

# Christmas: A Time for Giving...

For the past three years the children of the Cascade Christian Church Sunday School have been sending large Christmas boxes to local servicemen overseas. This year's boxes weighed over fifteen pounds and contained such items as cookies, hard candy, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, and other odds and ends.

The following letter from John W. Gurney, Jr., to the Rev. Raymond Gaylord describes some of his experiences with the small citizens of Viet Nam and explains what these taken-for-granted items mean to them.

I would like to thank you all

at Cascade Christian Church for the package of goodies.

My contact with the children here is very limited. I do get into Saigon every once in a while to check out the docking areas and storehouses, but the Saigon children are rich compared with the outlying areas.

Today, I finally got my chance as a co-worker and I had to go to a village not far from here to check out a few things. They are so poor that a man with ten dollars is considered wealthy. I took everything that I had received from you people, plus a lot of things that the guys here pitched in. The temperature was a little

over 98 and the humidity was very high when we reached the edge of the village. The smell from the garbage in the gutter and from the fish market located there turned my stomach. I was sweating so badly I was wringing wet, but we continued on to the center of the village.

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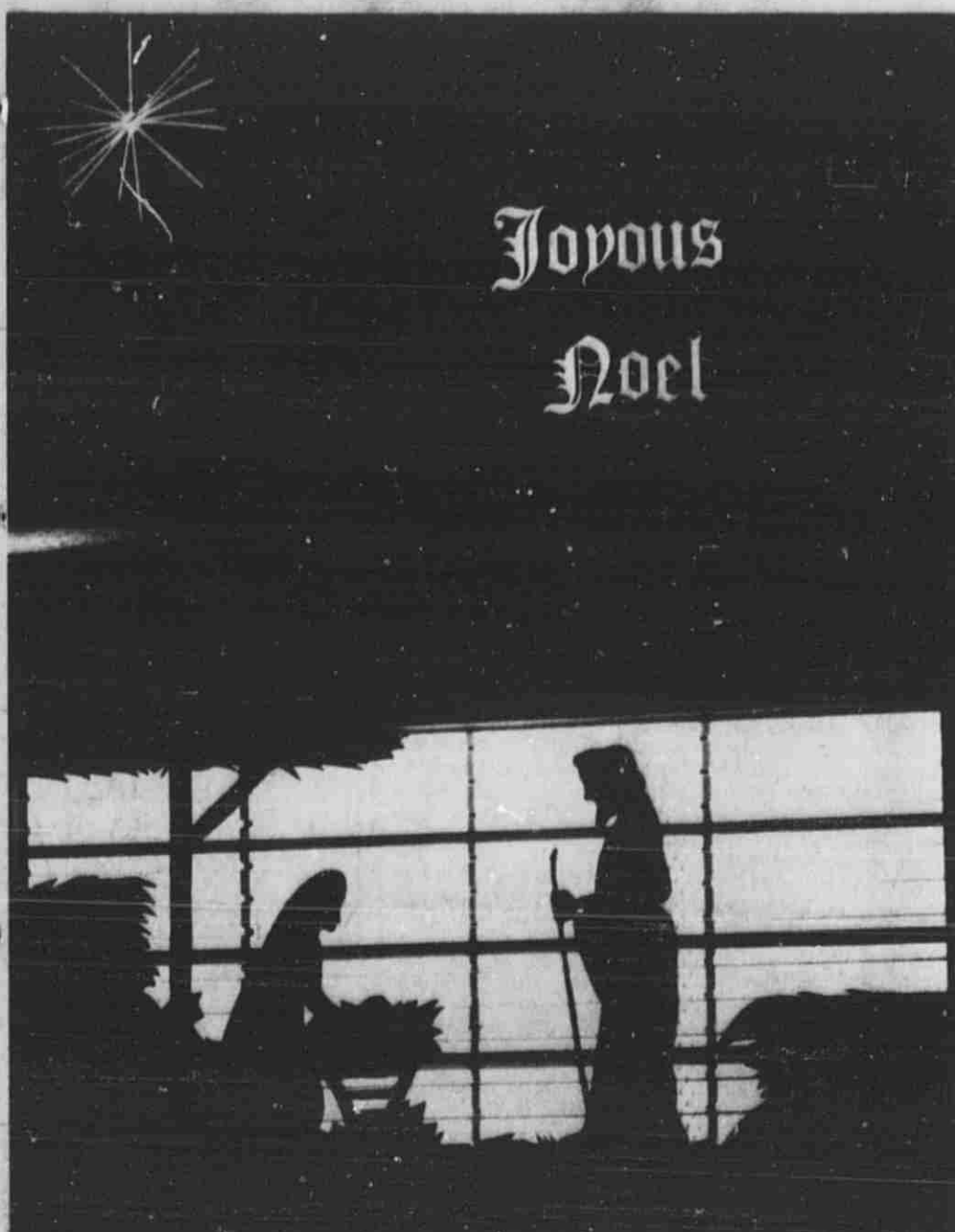
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UNUSUAL DISPLAY—The scene above, one of many in the area depicting the story of Christmas, was taken by staff photographer Scott Jefferies at the Gary Rivers home. The star is suspended from a television aerial (not shown) while the lettering is ours. In any language, it all adds up to: Merry Christmas To All!

