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SANTA AND FRIEND — A parade down Main Street . . . candy for the kiddies . . . and late shopping hours for area stores. All of these coincide with the arrival of Santa Claus in Lowell. The jolly old man is shown as he arrived on the scene last Saturday in a horse-drawn sleigh driven by one of Santa's many helpers, Marcel Kropf.

Drivers Enjoy Holiday, Too!

A modern record of sorts may have been set over the Thanksgiving weekend, according to area police agencies.

Only 18 accidents were recorded in Kent County during the four-day holiday and not one of them resulted in serious injury, according to Deputy Don Harrington of the Kent Sheriff's Department.

This was two more mishaps than in the same period a year ago, but the 1968 toll

produced one fatality and several severe injuries.

"Traffic was lighter than usual," said Harrington, "and conditions, for the most part, were ideal."

In addition, Harrington said, it appeared drivers were more courteous than usual. "It certainly would be nice," he added, "if every traffic report contained as little tragedy as this one!"

Initial Steps Taken to Save Vital Waterway

Plans for the take-over of the Cascade Dam from Consumers Power Company are proceeding smoothly, according to Supervisor Al Heemstra of Cascade Township.

Petitions signed by residents of the backwaters have been given to the Kent County Drain Commissioner Frank Bouma and are being processed. Bouma will be directed to propose a special assessment district to the Kent County Board of Supervisors sometime in December.

Engineers who studied the dam when the waters were down for the purpose of determining its condition have made a favorable preliminary report, Heemstra says.

Consumers Power Company expected to dismantle the dam before December 31, has agreed to keep it in operating condition for a portion of the new year or until the township is able to take title.

This is expected to be sometime in March if the project continues without problems, Heemstra says.

Call Meeting of River Group

The board of the Thornapple Association, Incorporated has called a special meeting for its membership next Tuesday (December 9) at 8:00 p.m. in the Old Township Hall in Cascade.

Discussion will be held regarding several items of interest to residents between the Ada and Cascade dams.

One subject will be the assessment and taxation problem connected with the association's ownership of the Ada dam. Recommendations of the board will be presented.

A financial report of the first year of operation will be given. A report on the work and findings of the river lowering project will also be discussed.

WOW ONLY 17 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

City Gets Mandate on Sewage

City councilmen in Lowell were handed a "hot potato" at their regular meeting Monday night in the form of a decree from Michigan Water Resources Commission that the city must get rid of phosphorus ingredients presently existing in the municipal sewage system.

The MWRC Board gave the city until December 1, 1972, to comply with removal of at least 80 percent of the phosphorus (sometimes called phosphates) from the city's discharged wastes.

Reason for the Water Resources dictum is that the presence of phosphorus is the cause of plant growth, especially algae, which is said to contribute to pollution of rivers and lakes.

To eliminate phosphorus, the city must build additional treatment facilities and use a chemical alum which is reported to be very expensive. The new project potentially involves many thousands of dollars.

The council voted to meet the issue head-on. It is sending Mayor Arnold Wittenbach, City Manager Bacon and an engineer to East Lansing to meet with the MWRC officials for preliminary discussions on the issue.

Next on the council agenda was a discussion on improvement of land purchased in 1968 for cemetery purposes.

After hearing a report from City Manager Bacon that facilities were available for a land survey, topographical map and aerial photographs, the council voted to appropriate \$1,500 to cover the cost of the survey.

Council also appointed a committee of five to update a city ordinance regulating the operation of the new cemetery.

Appointed were Councilman Herb Reynolds, Councilwoman Virginia Myers, Councilman Harold Jefferies, City Manager Bacon, and Judd Witterink.

In other action, the council heard a report by the city manager of a survey conducted by highway engineers of speeding conditions on N. Hudson.

The engineers, Bacon said, had found that in a 90-minute period 148 vehicles passed a spot near Spring St., and that most of the vehicles exceeded the 25 mph speed limit.

Of these offenders five were school buses. Commercial vehicles averaged more than 30 mph, the report revealed. The engineers said they would recommend that the limit be upped to 30 mph.

Council would up the meeting by voting a \$35 Christmas bonus to city employees.

LOWELL BEER STORE—Open every day and evening until 10 p.m. Sunday until 9 p.m.

