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Yes, Folks!  
Winter  
Is Just  
About Here



OL' MAN WINTER ARRIVED in the area over the weekend and staff photographer Scot Jefferies scoured the community

for unusual pictures. The results are shown above. At left is the sign at the Lions Club Community Picnic Area in Ada

(sorry, no picnic today). In the center, an old wagon in Lowell is outlined in silhouette against a gray sky laden with

snow and much of the wet stuff on the ground. The sign at the right recalls a time of warm sun and fair skies.

## Proposed Ada Water System Seen as Spur

Accelerated development of Ada Township as a prime residential and industrial area may hinge on a feasibility study for creation of an independent water system.

Results of the study, backed by engineering surveys already well underway, are expected to be placed before township officials sometime after the first of the year.

Some preliminary estimates on the scope of the project were disclosed last week by

township supervisor Fred Clancy and additional projections were revealed by George Welsh, member of the township water commission, in an interview this week.

The commission includes Welsh, Richard DeVos of the Ada-based Amway Corporation, Noel Black and Richard Sammerville.

Based on a projection of 600 water users at the outset, plant construction would cost an estimated \$1,200,000 of

which 40 percent could be financed through Federal assistance, according to Welsh.

The balance would be financed through sale of revenue bonds, which would be retired from sale of water to area residents and businesses.

Creation of a system to carry the water to users would be financed by general obligation bonds, which would be paid off through special assessments to property owners availing themselves of water service.

Welsh noted that the plans call for no expense on the part of township taxpayers other than in the form of direct payment for use of the projected system.

Eventually, the system could be expanded to include other prospective water users in Ada Township as well as portions of Cascade Township and areas to the east, including Lowell.

Preliminary engineering studies indicate that the system would use approximately 500,000 gallons of water per day, which would be drawn from Ada Dam reservoir. The present flowage is rated at 170-million gallons per day.

Negotiations for purchase of the dam, now owned by Consumers Power Company, have been underway for almost a year. Members of the Thornapple River Association, composed of property owners located along the backwaters, have indicated a willingness to buy the facility and to pay for its maintenance and its operation, providing that Kent County administrators to the latter.

According to Welsh, the cost to TRA members involved in a special assessment district for purchase and operation of the dam would be approximately \$9,000 per year.

As tentatively outlined in the preliminary study, the water commission would take over ownership and operation of the dam as an integral part of the water system.

Many TRA members, plus several large residential developments now underway or in the planning stage, would be immediate beneficiaries of the proposed system.

Real estate developers, in particular, are likely to favor the plan inasmuch as most prospective home buyers are seeking full-service utilities, including water and sewers, in newly-created subdivisions.

Township officials have indicated they will seek reaction from as many prospective users of the system as possible before proceeding further.



ENGELHARDT



WITTENBACH

## Name 2 to Fill Bank Vacancies

Everett (Steve) Wittenbach, a life-long resident of Lowell, today had been elected to the Board of Directors of the State Savings Bank.

Wittenbach fills a seat on the eight-member board left vacant with the death on November 12 of board chairman C. H. Runciman, Sr.

Harold J. Engelhardt was named to fill the position as chairman of the board. He will continue to serve as bank president, a position he has held since 1960.

Wittenbach, 54, has served as president of Wittenbach Sales and Service for nine years. The company recently completed its 24th year in the automotive business here.

A graduate of Lowell High School in 1932, Wittenbach

## New Alto Fire No.: 451-2911

Use of a county-wide alert system to call for fire assistance has been extended in Bowne Township and portions of Lowell and Caledonia townships, it was announced by Chief Harold Metternick of the Alto Fire Department.

All calls to the department should be made to this number: 451-2911. The caller will be connected to the Kent County Sheriff's Department dispatcher, who in turn will alert Alto volunteers.

As a complement to the new system, nine monitors have been purchased at a cost of \$1,700 by the department and Bowne Township board.