## Hey, Men! Stores Open Just for You

The first annual Men's Night... an event geared to help the members of the so-called stronger sex shop for milady's Christmas gifts... will be held this Thursday night in Lowell.

Most merchants in the city are setting aside the period between 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. to handle gift purchase requests from the men.

The event is being held under sponsorship of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

"We have never before attempted this type of promotion," explained C of C President Larry Wittenbach, "but there have been many requests to do so."

The idea has been tried... with outstanding results... in cities and towns throughout the country.

Several merchants have indicated they plan to remain open to handle purchases by the gals for their favorite Santa.

Refreshments will be served in many stores.

## 'Operation Santa' to Aid Many

Santa Claus and his numerous helpers are busy this week in the Forest Hills area arranging Christmas for some one hundred and fifty children from thirty different families.

This very special Christmas has been made possible thru the combined efforts of area churches, schools, service clubs and individuals. Half the goal of \$1,250 has been reached at this point, with some large financial gifts still expected. Schoolchildren have been sharing gifts in lieu of the old-time gift exchanges at Christmas.

Santa's visit is scheduled for Saturday afternoon (December 21) in the Fellowship Hall of Cascade Christian Church. The party and refreshments are being prepared by college-age young people in the community.

Children, benefiting from Operation Santa, will receive clothing as suggested by the respective families, a toy or doll and many other smaller gifts. Food baskets will be included for each family, and a Christmas tree will be made available free-of-charge, if such is needed.

The general chairman of the 1968 Operation Santa Claus drive is Mrs. Foster Bishop, 1117 Argo Drive. Gifts or checks (made payable to Cascade Operation Santa Claus) may be given to Mrs. Bishop, Fr. John Stanley of St. Michael's Episcopal Church or Rev. Raymond Gaylord of Cascade Christian Church.

However, Baker insisted that he wished to be sworn into the office at a local level and designated Heemstra to handle the assignment.

Cook, 75, is a retired farmer who lives at 7155 48th Street SE. His first contact with public office came in 1923 when he was elected to a two-year term as Cascade Township treasurer.

In 1927, he was elected to serve as supervisor for two years. From 1942 to 1945, Cook served as justice of the peace. He has been a township trustee for the past 23 years.

Cook also has been active in local school affairs, serving on the Primary District No. 5 school board from 1923 to 1927 and again between 1937 and 1947. After the district

## Cardinal Disappears:

### 'Bird-Napper' Is Sought

John B. Ham is a man who feels that life really is for the birds.

And he would like very much to find the "bird-napper" who removed an artificial cardinal from his mailbox at 1551 Laraway Drive SE.

A licensed bander of migratory birds for the U. S. Department of Interior, Ham had placed the hand-painted case iron bird atop his mailbox six weeks ago.

Shortly thereafter, vandals ripped it from the perch and stole the valued item.

"It isn't the cost that bothers me so much," explained Ham. "It's more that some people just don't respect another's property."

Ham is hoping that someone will spot the cardinal... painted bright red, yellow and green... and help effect its return.

In the meantime, he contin-

ues to trap and band birds.

"We have seen over 54 species of birds since moving here four years ago," says Ham. "More than 3,100 birds of 37 of these species have been banded in that time."