P.O. Extends Hours for Yule Rush

Expanded service to postal patrons during the annual Christmas mailing rush was announced today by area postmasters.

The Lowell post office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will be open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 6, 13 and 20, according to Postmaster Charles R. Doyle.

In addition, special collections will be made daily at 3 p.m. from December 15 through the 23rd at collection boxes on Main Street and at business concerns to help speed non-Christmas mail, Doyle said.

Milt Hein, postmaster at Ada, announced plans for Saturday hours. The Ada post office will be open from 8:15 to 11:45 a.m. on December 6 and December 13 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on December 20. The Ada office also will maintain regular hours of 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. daily.

Mobile Home Plan Nears Approval

A proposal to construct a mobile home complex on 28th Street in Cascade Township cleared another hurdle during the regular monthly meeting of the township board Monday night.

Board members, acting on the recommendation of the township planning commission, agreed to permit usage of B-1 zoning for this purpose providing that the developer meets certain stipulations.

These include construction of a permanent building as an office building for the complex and furnishing of a plot plan and building design for approval at a later date.

Jack Smith, who also is developing residential plots in the area, was present as was Peter Price, chairman for the planning commission.

The township planners also forwarded a recommendation that the board rezone R-1 and R-2 properties in the township, but action on this matter was deferred to the January 5 meeting.

The appointment of Hester (Mrs. Paul) Slater as deputy treasurer was approved. This is to be a non-salaried position.

Clerk Minor Cook reported on the sanitary bond sale by stating that the bonds had been delivered on November 19. A sum of \$162,000 plus \$3,700 accrued interest from June 1 until November 19 was collected. The township paid to Grand Rapids a total of \$159,499.52 for construction leaving a balance of \$2,500.48.

The clerk also reported payment of \$1,344 to the Kent County Library fund for the township's share services. This includes the Bookmobile service in Cascade every Monday evening.

The board also approved forwarding payment of \$375 to the Kent County Road Commission in keeping with a previously agreed-upon program for rebuilding the 52nd Street bridge. Payments are to be made over a 10-year period on a shared-cost basis.

Board to Hear Legislative Report

The latest information available on progress of school legislation will be presented to the Lowell Area School board of education at its monthly meeting next Monday night.

Superintendent Carl Hagen will report on results of a county-wide meeting with area legislators earlier this week during which Kent County school officials learned that the much-discussed school aid bill may not be passed in the State Legislature until late spring.

The board will also hear a report from the music department. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This week's special: Cheeseburgers - 33 cents. e35

OK 4.7-Mile Reconstruction of M-21

The second phase of a program designed to improve M-21 between Lowell and Grand Rapids has been approved by the Michigan State Highway Commission.

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 1973 on widening and reconstruction of 4.7 miles between I-96 and the existing four-lane dual highway in Ada.

The commission announced this week that it has approved an engineering report,

including design changes at the Forest Hills Avenue intersection that were made as the result of a public hearing held last July.

Cost of the project, exclusive of right-of-way and engineering, is expected to be about \$3-million.

A total of 2.2 miles will be widened to five lanes with curb and gutter to be installed in residential, commercial and industrial zones. The remaining 2.5 miles will be re-

constructed as a four-lane divided highway with an 80-foot median separating the lanes.

A five-lane bridge is to be constructed over the Grand Trunk Railroad to replace the 42-year-old two-lane span now servicing traffic on M-21.

Highway officials say that local traffic is to be maintained during the construction period.



NEARING COMPLETION — The finishing touches are being put on the new Fallsburg bridge over the Fiat River north of Lowell. Staff photographer Kevin Smith snapped this picture from near the river's edge.

Eye Move to Bolster City Police

The lack of manpower in the Lowell Police Department came up for discussion at Monday's session of the city council.

Especially vocal on the need for bringing the police personnel up to strength was Councilwoman Virginia Myers.

She said: "We need five officers in the police department and we need them right now, and this is the time to seek applications from qualified men."

City Manager Blaine E. Bacon was asked what was being done about putting on another officer at this time.

Bacon replied: "I am working under the 1969-70 budget which, as you know, was adopted last July 1 before I entered the city manager's office."

"There's nothing I can do about adding another officer to the force until our next budget is adopted next July."

