coin-laundry outlet in the city.

Harold F. Jefferies, 51, editor and publisher of the Lowell Ledger for the past 20 years until its recent sale and member of the Lowell community since 1930 also is in the running for City Council.

Jefferies has been attending council meetings as a report-

er since 1936. His only previous elective office was that of Village Assessor for two terms in the 1940's. He resides at 504 Lincoln Lake Avenue.

A former member of the city council, Mrs. Myers, who lost out by 61 votes in her bid for re-election last year, is making good her promise to stage a comeback in '68.

Mrs. Myers is active in League of Women Voters and in several local and county civic organizations. She is the wife of Dr. Harold R. Myers.

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The Village Smithy

BY FRAN SMITH

Last week, you may recall if you managed to struggle through the treatise that will occupy this corner henceforth, we commented on the unusual number of antique shops located hereabouts.

At least it seemed an unusual number for a man whose experiences with antiques has been limited to polite rejection of many "opportunities" to stock the family home with collectors items such as lamps, tables, assorted china and . . . of all things . . . original Shirley Temple glasses.

Those of you among the gathering who see a new gray hair or two upon each rising . . . or who have long since forgotten to look for same since now all is white . . . no doubt remember the latter.

They came, as I recall, with the purchase of a morning beverage without which no youngster, including Little Orphan Annie, would start the day.

So, while we were impressed by the number of dealers in antiquity, the same may be said for those merchants among us who are selling the necessities and niceties of modern-day living.

Not All Favorable to Growth

In our very brief stay, the word "new" has popped into many conversations.

Often times, in an area where growth and progress is slower and more orderly than in others more metropolitan in nature, the word "new" could mean that change has been wrought within the past few years.

But our own observation is that most of that which is classified as new actually has been of recent vintage.

Now not all people are amenable to change, just as surely as all are not in favor of jet aircraft, fast automobiles or neon lights.

All of these things and others, are signs of encroachment upon a community more or less steeped in rural traditions.

But one reaches the inescapable conclusion that the area is moving toward unprecedented growth and that, as a result, each must contribute what he can toward orderly progress.

Nor is the connotation of new confined to construction of homes, stores, factories, highways and utilities required to service them.

For each of these, in their construction, attract new people who, in turn, bring to a community new problems in such matters as adequate public services and educational facilities.

No Home Complete Without One

But I stray somewhat from the original subject, which was antiques, and I hesitate to let the moment slip by without at least the mention of a rather recent experience.

Good Friend Wife had longed, for some time, to have in her possession an antique icebox.

Undoubtedly you recall them . . . if, indeed, you hark back to the days when the old ice house was the coolest spot in town on a hot summer day and you begged the delivery man to chip off a small piece of delightfully frozen H₂O as he made his rounds.

Well, life just wouldn't be the same unless we acquired such an icebox, though for the life of me I could not understand to what use it could possibly be put.

Nor was I sold to the idea of bringing this monstrosity into the home, to gather dust in some forgotten corner.

"Don't worry," said GFW, "I'll fix it up real nice, providing I can find what I'm looking for."

Located Icebox in 'Collection'

Needless to say, she did manage to seek out the object of her immediate attention. An old fellow making the rounds of the neighborhood to pick up junk allowed as how he had exactly what she was looking for among the uncounted relics he had secured in previous collections of other neighborhoods.

It came as no complete surprise, then, that this simply horrible holdover from a generation that still marvels at the intricacies of the modern refrigerator soon found its way to our garage.

One day, several months later, I asked GFW if she had any plans to stick to her resolve to renovate this charming symbol of the "good old days" that no doubt are best left where they belong . . . in the pages of history!

"Certainly," she replied, "I'm going to do it tomorrow." Have you ever seen a tomorrow? I don't believe I have. Yesterday's tomorrow is today, but it appears no different than the one of last week or last month or last year. When it arrives at the stroke of midnight, it no longer is tomorrow, but today.

Which may be another way of saying that I plan to ask GFW to get at that project TODAY!

Need For Immediate Familiarization

You may have noticed that this corner has been relating personal experiences and will, from time to time, continue to draw from recollection certain memorabilia that pertains to the events of the moment.

But we want our weekly chronicle to serve as an outlet of expression for interesting happenings as they relate to the community.

This can only be done with your assistance . . . at least until such time as faces and places become much more familiar to us than they are at this reading.

