



True Tales of the Town of Lowell

Read All About It! "Bandits of the John Dillinger Gang Rob the Lowell Bank" (May 1933).

What really happened in the town of Lowell on that Tuesday morning of May 25, 1933? The new Internet Web site "Lowell History" created by Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg is filled with fascinating articles of the early days of Lowell. Access the site at <http://birch.palni.edu/~drigg/history.htm> and you can read news articles taken from the early pages of the Lowell Tribune and articles written by Town Historian Richard Schmal in his *Pioneer History* articles. The Web page will take you back in time from Lowell's early beginnings to the late 1960's.

What was everyday life in Lowell like? Who were its early settlers and how did Lowell become a town. You can access this information and news articles about Lowell's early businesses, its churches, schools, parks, museums, newspapers, etc. The articles included on the Web site cover a period between 1835 and the late 1960's.

Read the history of the town's fire and police department, its early doctors, its fires, disasters, crimes and criminals. Although the Lowell page on the John Dillinger gang does not state the gang as being the actual bank robbers of the Lowell National Bank, this gang robbed several other Indiana banks around this time. The Three Creek Bicentennial Book, 1776-1976, however, has an exciting story about this same robbery, and credits the Dillinger gang.

Among the early Lowell facts on the Web... According to the Lowell Centennial Book, Melvin A. Halsted named the village Lowell presumably because its water facilities and milling industries resembled those of Lowell, Massachusetts.

The first home in Lowell was a cabin built by Samuel Halstead in 1835. John Driscoll was the first farmer settling on a quarter section of land southeast of Lowell. On February 16, 1837, Lake County became an independent county. and in 1839 the south township of Lake County was divided into the townships of West Creek, Cedar Creek, and Eagle Creek. The town of Lowell was laid out in 1852.

Early pioneer Jabez Clark practiced medicine although there is no record of whether or not he was an actual doctor. In 1837, Dr. James A Wood began making rounds in Lake and Porter County.

The "good old days," saw their share of disasters and fires. On May 22, 1952, a 69-car Monon Railroad express freight derailed in Lowell and six cars of denatured alcohol exploded. In 1974 a tornado hit Lowell, causing over \$1.5 million in damages

Students, genealogy researchers, and area residents will find the "Lowell History" Web site to be a valuable and efficient tool to access information on the town's history. History buffs will also enjoy its colorful articles.

Our thanks to Town Historian Dick Schmal and the Lowell Tribune for their valuable contributions.

New Books In the Library

(Taken from a Aug. 19, 1920 news article)

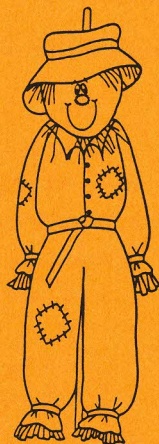
Fiction: *Woman Triumphant*, by Ibanez; *Red and Black* Grace Richmond; *Girl from Kellers*, Bindlass; *Raspberry Jam*, Carolyn Wells; *Kindred of the Duet*, Peter Kyne; Linda Condon, Hergesheimer; *Jeremy*, Walpole; *Half Portions*, Edna Ferber; *The Other Side of the Wall*, Henry Smith; *Servant of Realty*, Phyllis Bottome; *Mary Marie*, Eleanor Porter; *Rider of Ting Log*, Holman Day; *Damsel in Distress*, P.G. Wodenhouse; *That Affair at St. Peter's*, Edna Brown.

Classified: *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*, J.M. Keyes; *Writing an Advertisements*, S. R. Hall; *Personal Efficiency in Business*, E. E. Purinton; *All the Children of all the People*, W.II. Smith; *Home and its Management*, Mable Kittredge; *Complete Club Book for Women*, Carolyn Benton.

Library Trustee Appointed

Lowell resident Tom Johnson was recently appointed to fill the vacancy on the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees. Johnson is Director of Operations for the Tri-Creek School Corporation. Board officers are Marilyn Hardwick, President; Kathy Spencer, Vice President; Ann Ayers, Secretary; and Norma Ruley, Treasurer. Other board members are Bill Mitchell and Zern Hayden.

HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER



Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: October 6, 13, 20, 27
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Each Friday: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. The class is open to anyone interested in a total body, low impact workout aimed at improving and maintaining fitness forever. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department the program is lead by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson. Fee is \$1.50 per session.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, October 9, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Lowell - Tuesday, October 14, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger

Shelby - Weave a Hearth Basket (\$25)

Tuesday, October 7, at 6 PM
Thursday, October 16, at 9 AM

Lowell - Weave a Pumpkin Basket in Orange or a Bean Pot in Natural colors. (\$25)

Tuesday, October 21, at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 PM

Bring a bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, towel, plastic bag and clothes pins.

About Panic Attacks/Anxiety Disorders - Lowell

Thursday, October 2, at 7 PM
Dr. Belinda Hubert, Ph.D, with offices in Lowell and Crown Point, will speak on the causes and treatment of panic attacks and anxiety disorders. Coping techniques will be discussed.

Beating the Credit Trap - Lowell

Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 AM

Get to know the many ways you can save money and keep your finances in sound condition. Check your credit rating with forms you will receive. Learn how to avoid pitfalls that can place you in the "credit trap." The free workshop is presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

Scattered Memories - Lowell

Saturday, October 11, at 9:30 AM

Take those unorganized photos and learn to make safe, creative, and meaningful photo albums. Cheryl Casey of Creative Memories will instruct participants. Bring 10-12 photos pertaining to one event to use during the hands-on workshop. Fee is \$10.