The city charter empowers the council to "make additional appropriations during the fiscal year for unanticipated expenditures required by the city," but charter provisions for additional appropriations stress that the added funds must be used to "relieve an emergency endangering the peace and safety" of the city.

The four officers presently serving on the local force must work during prescribed hours, but on weekends, when these working hours have been used up, the city must depend on the volunteer police reserves to take up the slack.

The police reserves generally serve without pay. The only exception is when they are specifically assigned to duty on a complete shift.

Urge Sale of Hydro Plant, Dam

The Lowell Light and Power Commission has notified the city council that its hydro station and dam located on the Fiat River, north of Lowell, should be put up for sale.

In addition, the poles and wires leading from the hydro plant to the city, should be disposed of, the Lighting Commissioners said.

First constructed in 1895-96, and modernized over the years, the hydro plant supplied electricity for Lowell lighting needs for more than a half-century.

Several years ago, the plant ceased operations when the city's lighting facilities were converted to a much cheaper diesel power.

According to reports, Keene Township officials in Ionia County, where the hydro plant is located, were approached about the possibilities of having the township buy the plant and dam, but the Keene officials said they were not interested.

Another governmental agency, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, also indicated that it was not interested in taking over the facility.

Before the sale can be consummated, however, the city council must be armed with the correct legal procedures required and accordingly the city solons referred the matter to the city attorney for a report.

NEW SYSTEM FAVORED

Coming into favor is a new system by which fire engines, police cars and ambulances can use radio transmitters to switch traffic lights in their favor as the approach intersections.

Issue Ticket to Driver in Collision

A three-car accident on W. Main St. in Lowell resulted in the arrest of a Rockford man by police on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Police said that Ivan Craft, 31, drove his car into the rear of a car owned by Thomas A. Kenyon of Grand River Drive, Lowell. The impact caused the Kenyon car to plow into a station wagon belonging to Harry W. Carigan of Aiden Nash.

Craft, who suffered minor cuts in the collision, was taken to Butterworth Hospital for treatment, and later taken to Kent County jail.

Released on bail, he was scheduled to appear before 63rd District Court Judge Joseph White to answer to the charge of drunk driving.

In other local police action, officers observed Wells Warren Walker, 21, of Grand Rapids, speeding. However, when apprehended, Walker had two minors as passengers and both reportedly were drinking.

Walker was ticketed for contributing to the delinquency of minors and taken to jail. He was released on bond to appear before Judge White.

Vandals in Ada

Vandals broke into an unfinished home at 6242 Scotchhill Drive in Adacraft Commons over the weekend and caused extensive damage.

Kent County Sheriff's Deputy Ade Deurloo said that the vandals spread mastic paste, which is similar to tar, on walls and fixtures throughout the house and then scratched and tore wallpaper from the walls of a hall and stair well.

Will Not Seek Re-election, Mayor Announces

Arnold Wittenbach, who has served for the past eight years as a member of the Lowell city council, announced today that he will not seek re-election in 1970.

Mayor of the city since 1964, Wittenbach said he was making his plans known "well ahead of time so that others who may be interested in running for the council would have time to develop their own plans."

The veteran chief executive said that he was retiring from public office "because I no longer have the time to devote to the job demands."

Wittenbach had announced he might not run last spring, but when no other candidates appeared to challenge for a seat on the five-member council, he filed nominating petitions hours before the deadline.

"There should be far more interest in

civic matters on the part of other people in the city," he declared. "Maybe this will help to stir up interest. I would like to see enough candidates for the council to bring about a primary election."

Two council members, Mrs. Virginia Myers and Carlen Anderson, whose terms are up in 1970, have announced that they will seek re-election.

Whether a city primary election will be held in 1970 depends on the number of nominating petitions filed at the City Clerk's office before 5 p.m. on January 19.

If six or less petitions are filed at that time, there will be no primary. The names of the candidates appearing on the nomination papers will then automatically be placed on the regular April election ballot.

If however, more than six persons file nominating petitions, a primary election

will be held on February 16, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be declared nominees for the April election.

For the first time in election history, Lowell voters will do their balloting with new voting machines, two to each precinct.

Voting by machine is relatively simple. However, voters requiring assistance in the use of the voting machines may call upon election clerks for guidance.