Therefore, solicitations are in order and the "welcome" sign is hung out for all to see.

There are several chairs in the office, mail is delivered twice a day and the telephone is at our elbow.

And sitting at the desk is an editor who wants to learn, through your experiences, as much about his new-found home as he can.

Launch Talks on Contract

Members of the Lowell Education Association and the Board of Education for Lowell Area Schools have launched negotiations for the 1968-69 school year.

The first formal session, held last Thursday, marked the earliest start for negotiations between the two groups since teacher negotiations were commenced three years ago. It was reported by Superintendent of Schools James Pace.

Representing the teachers are Gary Gilbert, Orion Thaler, Hester White, Don Kelly, and Art Bieri.

Representing the school district, in addition to Pace, are Dr. Robert Reagan, David Coons and Richard Williams.

The negotiators established ground rules for all meetings relating this matter, among which was an agreement that all non-economic items would be settled before discussion of economic issues.

The bargaining teams also agreed to attempt to forge a workable format before April 1.

Other items discussed included qualifications for new teachers, changing of board policies, filling of vacancies and teacher rights.

The next in the series of meetings, which by agreement are not open to the public, is scheduled for next Tuesday night.

Bank's Growth Reflected in Stock Dividend

Growth in the Lowell area was reflected today in an announcement by the State Savings Bank of Lowell of a 135 percent increase over the past 10 years.

Bank president Harold J. Englehardt also announced that the stockholders approved, in the annual meeting held last week, the action taken by the bank's board of directors in December to declare a 25 percent stock dividend to stockholders of record on the date of the meeting.

It was the first such dividend declared since 1957.

Englehardt also announced that Herman J. Stukkie had been named assistant vice president and Charlotte Siciliano has been named assistant cashier.

The bank reports present holdings of \$9,160,331.39 compared to approximately \$3,800,000 in 1957, Englehardt said.

Capital accounts presently are \$683,851, which include capital of \$250,000, surplus of \$300,000, reserves of \$65,000 and undivided profits of slightly more than \$68,000.

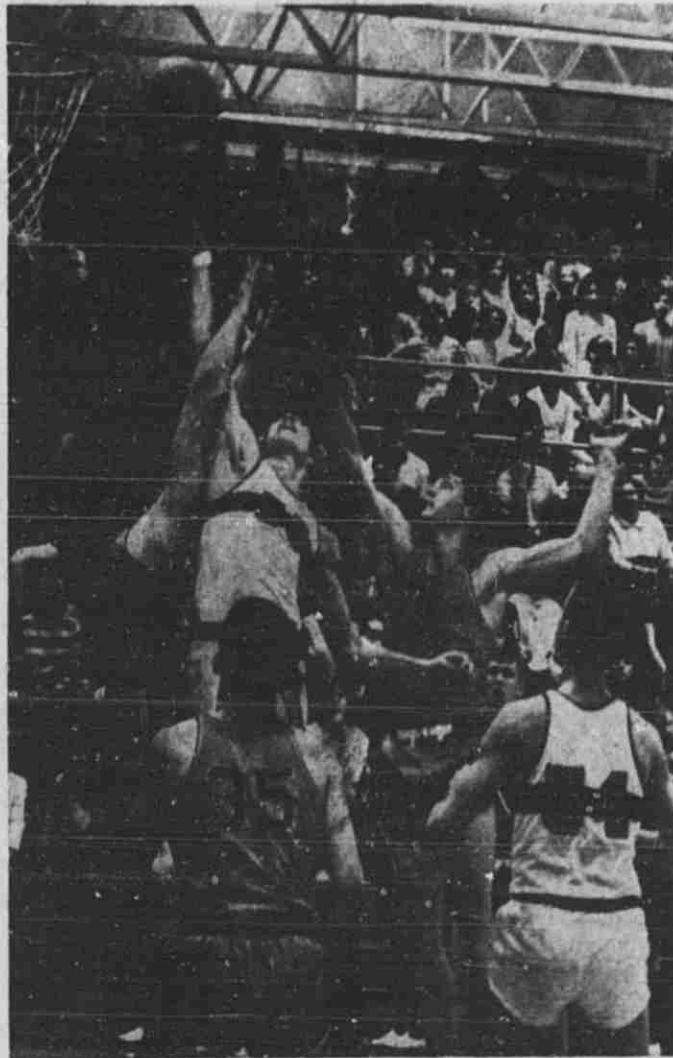
"This certainly reflects a healthy economy for the Lowell area," said Englehardt.