If You Lost Your Job Today Would You

Have Enough Money To Retire? - Lowell

Thursday, October 23, at 7 PM

A retirement planning seminar will be represented by Jim Kocon, RFA of Peerson & Company. Among the topics to be discussed are the need for retirement planning, the cost of failure to plan, setting objectives, basic insurance principles, health insurance, property and liability insurance, basic investment principles, and estate planning.

Holly Keithley's Dried Flower Wreath or Swag

Class - Lowell Monday, October 27, at 6:30 PM

Make one of Holly's beautiful dried flower designs using a wide assortment of herbs, everlastings and dried flowers such as silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort, strawflowers, statice, amaranth, and cockscomb in any combination you desire. You can choose to make an Everlasting dried flower wreath or an Everlasting swag. The swag is good for hanging above a couch or doorway or it can hang vertically in a long narrow space. Fee is \$21.

Note: CPR classes will resume in November.

Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

Lowell Public Library - 696-7704
Shelly Branch Library - 552-0809
Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000

The Awards Go to...

The 1997 winners of the Edgar Awards for the Best Mysteries are:

Best Novel: *The Chatham School Affair* by Thomas A. Cook

Best First Novel: *Simple Justice* by John Morgan Wilson

Best Paperback: *Fade Away* by Harlan Coben

Best Critical/Biographical: *The Secret Marriage of Sherlock Holmes* by Michael Atkinson

Best Fact Crime: *Power to Hurt* by Darcy O'Brian

Best Critical/Biographical: *Twisted Summer* by Willo Davis Roberts

Best Juvenile: *The Clearing* by Dorothy Renolds Miller

The Edgar Awards are presented by the Writers of America for excellence in mystery. The books are available at the library or through loan from the Lake County Library. A complete list of all of the nominees is available.

Meetings

The Friends of the Library will meet on
Wednesday, October 15, at 7 PM.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees
will hold their regular meeting on Monday,
October 20, at 7 PM.



Flu Immunizations

Wilco Foods - Lowell
Thursday, October 2, 9 AM - 1 PM

Shelby Branch Library
Thursday, October 9, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Lowell Public Library
Tuesday, October 14, 9 AM - 11 AM

Wilco Foods - Lowell
Friday, October 17, 3 PM - 7 PM

Childhood Immunizations

Lowell, Thursday, October 16, 9 AM - 3 PM
Schneider, Thursday, October 16, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Craft Corner

Children's Programmer Miss Chris is gearing up for the Halloween season by teaching pre-schoolers to make a brightly colored beaded Halloween necklace and school-age children will create a Halloween magnet decoration.

Lowell - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, October 9, at 10 AM

School Age Craft -

Thursday, October 9, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 696-7704

Schneider - Both Crafts

Thursday, October 16, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 552-1000

Shelby - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, October 23, at 3:30 PM

School Age Craft -

Thursday, October 30, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 552-0809

Feathers and Fur

Children of the Shelby Branch Library will meet in the lower level of St. Theresa's Church on Saturday, October 11, for "Animal Talk" with Dr. Herbert Hardwick of the Hebron Animal Clinic. Dr. Hardwick will bring some of his favorite unusual pets.

Sharing Clifford

Clifford, the Big Red Dog, *Clifford Follows His Nose*, and *Clifford's Pals* are just a few of the popular Clifford books for children, written and illustrated by Norman Bridwell.

Lowell Literacy Tutor Dottie Trostle wants to encourage the love of reading in children and has placed her two framed Bridwell illustrations on exhibit on the north wall of the library's Children's room. Joining a hilarious "Clifford" wearing sunglasses is another of Bridwell's illustrations, a mother kangaroo with her baby. Dottie met Bridwell in 1985 when he came to Fishing Creek Elementary School in Etters, Pennsylvania where Dottie taught for 16 years. The author proceeded to do several drawings of his characters to autograph and give to Dottie and her students.

Dottie also met illustrator Jose Aruego when he visited her school. Aruego is the author and illustrator of such colorful picture books as *Look What I Can Do*, *A Crocodile's Tale* and *Rockabye Crocodile*, to name a few. His autographed illustration of his crocodile book characters is exhibited next to the Bridwell illustrations.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT THE BRANCHES

Halloween at the Brown Farm

The Shelby Branch Library has planned a Halloween adventure for the children of Craft Corner and Story Hour. The Brown Farm family will welcome children of the branch library for a "Halloween Hoedown" party on Saturday, October 25.

At the farm, children can enjoy a hayride, sit by the bonfire, walk through the maze and visit with the farm animals. There's plenty of pumpkins too!

Pre-register by calling the Shelby Branch at 552-0809. There is a \$5 fee.



Pumpkin Faces And Other Fun Things

For a "howling good time" Craft Corner & Story Hour children of all ages can come to the Schneider Branch on Thursday, October 23, at 4 PM to carve a funny face on their pumpkins.

Dress in Halloween fashion for the "Halloween Happening Costume Contest." You may win a prize. Enjoy a tasty treat and check out some spooky stories.

Pre-register by calling the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

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