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## Form Advisory Group to Aid Millage Bid

A special citizens advisory committee, whose primary mission will be to secure signatures of at least 50 percent of the district's qualified electorate on petitions, was formed today in an effort to assist the financially-troubled Lowell Area School Board of Education.

David W. Miller of 221 Riverside Drive volunteered to head up the committee after hearing board president Dr. Robert Reagan outline the board's firm stand not to seek voter approval for much-needed millage without ample proof that a majority of electors would favor such a vote.

"We hope to be able to present the board with at least 1,500 signatures in time for the January meeting," said Miller.

Ten residents volunteered to help on the committee Monday night and Miller said other volunteers had agreed to attend the first meeting next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the high school.

Miller and his committee hope to be able to produce enough signatures to forestall a board move that will bring about half-day sessions and other educational cutbacks, perhaps as early as the second semester of the 1968-69 term.

Other members of the board include Ernest Foreman, Dan Vos, Herbert Elzinga, Lee Lampkin, King Doyle and R. E. Shivel.

and not later than next fall.

The board declined to take this step Monday because, as noted by Dr. Reagan, "there still are some facts we need before this decision can be finally reached."

"We do not want to give the impression we are stalling on this matter," Dr. Reagan told an audience of about 30 residents. "It is not an easy thing to cut a budget of which 87 percent goes for teacher's salaries."

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## Readers Express Varied Opinions

To The Editor:

The small country school was a way of life; the center of the community and down to earth teachings of school curriculum (reading, writing, arithmetic). Here the flag was respected every day and Christ respected at Christmas time.

Higher educators, however, decided they knew what was better for our children. This legislation they produced (the K-12 bill) and with the help of Lowell Area School voters, forced us into the bigger school system, and did away with Christ in the schools.

In 1958 the educators followed the well-known authority on young people, Dr. Spock. They recommended "we must let the children have a voice in the schools with self expression, freedom of speech and

actions and classes on sex and recreation? (golf, roller skating and fly fishing and etc.)

Now 1968—ten years later we see the results. Hippies, Free Love, Flower Children, self-expression in the schools and colleges to the point it takes police to restore order—and Dr. Spock where is he? Being tried in the courts for non-patriotic activities.

Let us as parents get down to the business of running the schools, restore teaching of fundamental school curriculum, including love of God and country.

Not only will we have healthier minded and better disciplined children, but the taxpayer will not be burdened unnecessarily paying for institutionalized future young citizens who are dissatisfied with life before they have begun to live it.

Let's let the tax dollar reap in the school ledger under education and not sex and recreation.

Dorothy Flier

To The Editor:

Your fine, courageous editorial of December 5 relative to the defeat of the school millage proposal, has prompted me to forget my pledge, upon retiring as superintendent in 1960, to never meddle in any way with the manner in which the schools were operated.

State aid per pupil provides a minimum financial program based upon a uniform millage levied on the state equalized value. Any levy in excess of this uniform millage contributes to the total per-pupil allowance.

For instance—the equalized value behind a pupil in Lowell is \$9,689; in the county, \$13,061 and in Grand Rapids, \$19,805.

It can be seen that equal levies in these areas will provide widely divergent allowances per pupil.

The request of the Lowell board for an increase in millage was necessary if our pupils are to be provided with an adequate educational program. Even with the increase it can

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## Benefit Fund Will Aid All Students

Creation of a special fund to honor the late C. H. Runciman, Sr., and appointment of a five-member committee to administer to it became official this week.

Named to the committee of the C. H. Runciman Student Benefit Fund were Harold Engelhardt, chairman of the board and president of State Savings Bank of Lowell; William Jones, long-time associate of Mr. Runciman and a member of the present school board; Reverend Robert Weber, pastor of the First United

Methodist Church of Lowell; Mrs. Gladys Bergin, representing the Lowell Education Association; and Fran Smith, editor and publisher of the Ledger-Suburban Life.

The committee hopes to establish a self-perpetuating trust fund from contributions received from friends and associates of Mr. Runciman, who served many years as president of the board.