Train Collides With Auto; Damage Minor

Lowell police report that two minor traffic mishaps occurred in the city in the past week.

Last Friday night officers were called to the C&O crossing at South Water St. where a car driven by Robert Wolfington, of Blue Water Highway, Ionia, had collided with a slow-moving engine. Damage was minor, police reported.

The other accident happened Saturday night when the police were called to Jackson St., near Kent to assist Gary Stoner, 23, of Stanwood, whose car skidded on a slippery pavement and hit a pole. Damage also was slight, the police said.



BATTLE OF BACKBOARDS finds Lowell High's Ken Tapley (50) surrounded by Rockford opponents Bill Hart (left), Joe Longore (31) and Jim Carlson (35). Waiting to help his beleaguered teammate is Steve Johnson (54). Rockford won the showdown for Tri-River Conference leadership. (See story inside.)

Blame 'Human Error' in Fish Poisoning

Human error was blamed today for release of cyanide into the Flat River following a cleaning operation at Attwood Corporation.

A company spokesman said that changes have been made for control of the poisonous waste to prevent any possible recurrence of the incident.

The corporation, represented by plant superintendent Wayne Felty, appeared before the Michigan Water Resources Commission in Lansing last week to answer a show cause order why the firm should not be declared in default of

a commission order limiting its waste discharge.

Felty disclosed to the commission that such wastes normally are channeled to a waste tank for eventual disposal after poisons are removed.

A workman inadvertently opened the wrong valve, discharging the waste into a storm drain and, in turn, into the river, the company spokesman said.

The drain has since been sealed, he added.

The commission also referred the matter to the director of the Department of Conservation for possible recovery of damages for fish killed because of the incident.

Approximately 4,000 fish were killed, but only 10 percent of these were game fish, the company spokesman said, noting further that arrangements are underway to work with the conservation department to restock the river with bass and pike.

Patrolman Resigns From Lowell Force

Applicants for an open position on the City of Lowell Police Department will be screened in the near future, according to Chief Avery W. Block.

The vacancy was created with the resignation, effective this Saturday, of Senior Patrolman Larry Pelon.

Pelon, 27, had served on the force for a year and eight months. He plans to return to college and complete his education toward earning a teaching degree.

Chief Block indicated he is hopeful of filling the vacancy in a short period of time.

Receive Arts Degrees From U. of Michigan

Two students from the Lowell and Ada area were among the 2,000 to graduate from the University of Michigan at its winter commencement exercises at Ann Arbor.

They were Galen K. Pletcher, 418 Riverside Drive, Lowell, with a degree of Master of Arts, and Rita M. Tazelaar, 77 Honey Creek Road, Ada, with a degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts.

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Rebound!



This item could fall under the category of "They'll Do It Everytime."

Mrs. Letha Keiser of Keiser's Kitchen just returned from a 6,000-mile trip to California . . . and never suffered as much as a scratch on the car.

The first day back in town, she drove to market and the car was struck while in the parking lot. Not too much damage.

*** Congratulations are in order to Herman J. Stukkie, recently named assistant vice president of State Savings Bank and to Charlotte Siciliano, elevated to assistant cashier.

The civic social calendar, normally slow during the holidays, picks up briskly next week. Among the scheduled events are the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner-meeting on Thursday and the Fred Roth testimonial dinner, honoring the veteran Vergennes Township official, on Friday . . . both at the high school.

Not all who go out for sports see much action . . . but each, in his own way, lends as much as he can to the team effort. Two such as these are Dale Kronf and Bob Bewell of Coach Ed Douma's junior varsity team at Lowell High. Their shouts of encouragement are much appreciated . . . along with all other bench-warmers, a select group to which Main Streeter once belonged!

Speaking of basketball, Friday's outpouring for the BIG GAME was most appreciated by Head Coach Jack Kempker. Not anything to compare to the 52,000-plus for the other BIG GAME last weekend in Houston but just as encouraging.

Got a note of interest? Send it along . . . and the more humorous the better.

RANDOM THOUGHT: The average week would be just great if every day didn't seem like Monday.

G. R. Driver Fined \$100; Loses License

A 42-year-old Grand Rapids man, Richard J. McNamara, was found guilty by Justice of the Peace Howard Rittenger on Monday for driving while under the influence of liquor, and fined \$100, plus \$5 cost. Justice Rittenger also suspended McNamara's driving license for 90 days.