Come to think of it, the cardinal disappeared just about at World Series time. Is there any possibility the thief might have been an overzealous Detroit Tiger fan?

## City Land Purchase Snagged

Plans to purchase a 39-acre tract of land outside the city limits for cemetery, recreation and airport expansion use today was snagged by legal technicalities.

Members of the Lowell City Council, meeting on Monday night, heard a report from the city attorney that the property considered for purchase does not abut present city-owned airport property as originally believed.

Council members learned that a little-used lane was not included in the legal description of property owned by John Gerhardt, which was considered for purchase at a price of \$21,000.

It was the general consensus of the council that failure to fulfill the contract as originally outlined might call for abandoning the entire project.

Purchase of the property has been pending for six months. Earlier, a variance in zoning had been approved by Vergennes Township that would have permitted the city to utilize the property for the several purposes outlined in the purchase agreement.

In other action, council agreed to extend to February 9 a rental agreement with Root-Lowell Manufacturing for use of the exhibition building for storage.

Discussed the role of the city in providing a deputy district clerk for the newly-created District Court, which will replace the local Justice of the Peace court on January 1.

Discussed the possibility of constructing a roof over the rear entrance of the library; Heard a report from City Manager Bernard C. Olson regarding work in progress on installation of a water main along Riverside Drive; and

Heard a further report from the city manager relating to the city's financial position at the close of fiscal 1968.

## New Radar System for Airport

A surveillance radar system estimated to cost \$270,000 will be installed at Kent County Airport in Cascade Township by the Federal Aviation Agency, according to an announcement from Rep. Gerald R. Ford.

It will be two years before the system is in operation, he said. FAA Administrator David D. Thomas notified Ford that funds had been earmarked for the project. The FAA now will prepare the specifications and seek bids.

The contract will be awarded about next June. It then will take about 18 months for delivery of the equipment and another 90 to 180 days for FAA to install it.

The surveillance radar system will be a big safety plus for Kent County Airport, Ford declared. He noted that it is used by air traffic controllers to separate aircraft approaching the Grand Rapids area. It is particularly useful in bad weather.

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## Brush Will Leave Root-Lowell Post



RICHARD F. BRUSH

Formulation of plans for future management of Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company were under study today following the resignation of Richard F. Brush as president of the Lowell-based concern.

Brush is leaving Root-Lowell, effective January 31, to become president of the rapidly-expanding Rospath Corporation in Grand Rapids.

No announcement regarding management changes in Root-Lowell is expected until the first of the year, according to a company spokesman.

Brush said he was leaving Root-Lowell "with genuine regret" to accept "a very challenging opportunity."

"It will be extremely difficult to leave my many friends in Root-Lowell, all of whom have been highly instrumental in helping the growth of our fine company," said Brush.

"Although I have been associated with the company for 17 years, it has only been the last four years that we have lived in Kent County... and it has been during this period that I have made many warm friendships among business and professional people in the City of Lowell."

Brush added that cooperation of the community has been a continuing factor in the growth of Root-Lowell.

Brush has served as president of Root-Lowell since 1957 and helped guide the company to a competitive position in national and international sales of domestic and commercial chemical sprayers and dusters for farm and garden use.

Root-Lowell will, within the next month, occupy a new 105,000-square foot plant and office complex now being completed on Foreman Road in the city's northwest section.

Including equipment, the project cost is pegged at \$1,000,000.

Before becoming company president, Brush had served six years as vice president in charge of sales for Root-Lowell. He was division manager for Orkill, Inc. and Corn Products Company prior to joining Root-Lowell.

A native of St. Albans, Vermont, Brush has been active in community affairs. He has served as a director for Lowell Showboat and is a vice president of Lowell Rotary Club. He also is a director of the West Michigan Tourist Association and West Michigan Opera Association.

Brush was graduated from Duke University in 1940. He served as a captain with the 29th Infantry Division field artillery during World War II and earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart while fighting in the European theater.

He and his wife, Ruth, have two sons. The family resides in East Grand Rapids.

Brush will succeed W. H. Chaille as president of Rospath on February 17. Chaille will continue as chief executive officers following his appointment as chairman of the board, replacing retired Louis E. Cook.

Rospath has recently expanded and diversified. The company is reputed to be the world's largest supplier of cloth labels to the textile and apparel industries and a leading producer of related machinery, fabric tapes and flexible packaging.