A donation of \$2,000 is expected to initiate the fund, which would be used to assist students of all ages and student-oriented activities.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund are asked to contact Engelhardt at 897-9277 or by contacting any of the committee members.

### HOLIDAY APPOINTMENTS

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PRESENT FLAG—A new flag, which has flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, was presented by members of the McDonald-Osmer Post 451, American Legion, to Ada Elementary School. Post representatives include (from left) Sy Dykehouse, Jack Smith and Bud Provinche. Fifth grade students who received the flag were Rod Rooker (left), Ronald Platkin and Randy Joslin (right).

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### Readers

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be seen that the allowance per pupil would be much less than in most districts and without additional funds we will be unable to retain many of our teachers.

Much has been said about the pupil-teacher ratio. I know that some teachers can teach forty or more pupils in a grade or class effectively. However, these same teachers could secure even better results in teaching fewer pupils. Times were, where forty or more pupils in a grade or class was considered satisfactory.

However, today a desirable teaching load does not exceed twenty-five or thereabouts. And, Boards of Education can do nothing about it because there is a scarcity of qualified teachers!

As citizens, who are interested in the welfare of our boys and girls, we must forget the past, accept the present and plan for the future.

As a superintendent for a total of 29 years, 34 in Lowell - I coached, taught, acted as business manager and I enjoyed my work. However, I am still interested in the welfare of our boys and girls, and to that end I implore the Board of Education and the Superintendent to present a millage proposal one more time before taking steps to curtail activities that contribute to the well-being of our most prized possessions - our boys and girls.

Walter W. Gums



The world is moving at such a fast pace these days... and there is no slackening in the foreseeable future... that a man's efforts seldom draw more than a passing glance and are then lost for all time into oblivion.

Unless, of course, those efforts are placed, black upon white, in newspaper form for future generations to judge whether the efforts were right or wrong.

At the moment of effort, there are few who will not say that their motivation was pride. Pride in their nation, pride in their community, pride in their family, pride in their work.

Take an occasion and make a pick. There's bound to be a match-up somewhere along the line.

Such was the case in last week's rendering of the weekly happenings known as the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life.

The Smithy, who writes much of the news and edits virtually every line; not to mention the countless other chores incumbent upon a small operation, authored an editorial that was not intended to be flattering to a great many residents of the Lowell School District.

It was an editorial written from the heart and backed by more than a quarter-century of observation of men who have been subject to far greater stresses than those heaped upon the collective shoulders of the Lowell Board of Education and its administrative appointees.

The reaction was immediate. We were scolded, in person or through associates, for siding with the board. We were derided by some who agreed in part with the editorial and disagreed vehemently with the remainder.

There were others who complimented the newspaper for taking a stand on an issue that is much more vital to the community than many suspect even at this moment in fleeting time.

To have done differently would have been a miscarriage of decent reporting.

We have stated publicly and privately that the day this newspaper fails to champion the cause of orderly growth and progress in the community at large is the day that the Smithy no longer serves in its present capacity.

We know now what the mosquito goes through in his few hours under the sun. Bite long enough and you'll stir people to action. Sting harder and they're ready to swat you.

But at least let them know you've been there!

No one has a particular fondness for the lowly mosquito and few feel compassion for the editor. That's a fact we accepted when we first sat down to author lines of type designed to bring to you a greater awareness of what this life is all about.

We continue to accept this fact as a daily challenge in the oft-times unrewarding experience of assembling the words and pictures that go into producing 32 of these periodicals each year. But don't feel sorry for me. I've been swatted before and managed to survive.

Feel sorry for the mosquito. He seldom has more than one chance.

### Millage

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aries. We are not sure the savings that could be made between 7-30 p. m., township hall.

"However," he added, "the board will have no choice except to go on half-day sessions not later than next fall if the district continues in debt."

Miller said that his one fear is that there may not be enough time to acquire the needed signatures in time to set up the mechanics for an election by next March.

Dr. Reagan explained that failure to provide sufficient operating monies by March may cost the district the services of a number of teachers.