Justice Rittenger also levied a \$50 fine and \$10 in costs each against Roger Flanagan, 18, of Lowell, and Robert Barnaby of Rockford, on charges of minors in possession of liquor.

All arrests were made by Lowell Police.

Fete 25 Years in Priesthood Sunday

A milestone in the career of the Rev. Father Benedict, J. Marculionis, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lowell, which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood, will be observed here Sunday.

In the presence of the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Rancans, D. D., church dignitaries, relatives from Chicago and Wisconsin, civic leaders, and parishioners, a solemn high Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. Sunday in the church edifice.

A dinner at 1 p. m. honoring Fr. Marculionis and his relatives will be held at St. Mary's School.

The celebration will be further marked by an "open house" from 4 to 6 p. m., also at the school, to which the public is invited.

Fr. Marculionis was born in Custer, Mich., on July 26, 1915. He first attended the Goodman, Wis., public elementary school, and later graduated from the

Goodman High School. After his decision to enter the priesthood, Fr. Marculionis attended Marianapolis College at Thompson, Conn., where he achieved his B. A. degree.

This was followed by a year's study at Marian Hills Seminary, Hinsdale, Ill., and also advanced studies for three years at Keurick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Fr. Marculionis was ordained a priest in the diocese of Green Bay, Wis., on January 27, 1943, by the Most Rev. Bishop Paul Rhode, D. D.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church in Green Bay.

On November 25, 1944, he was transferred to SS. Peter and Paul parish in Grand Rapids, which was followed by assignment as an assistant to St.

Simon Church, Ludington.

In 1948 Fr. Marculionis was advanced to the office of administrator and served at St. Bernard Church, Iroun, Mich., St. Ignatius Church at Luther, Mich., St. Mary Church at Custer, Round Lake Mission, at St. Joseph, the Carr Settlement with St. Gregory Church, and Sacred Heart Church at Victory.

On July 24, 1956, he was made pastor of St. Mary's Church at Custer, Mich., where he served for five years.

Fr. Marculionis has been pastor of St. Mary's Church in Lowell since June 23, 1961. At the request of the Most Rev. Bishop Francis Haas, D. D. of the Grand Rapids diocese, Fr. Marculionis has been of valuable assistance to area parishes holding services in the Lithuanian language.



MARTIN D. BUTH

Rep. Buth To Address C-C Meet

State Representative Martin D. Buth of the 90th District will be the featured speaker at the annual Lowell Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting next Thursday evening (February 1).

The event is scheduled for 7 p. m. at the Lowell Senior High School Auditorium.

One of the highlights of the affair will be presentation of awards in three categories: Most Improved Exterior Decor for a Business Establishment in 1967; Most Improved Interior Decor for a Business Establishment in 1967; and Most Improved Business Establishment Through Re-location.

In addition, a visual slide presentation spotlighting new business developments in the community during the past year will be shown.

Results of balloting to selection three new members of the C. of C. Board of Directors also will be announced.

Teen Center Efforts Earn Endorsement

Members of American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 have gone on record as continuing support and endorsement of Lowell's Teen Center.

A report on the center's activities was submitted to members Monday night by Mike Harrington, a member of the Teen Center Board of Directors, who indicated that the non-profit corporation was self-supporting in 1967.

Commander Roger Bieri praised the Teen Center Board and all teenagers who have worked toward making the project a success.

"We also wish to thank the Lowell Police Department for its assistance," Bieri said, "and we hope that the City of Lowell, as a whole, will continue to support this project."

The Teen Center is quartered in a building which was donated by the post.

Fight Birth Defects—Support the Mother's March

SPORTS

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Face Uphill Battle for Loop Crown

In four previous seasons as head basketball coach of Lowell High's varsity team, Jack Kemper has never tasted defeat at Rockford.

Lowell slipped to second place last Friday when host Rockford on the locals' hardwood, 68-61.

The win was the 11th in an unbeaten season for Rockford.

Lowell managed to hit on 44 field goals in 83 floor attempts for 39 percent, but dropped in only 15 of 22 penalty tries.

The Arrows managed to keep the game... played before a capacity turnout of almost 1,600 fans in the first half.

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While Kemper may be looking ahead to the rematch with Rockford, he also is aware that Friday night's opponent on the home floor should not be taken lightly.