It has plants in Grand Rapids and Charlotte and Lenoir, N. C.

## Citizens Petition Drive Underway

Confronted with a January 8 deadline, members of a Citizens Advisory Committee are expected to work throughout the Christmas holidays in an effort to bring about a millage election for the Lowell Area School District next spring.

Persons circulating petitions... or who may wish to do so... are asked to contact committee member Terry Bambrick at the Lowell YMCA (897-7375).

"If the drive is to succeed," declared Bambrick, "we will need all the help we can get. We also will need progress reports from all persons circulating petitions to determine how the drive stands."

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the educational building of First United Methodist Church in Lowell.

The citizens group also is interested in establishing a continuing program designed to assist the board of education in future planning and expenditures.

"We are learning for ourselves many of the problems the board has encountered in the past," explained Miller, "and now we hope to be able to pass along this education to others as well."

The board, at its meeting on December 9, took the stand that it would not seek a new vote for operating millage unless requested to do so by a majority of district residents.

A millage vote in August resulted in a 457-457 tie and "no contest" and a second bid to secure millage failed by 113 votes on November 25.

The district finished fiscal 1967-68 some \$114,000 in the red and took steps in September to impose an austerity budget that will effect economies of approximately \$19,000 during fiscal 1968-69.

By further tightening its financial belt during the second semester of operation, the board could realize additional savings of approximately \$15,000, it is estimated.

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# Arrows Title Hopes Jolted in 73-53 Loss

Lowell High's hopes for a Tri-River Conference basketball championship, jolted severely in a 73-53 setback at the hands of defending titlist Rockford, may be further jeopardized Friday in final action before the holiday vacation.

Coach Jack Kemper will send the Arrows against Cedar Springs on the latter's floor with the Red Hawks seeking to take over undisputed possession of the league lead.

Rockford snapped Lowell's three-game win streak in convincing fashion, stopping the Arrows offense with a tight zone press and rushing to the victory with a lightning-like fast break.

The Rams got expected help from Center Bill Hart, who averaged 20 points and grabbed 19 of his team's 34 rebounds, but the horns in Lowell's side proved to be Forward Joe VanOverloop.

The 6'2" jump shot artist meshed 12 field goals in a 24-point effort, getting two of them midway in the third period as Rockford rallied to pull away to a 51-41 margin going into the final quarter after Lowell had closed the gap to a stunnet point (38-37) at the 3:32 mark of the third stanza.

VanOverloop also was credited with 12 rebounds. Rockford's work off the boards... plus an air-tight zone press... forced Lowell to ramble early and often.

Other Forest Hills victories were registered by Craig VanShyers at 145 pounds and Brad Carrington at 165 pounds. Jim Olson and John Tannehill wrestled to a scoreless draw in the 138-pound division.

The Rangers' next match is scheduled this Thursday night against Lee High on the local mat starting at 7 p. m.

Bob Taylor pinned Henry DeBoer in just 36 seconds in the 127-pound class to spark the FI reserves to a 18-5 win over Wyoming Park reserves.

Other winners included Mark Kelley, Jim Dwyer, Andy McFarlan and John Price.

Seven points each by Curt

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS... with a Second Car from DYKHOUSE & BUYS. Arrowhead Golf Course. Close Out HURRY! HURRY!

# Rangers' Offense Sags Again; Drop No. 3

"Something were going to get everything going at the same time... but that was as close as the Rangers could get."

This was the way Coach Don Kemp of Forest Hills High analyzed the young basketball team following a 70-44 setback at the hands of Hudsonville in the Ottawa-Kent Red Division last week.

Kemp's major concern is the lack of consistent offense on the part of his Rangers.

"We can do just about everything except get the ball into the basket," he declared.

In suffering their third loss in four starts this season, the Rangers' out-shot Hudsonville from the floor 90-82, out-rebounded their opponents 71-47, and forced Hudsonville into 17 turnovers compared to 22 for the Green and White.

However, Hudsonville managed to find the basket with three more shots... which gave them the winning margin.

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The survey, reported in School and Society magazine, shows Michigan State University is 11th in total enrollment, the University of Michigan is 16th and Wayne State University is 24th.