"We are negotiating for 1969-70 right now," he declared, "but I doubt we will be able to offer the kind of terms it will take to retain our teaching personnel."

A number of teachers reportedly are looking for employment elsewhere for the 1969-70 school term according to Dr. Reagan.

Board members were unanimous in their stand that lack of voted millage to help overcome the district's estimated \$83,000 deficit by next year will lead to a curtailed educational program.

William Jones, former Lowell village and city official, was openly critical of the November 25 millage election that saw a 7-mill operating levy cut by one year go down to a 1,134-1,823 deficit.

"I've lived here many years and I have served in many different capacities. This is the first time I've been ashamed for the citizens of Lowell," he declared.

The district finished the 1967-68 fiscal year with an accumulated deficit of \$114,000. Present estimates are that this will be reduced by about \$19,000 with a semi-austerity budget imposed several months ago.

Cutbacks to half-days starting in January, plus reductions in other non-academic areas, could result in additional savings of about \$15,000. It is estimated.

Much of the saving to date has been effected by failure to replace eight teachers at the start of the school term and elimination of several administrative and secretarial positions.

There were several minor vocal tiffs between proponents and opponents of the millage issue during the meeting, but they failed to shed any new light on means to resolve the financial dilemma.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 13.

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### Evie Calendar

Monday, December 16 - Ada township planning commission-7:30 p. m., township hall.

Monday, December 16 - City of Lowell council meeting-8 p. m., city hall.

Tuesday, December 17 - Forest Hills Board of Education-4 p. m., school administration building.

Tuesday, December 17 - G. R. Township meeting-7:30 p. m., township hall.

### Four-Quarter System Eyed in Forest Hills

Results from a questionnaire sent out with the Forest Hills school's paper, Focus, show that the constituents in the district feel that the four-quarter plan should be thoroughly researched for possible institution into the system.

A three-member committee, composed of board of education members Mrs. William Selkman, Mrs. Peter Price, and James Banta, has been chosen to select a study committee from the attendance areas in the district to scrutinize the program as a possible solution to the space problem plaguing Forest Hills schools.

The study committee will take a detailed look at the system, and will take under advisement all the pros and cons attendant on such a change. It will also consider any new ideas presented to solve the demands for more rooms which are expected to occur in the next two years.

### Junior High Band Concert Tonight

The Lowell Junior High Band Concert will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Intermediate gym tonight (December 12).

Selections will be played by the three Junior High Bands conducted by Miss Patricia Covey, our new band director. In keeping with the season, Christmas songs will be played by each band.

Tickets will be available at the door, fifty cents per person or \$1.00 per family.

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### Forest Hills School News

#### JUNIOR HIGH

The first basketball game of the season will be Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 in the J.H. gym. F.H. vs. Rockford.

The Junior High students will again sell magazine subscriptions beginning in March. Many magazines now have renewal forms in their current issues. If you will save these the students can apply them to your renewal.

If anyone has ordered magazines last March has had any problems in not receiving their magazines, please call Mrs. Bauman at the office, 676-5177 and she will take care of it immediately.

#### SENIOR HIGH

Friday there will be a pep assembly for the basketball game between F. H. Rangers and Hudsonville.

A dance will be held immediately following the game Friday night. It is being sponsored by the newly formed Newspaper group.

### Christmas Special at Forest Hills

The annual Christmas program presented by the Forest Hills High School department of speech is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th this year.

A Night of Fantasy" is the evening's theme, and two short children's plays, a Christmas pantomime and appropriate reading will be performed.

The program is to begin at 8 p. m. and will be held in the Forest Hills multi-purpose room.

The evening promises to be entertaining for children and adults alike.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

### Oops! He Owes Extra Postage

An effort to educate Lowell Area School District voters during the recent school millage election build-up has cost the board of education an extra \$55.98 in out-of-pocket expenses.