Conestock Park, winless in five league starts, invades the LIS gym and will bring with them both Kimball, who just last week set a record with 44 points.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with columns for player name, team, and points scored.

TR-RIVER STANDINGS

Table showing standings for Lowell, Cedar Springs, Rockford, Sparta, and Conestock Park.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 31 - Lowell at Cedar Springs. Feb. 3 - Lowell Quadrangular at Lowell.

Freshman '5' Seeks Ninth Win Friday

Lowell High School's Freshman basketball team will seek its ninth victory in 10 starts Friday afternoon when they meet Conestock Park on the home court at 4:15.

COCKTAIL DRESSES

Values to \$22.50 \$18

COATS

\$18 \$28 \$40

SWEATERS, SKIRTS, TOPS

from \$5 from \$7 from \$3

THE SHOP 100 WEST MAIN STREET, LOWELL, N.H. 03256

ROCKFORD scores table with columns for player and points.

Tri-River Conf. Coge Standings

Table showing conference standings for Lowell, Cedar Springs, Rockford, and Conestock Park.

SCHEDULE

January 26, Conestock Park. February 2, Cedar Springs, There.

Final Second Pin Features Mat Victory

Ray Smith, competing in the 132-pound division, scored the only pin of the match in leading Lowell to a 2-1 victory over Rockford last week.

Smith scored the decision with just one second remaining in his match.

Catch Gary Rivers' matmen emerged triumphant in six of the 12 matches and drew it one after they boosted their Tri-River Conference record to two wins, two losses and a tie.

Rivers praised the efforts of Smith, Kurt Inman, Bob Graham and Bob Van Dyke. Inman registered a draw in the 132-pound division with Graham (120) and Van Dyke (127) each recorded a shutout decision.

The results: 55 pounds, Carl Rasch, Won on decision (4-0).

103 pounds, Steve Newell, lost on decision (1-4).

127 pounds, Ken Inman, draw, (4-4).

132 pounds, Bob Graham, won on decision, (11-0).

137 pounds, Bob Van Dyke, won on decision (7-0).

157 pounds, Ray Smith, won on a pin.

132 pounds, Jerry Haver, won on decision (6-1).

145 pounds, Eric Keady, won on decision (5-1).

154 pounds, Bob Rattiner, won on decision (4-1).

185 pounds, Pat Olson, Lost on decision (1-4).

189 pounds, Steve Foss, Lost on decision (0-5).

Heavyweight, Ben Hall, Lost on decision (1-4).

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Feb. 7 - Sparta at Lowell.

The junior varsity team also defeated Rockford by a 20-14 margin, winning six of ten matches.

The results: 55 pounds, Larry Winchell, won on pin.

103 pounds, Terry Priebe, lost on decision (1-4).

112 pounds, Ron Dawson, won on forfeit.

120 pounds, Len Clark, won on decision (4-0).

127 pounds, Doug Barnes, won on pin.

132 pounds, Tom Rasch, won on forfeit.

138 pounds, Al Winkler, won on forfeit.

145 pounds, Ernest Hall, lost on decision (1-4).

154 pounds, Craig Schneider, won on forfeit.

JV's Sparkle On Defense in 3rd Loop Win

A tenacious defense that limited their opponents to a meager three points in the opening quarter helped Lowell High's junior varsity score a 60-44 basket ball decision over Rockford last week.

The triumph was the third in five Tri-River Conference starts for Coach Donna's cagers and brought their season mark to 5-3.

In one of the finest all-around efforts this season, the JV's broke to a 13-0 lead at the first-quarter mark and piled up seven more tallies to their margin to 13-0 at half-time.

Jim Herliet was the sparkplug of the offense in the final 15 minutes, setting 16 of his game-high 25 points. Herliet connected on 13 of 21 tries for 62 percent.

Blair Coburn topped all rebounders with 13 grabs while Craig Wittenbach starred on defense with eight recoveries of the ball.

Herliet in the scoring column with 14 points, getting 11 in the first half and finishing the game with a total of 23 advantage.

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All Programs Underway at Lowell YMCA

Terry Bambrick, "Y" Director, announced today that the winter program is now officially underway and that registrations for all classes are being accepted by Den Mothers.

Lowell is a resume of the classes offered and meeting the times.