In full-time students, MSU is 12th, Michigan 17th and Wayne State 28th.

A cannery in the Midwest is planning to take advantage of the latest American craze, coho salmon eggs. It plans to sell 480,000 pounds of the eggs here and abroad. That's cavlar, son.

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# School Board

Regular meeting, Monday evening, December 2, 1968 in the council room of the city hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnold A. Wittenbach at 8:05 p. m. and the roll was called.

Present: Councilmen Anderson, Jefferies, Myers, Mayor Wittenbach, City Clerk A. J. Myers.

1. Motion by Metternick and second by Rivette to sell the Sweet School property. Sealed bids will be accepted on the property until January 13, 1969.

2. The Board tabled any action on the lease of a bus garage from King Milling until the financial condition of the district is in a more balanced condition.

3. Motion by Rivette and second by Shade to approve the general fund bills and the building and site bill as listed.

4. The Board tabled any action on the special assessment on school property for the Cherry Creek drain amendment to \$1,400.00 for legal proof that the district is liable for a special assessment by the drain commission.

5. The Board thanked Gary Rivers and Jack Kemper for their volunteer services as coaches during the football season.

6. Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute to all creditors of said deceased as required to prove their claims.

7. Motion by Jones and second by Rivette to adjourn at 9:15 p. m.

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### Christmas Concert Tonight

The annual Lowell senior high school band and choir Christmas Concert will be presented tonight (December 19) beginning at 8 p. m. at the high school gym.

William Mills will conduct. Admission will be charged at the door, 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students.

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**Other Alto News**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dintman attended the "Songs for Christmas" at the Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids Sunday afternoon where their daughter, Dianne and Julie Butler sang with the Jr. College Choir.

Mrs. Win. Lachmet of Clarksville was hostess Tuesday evening for the December meeting of the Missionary Classes of the Alto Baptist Church. Mrs. Walter Winebrenner of Freeport was guest speaker of the evening and with the other members of her family was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower in honor of her work in her chosen field of missionary endeavor.

Alto Postmaster Ed Hillen had an emergency appendectomy at Blodgett Hospital on Friday.

The Alto Baptist Church will hold their Christmas Program on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30.

On Friday Rev. and Mrs. Richard Beach visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Loren Bigelow of Ashley, who is a patient at the Carson City Hospital, where she is extremely ill. She has been in an oxygen tent every day since her arrival at the hospital until Friday when she was removed from it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Emerson Colby were happy to have their son, Dr. Peter Colby of Ann Arbor, in their home for a few evenings last week. Pete who is with the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries is studying alewives co-operatively with Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hanna and two children of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of

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### Campfire Girls

Aowakiya News

At the Aowakiya Campfire Group Meeting December 3rd we made invitations to the Christmas Tea, Most of us went to Holiday on Ice and the Dolly Derby.

Joy Buche brought the treat. Diana Keim, Secretary

At the Aowakiya Campfire Group meeting December 9th we went to Holiday on Ice and then started our Christmas gifts.

Merry Christmas!  
Diana Keim, Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hatch had dinner Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Behler of Lake Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rooker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roggenbuck of Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ve-zino, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh VanderVeen of Lowell were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Yeiter.

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### BLUEBIRDS

The Singing Bluebirds met on December 11th and we finished our gifts for our dads. We have a new member, Denise Hoag. Cheryl Stas brought the treat.

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### Snow Area

The Christmas program at the Snow Methodist Church will be Sunday evening, December 22nd at 8 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antoni- entertained the Farm Bureau Friday evening with a small Christmas party.

Mrs. Ernie Pesoyan returned home from Butterworth Hospital after undergoing surgery there. Sunday evening, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Bertran called on Mrs. Peter VanderMate of James-town.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and children of Sanford spent Saturday with her parents, Seymour Daalstra, and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Daalstra. They had their Christmas dinner there.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox and Mrs. Fred Fox of Grand Rapids spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox.

Mrs. Phyllis Wiggeler returned home Saturday from Butterworth Hospital. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Steffens of near Byron Center, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gerst, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gerst of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grawburg of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Grawburg

### Away at College

A change of address has been sent to us for David Poe. Formerly living at A-222 Seaton Hall, Albion College, his new mailing address is Box 147, Whitehouse Hall, Albion College, Albion, Michigan.