An embarrassed Gould Rivette informed the board Monday night that he and officials of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell had erred in sending out a piece of educational literature to 1,125 mail patrons in the district without first checking postal regulations.

The church regularly sends bulletins to its membership of 343 on a non-profit organization permit.

Postal authorities informed Rivette, who had paid 1.4 cents to mail each of the 1,125 pieces, that he owed a differential of 4.6 cents on each of the remaining 782 pieces.

"I made an honest mistake," Rivette told the board, and more than 80 persons in attendance at the meeting.

Postmaster Charles R. Doyle at Lowell reported that demand for special commemorative Christmas stamps has almost depleted the original order for 25,000.

A year-round gift, a subscription to the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life. Order now for Christmas.

### Mail Rush Underway for Xmas

The annual peak rush of mail began tonight area post offices this week as late Christmas shoppers lined up to send packages and to purchase stamps.

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HIGH HONOR—Reverend Robert Cuel congratulates David Banta (left) and Jonathan Gaylor, who were recipients of the coveted God and Country Award in ceremonies at Cascade Christian Church. The boys are members of Cascade Boy Scouts.

### FH Debaters Set Sights on State Honors

There's no argument about it, the Forest Hills High School debate team is going great guns.

The team, coached by John Catzere, has had two league tournaments in which they have racked up 16 wins in 16 debates, and are aiming now towards district, regional and state honors.

Some of the outstanding orators on the team are Paul Steiner, Mary Sneden, Bob Dunbar, Rick Lanning, Skip Storm, Mark Brandtner, and George McCarrag.

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Coming Events

Regular meeting of the Island City Rebekah Lodge members Tuesday evening, December 17th, at 8 p. m. Let's have a good turnout.

The VFW Auxiliary Christmas party will be held December 15th, 8:30 p. m. at the VFW club room. \$1.00 gift exchange.

The Garden Lore Club will meet at 2 p. m., Wednesday, December 18, at the American Legion Club room. Mrs. Earl Ketcham is in charge of the Christmas program. 50c exchange gift.

Senior Citizens—there will be no meeting this month.

The Rebekah and Past Noble Grand Christmas dinner will be held at the VFW hall at 8 p. m., December 15. Everyone is to bring own service and a dish to pass. The meat, potatoes, rolls and coffee furnished. Also bring 50 cent gift to exchange.

Cyclamen Chapter No. 34 OES will hold their regular meeting on Friday, December 13, at 8 p. m. Bring your gift for the shut-in senior citizens of Clark Home.

The Showboat Garden Club Christmas Bazaar, starting on Friday, December 13, at Doris Myers' Beauty Shop, Main Street.

The WSCS of the Lowell Methodist Church will meet on Wednesday, December 18, for their annual Christmas meeting. Mrs. Charles White will present a book review. Lydia Circle are hostesses.

See the Lowell YMCA art classes winter show now at the State Savings Bank.

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The Golden Chain Farm Bureau will meet December 17 at 8 p. m. with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macerion.

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The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Secular Women's Association will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 8 p. m. at the Corner Restaurant in Grand Rapids.

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Moose Civic Affairs is having a pancake breakfast and luncheon Saturday, December 14, serving from 8 a. m. till 2 p. m. This project is open to the public, proceeds to go for needy Christmas baskets.

Merrill's Pancake House is having a pancake breakfast, coffee, milk and apple sauce. Place: Second Floor, Moose Club.

A Christmas Carol Sing and special music at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell on Sunday, December 15th at 8 p. m. Refreshments will be served before the program.

The South Wilson Extension Group will have their Christmas home on Tuesday, December 17, at 1:30 p. m. Remember secret pal.

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The Arrows proved Kemper an early-season prophet in rushing to an 84-66 victory over Greenville in the opening Tri-River Conference game for both clubs on the home floor last Friday.

Lowell got expected scoring from Forward Curt Fonger with 20 points and Guard Benny DeWitt with a game-high 22, but it wasn't until Fonger ran into foul trouble midway in the third quarter that the Arrows first real test of the young season came about.