ADULT CLASSES - Art for Beginners and advanced, Monday 8-10 p. m. and Tuesday, 8-10 p. m.

YOUTH CLASSES - Guitars, Monday and Tuesday, 7-10 p. m.; Ski Club for families and individuals, Thursday, 4-9 p. m.

Grade School, Game... Doug Gould, 150; Kevin McMahon, 154; Vance Schramm, 170.

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Scout news-

High-ranking badges will be awarded to members of Troop 162 next Monday night.

Parents of all scouts are invited to attend the ceremony and a spaghetti dinner.

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Ex-Resident Murdered in Bizarre Case

George N. Hatfield, aged 54, formerly of Michigan and more recently a resident of Mesa, Arizona, was brutally murdered two weeks ago as part of a fantastic plot by his killer to escape detection for another killing.

Billy Gene McKinley, the accused slayer, sent phony confessions bearing Hatfield's signature to police following his disappearance apparently in the hope of transferring suspicion to Hatfield in the slaying of Wayne D. Carlson in August.

However, Hatfield's body was discovered on Saturday, January 13, in a shallow grave near a desert highway. He had been missing since January 11.

Mr. Hatfield is survived by his wife, the former Evelyn "Floster" Ada, one son, James, and one daughter, Mrs. Perry Tribbey of Flagstaff, Arizona.

He is survived in Michigan by his brother, Merrie Hatfield of Flint and his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hatfield of Grand Rapids.

Services were held for Mr. Hatfield on January 16 in Mesa, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carrigan, Jr. of Lowell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carrigan, Sr., in Grand Rapids.

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Scout news-

High-ranking badges will be awarded to members of Troop 162 next Monday night.

Parents of all scouts are invited to attend the ceremony and a spaghetti dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Larsen and family of Greenville were Sunday dinner guests

Obituaries

Joseph Budnick

Joseph Budnick, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, died Wednesday morning, January 17. He was a former resident of Lowell.

Mr. Budnick is survived by eight children, three daughters; Mrs. Edmund (Betty) Carmody, Mrs. Rudolph (Violette) Adomats and Mrs. Robert (Jo) Glnok; five sons, Charles, John, Frank, Joe, Jr., and Chester, all of Grand Rapids; 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday morning at St. Adalbert's Church in Grand Rapids with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Royce V. Ford

Royce V. Ford of Bennett Road, Lowell, died Monday, in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Ford was born in 1885 in what is now Grattan Town-

ship, the descendent of pioneers who settled in the Michigan Territory.

His great-grandfather was the first person buried at the historic Alton Cemetery, where Mr. Ford will also be laid to rest. This cemetery also marks the site of the first log cabin school to serve Grattan, Vergennes and Lowell Townships.

He was the great-grandson of Ira Ford, who with his brother, Abel, came west from Connecticut sometime prior to 1837 and are recorded as the first white settlers in the northern part of what was then Vergennes Township. According to their records there were only thirteen crude houses in Grand Rapids at that time.

Mr. Ford spent a few years as a youth in the Dakotas, and after attending Lowell High School went west again as a young man to work for his father, Fred J. Roth, who was supervising the building of the pumping stations needed by the steam locomotives during the western expansion of the railroads.

He lived most of his life, however, on the family farm in the Lowell area.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; a son, Dale V. of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Margaret, at home; a grandson, Patrick; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell at 3 p. m. on Thursday with the Rev. Elton Mills officiating.

Interment will follow in Alton Cemetery.

The family has expressed a desire to have memorial contributions to the Alton Bible Church building fund replace the usual floral offerings.

Elvie Mayes

Elvie (Buddie) Mayes, aged 64, of Pewamo, passed away Wednesday, January 17, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He was a former resident of Lowell.

He is survived by his wife, Viva; three daughters, Mrs. James (Evelyn) Hanson of Belding, Mrs. Francis (Barbara) Newton of Freeport, and Mrs. Cecil (Norma) Goshenour of Grattan; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He is also survived by three sisters, four brothers and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on

Saturday afternoon at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Keith McIver officiating.

Interment was made in the Springport Cemetery.

Martin Peterson

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at the Roth Funeral Home, Lowell, for Martin Peterson of Lowell Township. The Reverends Bou-lah Poe and William Reynders will officiate.

The 85-year-old retired farmer passed away Monday, January 22, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, following a brief illness.

Mr. Peterson came to the United States in 1903, and settled on a farm in Lowell Township, where he still made his home with his son, Carl.