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## Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYBERT

Something like the old double play from Tinkers, to Evers, to Chance, went on in the Cascade Township Hall Monday. There should have been drums rolling and flags waving for it was swearing-in time and it went, from Baker to Heemstra, from Baker to Cook from Heemstra to Baker. If Chadwick had been around, he could have gotten into the act too.

Undersheriff Bob Hill, Ada's Own, has just been made Secretary-Treasurer of the West Michigan Law Enforcement Association. He was surprised with the office at a dinner last week in Newaygo.

The members of the Forest Hills Country Club will hold their first New Year's Eve party in the recently expanded club house. Ed Briggs and his orchestra will play for the celebration until the wee hours when breakfast will be served.

Den Emdine arrived at the Forest Hills Junior High with congratulations in honor of his son who was born last week. Congratulations were forthcoming from his students and the faculty as well as those youngsters who were former students.

This is for the birds! Save your fat drippings, heat them and pour into an empty tin can about one-sixth full. Fill it with wild bird seed. Mix the seed into the fat to be sure all of them are saturated, then push a double string down the center of the can to the bottom. Place in the refrigerator until cool and hard. Remove the bottom of the can with a can opener and push the bird seed chunk out. It is then ready to hang on a tree. The longer the string, the less chance of letting the squirrels in on the treat. Seed balls are made the same way out of egg shells.

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Planning to spend two days at the Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn are Ray and Kay Van Horson with their children, Peter, Pat, and Ellen. They are also going to have in hand two nieces, Mary and Joanne Van Horson of Holland. Before returning here, they will all go on to London, Ontario to visit other relatives.

Want to come up with something special looking in the way of a holiday dessert... and still not take forever doing it? Good ole Gretchen Johnson lets you in on this one... now that she has surprised her friends with it. It is called Walnut Sundae Cake. But it is really ice cream. In either an 11-in. or 9-in. angel cake pan scooping alternating flavors (mint and strawberry for Christmas) with vanilla in equal parts. Half gallons for the larger pan, quarts for the smaller. Sprinkle drained marachino cherries and walnut pieces between scoops. The ice cream must be at scooping temperature, of course, in order not to leave air holes. Repeat until pan is filled, cover with aluminum foil, place in freezer until set, one or two hours. May be left six weeks or more. Turn out on cake plate or compote. Slice and serve plain or with sauce. Eleven in. pan makes 16-20 servings, nine-in. pan makes 12-15. With a 5x10-in. loaf pan use pints and get 8 servings.

Tuition Free Classes for Adult Students

Any adult in the South Kent area interested in completing their high school education can register now for second semester classes in the Godwin Regional Adult Educational program. Tuition is free to any non-graduate adult regardless of place of residence. Evening classes are available at three separate centers: Grandville, Kentwood and Godwin, Monday thru Thursday, beginning January 27th. Daytime classes are also available. Additional information on this or any of the adult education programs may be obtained by calling 452-2197.

Bridal shower invitations, printed for elegance and convenience, Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life.



MRS. WILLIAM SLAGER

### Becomes Winter Bride

Linda K. Groenhout was married Friday to Sp-4 William J. Slager in an evening ceremony held at the Ada Christian Reformed Church.

man was Mark Bouwman. Dale E. Slager and Dan E. Groenhout were ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Slager greeted guests at a reception held after the ceremony in the church parlors.

The bride approached the altar wearing a gown of peau de sole featuring an empire waist, a round neckline and sleeves trimmed in seed-pearls. A bow secured her full chapel train. Her floor length veil was secured by a bow trimmed in seed-pearls.

The bride was attended by Barbara Groenhout, honor maid and Sallie and Laurie Groenhout, bridesmaids. They wore matching empire style gowns of cerise velvet. Their heads were adorned with bows of matching fabric.

Attending the groom as best

#### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all my relatives and friends for the beautiful things they have done for me while in the hospital and at home, especially Dr. Gerard, Dr. McKay, Rev. Smith, Rev. McIver, the Lowell Baptist Church and the Lowell Community Club. May God bless you always. c-37 Mrs. Evelyn Olin

### Shortest Day Near; Sun Closer

Old Man Winter officially arrives on Saturday, December 21, at 2 p. m. when the sun reaches the southern most position of the year.