Kemper quickly inserted Steve Lessens into the lineup when Fonger picked up his fourth personal with 12 minutes left in the game.

The senior forward responded by netting 11 of his total 17 points in the final period, including three straight baskets that squelched Greenville's fading hopes.

The win was the second in as many starts for the Arrows, who have a critical meeting scheduled this Friday night at Rockford against the defending champion Rams.

Lowell finished second in the conference to unbeaten Rockford last season with a 9-2 mark.

The Red and White cagers actually produced their victory over Greenville at the foul line.

LH Mat Victory Impresses
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Coach Gary Rivers' squad met Greenville on Wednesday night in the bid-offer on the Tri-River Conference dual meet season and will host Sparta in another league match next Wednesday night on the home floor.

The Arrows' matmen scored six points in the round of Lakewood, the fastest being at 1:17 of the first period by 103-pounder Carl Basch.

Other pins were scored by Larry Winchel at 1:30, John Lyons at 1:45, Ben Hall in Healy at 1:55, and Steve Foss at 2:15 and Smith when his opponent was unable to continue in the third period.

Other Lowell winners were Curt Jaman, a 4-2 victor in the 127-pound division; Ernie Kennedy, who decided his opponent by a 15-1 margin at 1:14 pounds; and Steve Foss, also by a 4-2 margin in the 175-pound class.

The Junior Varsity also emerged victorious over Lakewood by a 13-10 margin. Winners for the JV's included John Graue, Mack Trax, Ron Dawson, Pete Perri, Pat Serrne and Don Krause.

This tournament is open to men from the Lowell area and all surrounding communities. Interested parties are asked to register at either the "Y" office or at the gym. The cost for the program is \$5 for "Y" members and \$7 for non-"Y" members.

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Line, coming 26 of 38 free throws, attempts to eight one-pointers for the Yellow Jackets. Both team meshed 29 shots from the floor, Lowell hitting at 41 percent.

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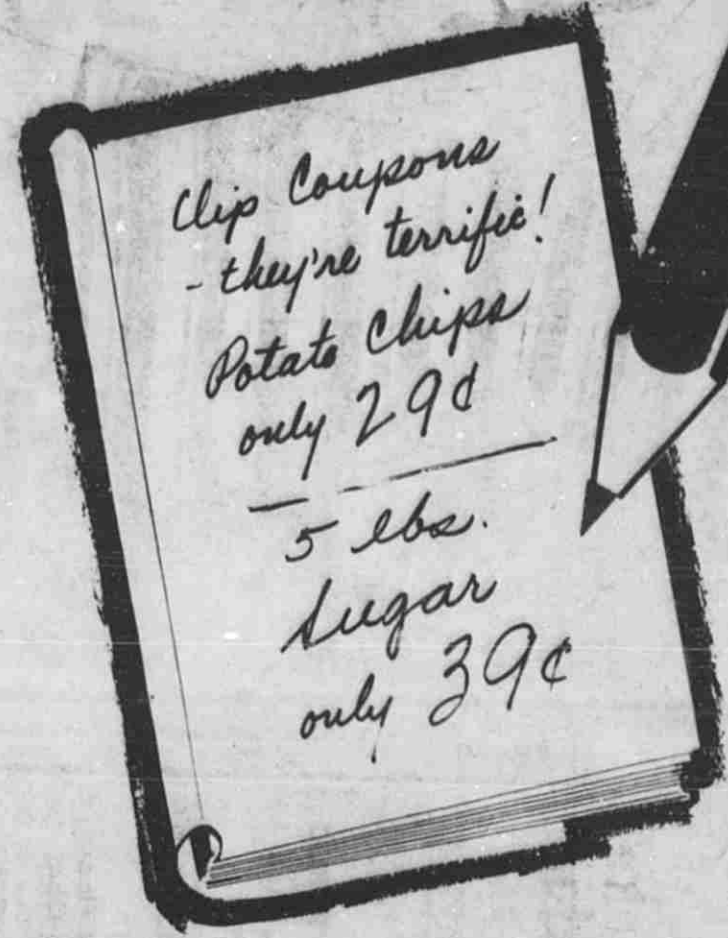
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Airman Robert J. Berrington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Berrington of 1455 Alden Nash NE, Lowell, has been graduated from a U. S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

He was trained as an aircraft mechanic and has been assigned to Cannon AFB, N.M. The airman is a graduate of Lowell High School.