He is survived by one son, Carl; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Burial will be made in Bowne Center Cemetery, Bowne Township, following the one o'clock rites.

Gertrude Posthumus

Mrs. Gertrude Posthumus, 79, of Ada, died Friday morning, January 19, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids following a lingering illness.

Her daughter, Mrs. Cornelius (Louis) DeYoung is a resident of Lowell.

She is also survived by her husband, Harry; three other daughters, Mrs. Cornelius (Vio-la) Houtman, Mrs. John (Min-nie) Tiggelman and Mrs. (Jo-hanna) Noordyke, all of Grand Rapids; two sons, Earl Cook of Grand Rapids and Henry Posthumus of Caledonia; 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Posthumus also leaves one sister, Mrs. Grace Gilder of Grand Rapids, two brothers Mart Van Stee of Grand Rapids and Anthony Van Stee of California, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Ada Community Reformed Church with the Rev. Robert A. Otto officiating.

Interment was made in the Ada Cemetery.

Elsie V. Racine

Mrs. Elsie V. Racine of Lowell died Sunday at her home. Mrs. Racine, born on January 27, 1877, would have been 91 years old if she had lived to celebrate her birthday on Saturday.

The daughter of Eliza and James Godfrey, residents of Keene Township, she married Louie H. Racine on March 4, 1920. Together they opened and operated the Little Racine Restaurant in Lowell. Mr. Racine died in 1932 and Mrs. Racine continued to operate the restaurant until 1942.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Robert Webber of the Lowell Methodist Church officiating. Interment was made in Alton Cemetery.

Gary W. Scharaswak

Gary Wayne Scharaswak, aged 2, passed away Tuesday, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scharaswak of Lowell; one brother, Elmer, Jr.; three sisters, Carol, Sharon and Marie, all at home; his paternal grandparents, Victor Scharaswak of Belding and Mrs. Oona Davis of Grand Rapids and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Irwin of Grand Rapids.

Gary reposes at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell where friends may meet the family Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. on Friday with the Rev. Russell Spray of the Lowell Nazarene Church officiating. Interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Ella S. Tiffany

Mrs. Ella S. Tiffany, aged 79, of Grattan Township, passed away Thursday morning, January 18, at her home following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Tiffany is survived by one son, Wayne E.; two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Burmaster of New Port Richey and Mrs. Emma Schneider of Mackinaw City; two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held at the Pierce Mortuary in Rockford on Saturday afternoon with the Rev. John D. McKay of Faith Bible Church officiating. Interment took place in the Bostwick Lake Cemetery.

John J. Troy

John J. Troy, aged 84, of Grand Rapids and formerly of Alto, died Friday evening, January 19. In recent years he had spent a great deal of time with his daughter, Mrs. Giles (Alice) Hefferan of Ada.

He is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Albert (Julia) Cook and Mrs. Fred (Nora) Keller of Grand Rapids, seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Requiem Mass was sung on Monday morning at St. Thomas Church in Grand Rapids. Interment was made in Wood-lawn Cemetery.



IN RECOGNITION for development of new facilities, the Royce Ford agency in Lowell has received the "Gold Shovel Award." Royce Ford (center) accepts the award from assistant district manager Richard Lacey (left) and district manager James Sutherland during opening ceremonies.

New Lift Station Studied

Tentative approval for installation of a lift station on the west side of the city has been forwarded to City Council by the Lowell Planning Commission.

The commission, with all nine members present, approved the lift station plan with the proviso that certain revisions recently accepted be formally approved by Williams & Works of Grand Rapids, consulting engineers.

The plan calls for installation of lines and a pump station in the west end of the city that is subject to present and future development. Estimated cost of the project is \$34,000, a portion of which would be paid for by Lowell Development Corporation.

Two other plans, one costing approximately \$22,800 and the other pegged at \$64,000, were rejected.

Planning consultant Walter Bagby said that the former plan, if approved, would necessitate eventual re-location of many sewers servicing the area and that the more costly plan was not needed at this time.

The city may eventually need a series of lift stations," said Bagby, "and the plan approved could fit into the system adequately."

The commission also plans to hold a public hearing for interested persons owning nearby property in the matter of an application for re-zoning submitted by Arnold Wittenbach.

Wittenbach proposes to build apartments on the northeast corner of Beach and Foreman. The site is now zoned for single residence.