University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh notes that the sun will rise and set about 30 degrees south of the east and west points and will swing its shortest daily arc across the southern sky. On this, the shortest day of the year, there will be nine hours of daylight and 15 hours of darkness.

The earth is actually closer to the sun in winter than in summer. Prof. Losh explains that the earth is tilted some 23 1/2 degrees in the winter and the sun's rays strike the surface obliquely, reducing their heating effect.

"Being closer to the sun in the winter makes the northern hemisphere winters a little milder and the southern hemisphere summers a little warmer," Prof. Losh notes.

The movement of the sun may have had something to do with the date for the celebration of Christmas. It is thought that Christmas was made to come close to the earlier pagan festival celebrating the northward movement of the sun after the winter solstice.

But the narrative about the Christmas star is too incomplete for astronomical explanation. The star reported to have guided the Magi may have been a planet or a close grouping of planets.

"A close grouping of planets in the year 7 B.C.—Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn—may have had some real significance in the early church," Prof. Losh notes.

### Engaged



SUSAN SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Scott of 1459 Middlebrook Drive, SE, Ada, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Kay, to Ronald G. Fase.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Fase, 6931 Burger Dr. S.E., Cascade.

The couple are planning a spring wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold P. Parker, Greenbrier Dr. S.E. announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia to Gregg A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Johnson, Glenn Dr. S.E. are the parents of the future bridegroom.

The couple has set June 28 as their wedding date. Miss Parker and Mr. Johnson are both attending Michigan State University. Miss Parker is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority and her fiancé is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Five area residents were among the 1,581 students who were awarded degrees at the Michigan State University fall term commencement exercises held on Saturday, December 7, in East Lansing.

### Five Receive MSU Degrees

Included in the list of graduates were Glenn R. Blossom, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids; Bonnie Pulawski, 4033 Baywood Drive, Grand Rapids; William W. Wieland, 5914 Pratt Lake Avenue, Alto; Roger A. Odell, 10651 Bailey Dr., Lowell and Brian M. Dausman, Route 1, Saranac.

### With Our Servicemen

The Duke is home according to his mother Sgt. Olen Miller returned from Viet Nam and is home to stay in time for Christmas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Miller of 612 Monroe Street, Lowell.

Army Private William S. Prustinski, 48, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Prustinski, 7847 E. Fulton, Ada, was named his advanced individual training company's high marksman at Ft. Knox, Ky.

He received the award for scoring the highest number of points during qualification tests with the .45 caliber pistol, the personal weapon of the reconnaissance scout.

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## Social Scene

Ten members of Job's Daughters attended the Methodist Church in a group Sunday as part of an outing which featured breakfast at the Masonic Temple in Lowell and a trip to the Masonic Home in Alma.

The girls had presents for two old people sponsored by the local Job's Daughters as their "grandmother and grandfather."

Mr. and Mrs. Ival Paulson accompanied the girls as their sponsors. Job's Daughters are looking for new members. If someone in your family has an affiliation with the Masons or OES, you are eligible to join. Contact Linda Cook, 897-7925 for information.

Ernest Hunter of Fulton Rd. East suffered bruised toes and a broken bone in the arch of his right foot while going to the mail box last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Johnson's brother, Maynard Tucker, and family of Hastings. Guests were Mr. Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tucker of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer and family of Campau Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bornea of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens.

AF Sgt. and Mrs. Dan Steele and son, Troy, arrived Monday

at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thoral Shaw, for the holidays.

The Lowell YMCA Jr. Tri-Hi-Y travelled to Central YMCA, Grand Rapids, for an overnight. The girls started the evening off with a dip in the pool, and talked and snacked and talked some more into the wee small hours of the morning. Chaperones Patt Bambrick and Mary Brooks are reported still recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zoodsma of Cascade were Sunday evening luncheon guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zoodsma.

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin announce the birth of their daughter, Tana Lee, born December 13th at Butterworth Hospital. Tana weighed eight pounds, ten ounces.

A girl, Shannon Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merklinger December 5, Shannon, born at Butterworth Hospital, weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blough 11815 Five Mile Road, are the proud parents of a boy, Shane Chandler, born December 13th in Blodgett Hospital. Shane weighed 7 lbs., 8 1/2 oz. at birth.

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