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Thomas W. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Thompson, Beech St., Freeport, was promoted to Army specialist five Nov. 4 near Pleiku, Vietnam, where he is serving with the 189th Assault Helicopter Company.

Spec. Thompson, a cook with the company, entered the Army in January 1967, completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and was last stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va., before arriving overseas in March 1968.

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AMN. VANDENBERG

Airman Thomas J. Vandenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Vandenberg of 1894 Hall St., has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in aircraft maintenance. Airman Vandenberg, a 1967 graduate of Grand Rapids East Christian High School, attended the Grand Rapids Junior College.

Staff Sergeant James W. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Clark of 6445 College Ave., is on duty at Khao Kallio Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.



AMN. THUNSTROM

Airman Stephen W. Thunstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stig O. Thunstrom of 222 Rexford, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in metalworking.

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Army Specialist Four Raymond F. Antcliff, 23, son of Mrs. Nina L. Jesan, Nash Rd., Clarksville, was assigned to the 11th Infantry Battalion of the Americal Division near Dac Phou, Vietnam, Nov. 23 as a truck driver.

## Christmas Mailing List

Pfc Richard L. Belmers, US 54979393, 152nd Military Police Platoon, 199 Inf. Bde, APO, San Francisco, 96279.  
Pfc Dale A. Bergy, US 54-979782, 78th Transp. Co., APO, New York, 09189.  
Pfc. Biggs, D. J., 2288080, "C" Co., 3rd Recon. Bn., 3rd Marine Division, FMF, FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96802.

Sgt. Thomas A. Bishop, AF 16879580, 18 TRS, Box 119, APO, San Francisco, California, 96307.  
Pvt. Fredrick A. Blasser, 2518724, Pl. 1114, MCRD, San Diego, California, 92140.  
Sp-4 Cary D. Burrows, RA 18942853, 71st Trans. Bn., 567th Trans. Co., APO, San Francisco, Calif., (Box 144), 96394.  
Sp-4 Danny B. Burrows, RA 18939324, 337th Sig. Co., Det. No. 3, in care of Co. C, 37th Sig. Bn., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96325.  
Pvt. Ray D. Carigon, US 54964824, Co. C, 1 Bn., 70th Armor, Fort Riley, Kansas, 66442.  
L-Cpl. Kim M. Chesebro, 22-88077, Hq. Btry., 11th 9 Motor Trans., FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602.  
Cpl. Lawrence Conley, US 54960923, Btry. C, ACL BN, USAAMZ, Class 6-89, Fort Sill Oklahoma, 73583.  
Pvt. Charles Craig, US 54-977551, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 39th Inf., APO, New York, New York, 09033.  
SFC Donald L. Dawson, RA 16621419, 2133 S. Newman St., Fort Bliss, Texas, 79906.  
Pfc David C. Dean, 2451425 USMC, Co. E CHO, Wpn's Plt, 2nd Bn., 9 Marines, 3rd Marine Div., FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602.  
AMN James DeWall, 68049-129, CMR Box No. 1329, Carswell AFB, Texas, 76127.  
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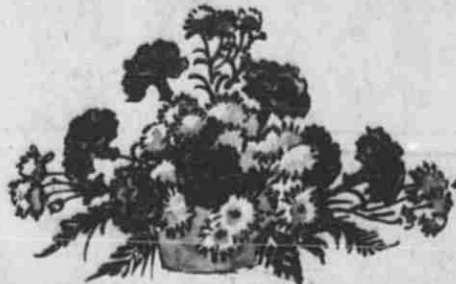
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