The planning consultant also outlined a number of changes in the proposed Subdivision Zoning Ordinance, most of which were made to conform to recent changes in state laws.

Named Officers In Kent NFO

Two area men have been named to offices in the Kent County National Farmers Organization, it was revealed today.

Selected as president for the 1968 term was John Linton of Ada, Clarence Koenes of Alto was named to head the dairy bargaining committee.

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Final Plans Develop For Testimonial

Donald McPherson, general chairman for the testimonial dinner scheduled Friday, February 1, at Lowell High School in honor of Vergennes Township Supervisor Fred Roth, announced that tickets for the affair may be secured from a number of sources, in addition to McPherson.

Persons handling the sale in the Lowell area include:

C. H. Runciman, sr., co-chairman; Stanley Gardner, treasurer; Ray Onan, representing the voters of 1917, Karl Kropf, Henry Tichelaar, Adebort Odell, Leon Alberts, Arvil Heilman, Mike Doyle, Carl Wittenbach, Everett Wittenbach, Larry Wittenbach, Dr. Robert Kyser, Cecil DeRushia, Richard McNeill, George Story and Norman Borgerson.

Also Edwin Nash, Leon Walter, Ray Littenger, Fred Clancy, Wally Hook, Dick Brush, Jack Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Yates, Mrs. Bruce Tower, Ed Denkema, Mrs. William A. Roth, W. W. Gumsier, Arnold Wittenbach, Bernard Olson, Mrs. Harry Richmond, Clark Fletcher, Terrence Bambrick, S. D. Winger, Harold Albert, Will Norman and Gerrit Baker.

Many dignitaries representing government and civic organizations will be on hand to toast Roth's 50 years of service to the township, McPherson says. Among the invited guests are:

State Sen. Robert VanderLaan State Rep. Stanley Powell; Leonard W. Anderson, chairman, Kent County Board of Supervisors; Norman A. Freeman, chairman-elect, Kent County Board of Supervisors; J. Bronkema, County Clerk; Richard Reath, County Extension Agent; Edwin D. Mueller, chairman, Kent County Road Commission; Walter Wittenbach, Belding, the chairman of Kent County AS&C Committee; Harold Bennett, the chairman, Ionia County Board of Supervisors; Lester Marks, Kent County Director of U. S. Soil Conservation Service; Sam Detmers, Ionia County R o a d Commission Member; Irvin J. Rodgers, president, Kent County Assessors' Association; and Mrs. Marsha E. Bouwkamp, secretary, Kent County Chapter Township Officers.

Amway Wins Awards For Packaging

The Amway Corporation, with headquarters in Ada, won two major awards in the 16th annual package design contest held in New York.

A panel of consumer judges composed of five brides new to homemaking, and five more experienced consumers, served as judges in selecting the aerosol packages they best preferred.

Two awards in two categories, Coating and Finishes, and Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, went to the Amway Corporation of Ada.

In the first category the preference was for "Oven 'n Grill," an oven and grill cleaner, and in the second to "Am-Medic," a first aid spray.

The consumer symposium, making its selection out of 500 entries, was conducted by the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association during its recent Aerosol Package Design Contest.

Amway Corporation, a leading direct selling firm, was founded in Ada only eight years ago with the creation of a single cleaning product.

For Police Contest Seek Essay Writers

The Fraternal Order of Police, State Lodge of Michigan, has announced sponsorship of its ninth annual essay contest for high school students in the State of Michigan. The subject is "Respect for Law Enforcement."

Cash prizes totalling \$1,000 will be awarded to the writers of the nineteen best essays. Essays are limited to 1,500 words and must be submitted not later than March 15th to F.O.P., G-3094 Bertha Street, Flint, Michigan 48804.

Letters to the Editor

In reply to the article by the Social Action Committee of the Hope Church of the Brethren, I would like to say this:

First of all, there shouldn't even be such a social action committee existing in their church or any other church.

The duty of the church is to tell the world about Jesus Christ and not to get involved in social affairs. If we want to do something for our government we should all get behind it much more than we are, and pray for its leaders.

If our leaders would dedicate themselves to running this great country of ours according to the will of God, and our churches dedicate themselves to the task of saving souls for Christ, then many of our current problems will disappear.

Could it be that our churches are doubting the power of prayer? Is it this why so many of them act like they think they should be running the government?

John E. Wierenga

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