To vote, the elector takes hold of a red-handle lever at the right of the machine and pushes it downward. This closes the curtain and sets the machine in readiness for voting.

Next, the voter is faced with a list of candidates and over each of these names is a small lever. As the voter finds the name of the candidate of his or her choice, the

voter places the small lever OVER the name the favored candidate, and leaves the small lever right there.

After voting is completed, the voter again grabs the red-handle lever and shows it back into its original position. This causes the curtain to open and the voter then steps out of the booth.

Each vote is automatically totaled on a counter at the rear of the voting machine, which means that the election results, including absentee balloting, are announced a few minutes after the closing of the polls.

Absentee balloting is done with the use of paper ballots, which are supplied by the City Clerk.

Voters interested in learning how to use the voting machine prior to the election can obtain instructions by going to city hall during office hours.

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Civic Calendar

Monday, December 8:
Ada Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.
Lowell School board, 7:30 p.m., high school library.
Tuesday, December 9:
Grattan Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.

COMPLETES TRAINING, OPEN SERVICE STATION
Robert Lambert, who lives with his family at 3961 Causeway Drive, Lowell, has received a diploma from the oil industry's most comprehensive course in service station operation. This three-week course is conducted at a specially-equipped training center operated by Standard Oil in Detroit.
Lambert recently began operating the station located on the corner of Clyde Park and 36th Street in Wyoming.

Name Area Chairmen for March

District chairmen and district captains of the Lowell, Ada, and Cascade area volunteers for the 1970 March of Dimes campaign have been chosen by the Kent County...

Each year in the past, the FHMA has conducted a sale of candy turtles and seldom have any been left.
Not so this year. The sale started out slowly, then settled down (if you'll pardon the expression) to a snail's pace.
Bob and his wife, Millie, who reside at 4900 Ada Drive, believe there are many people in the area who might wish to buy a box. In fact, Bob would even encourage purchase of a case for donation to a favorite charity or Boy Scout, Cub Scout or Girl Scout troop.
Proceeds from the sale will help the music association.
And you'll be doing the Gaskells a favor, too. They'd like to get their home back into some semblance of order again!

'Turtles' Really Move Slow!

Turtles are notoriously slow movers, but what has happened to the Forest Hills Music Association "turtles" makes the real McCoy look fast by comparison.
At least that's the opinion of the Robert Gaskells each time they survey those 20 cases of candy turtles...

Bank Again Will Sponsor Viet Calls

Hundreds of servicemen in the Vietnam theater of operations will be receiving a very special Christmas gift again this year. James W. Carpenter, president of Union Bank, said the bank is picking up the tab for the fourth straight year for servicemen from this area to make a free phone call home during the Christmas holidays.
Since "Operation Holiday" began, some 2,500 area men serving in Vietnam have been given an opportunity to call their wives or families. Starting Monday, December 1, any wife, parent, brother or sister of a serviceman in Vietnam may make applications for this year's call at any Union Bank office.
Calls are limited to three minutes and to residents of Kent County or Georgetown Township of Ottawa County. After the application is completed, the bank forwards them to Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross for processing.
A letter then goes out to the serviceman and to the person who made application, telling them a free phone call has been approved. Recognizing the difficulties of making a telephone call while fighting a war, the bank tells servicemen to make the call "from a staging area, while you are back on 'R and R,' any time, anywhere that you can commandeer a phone."
In past years, many servicemen have used a ham radio to link up with telephone connections to the States. The bank pays the bill without question. Calls are now permitted year around although it's hoped the serviceman can call home at Christmas. Carpenter, in a letter prepared to go to each serviceman, said:
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Bell Announces Plans for Major Expansion

Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced today that it will spend \$10,760,000 next year to expand and improve telephone service in the Grand Rapids area.
Kenneth J. Whalen, Michigan Bell president, said in Detroit that the expenditure is part of the company's record \$260,245,000 and marks the first time that the company-wide outlay will exceed the quarter-billion-dollar figure.

"The size of next year's construction program reflects not only the company's confidence in the future of Michigan, but also our determination to provide the amount and quality of communications services necessary to serve the public," Whalen said.

"We have been able to maintain good service and keep pace with the sharply rising demands on our facilities," he said. "But recently we have had to raise our sights to make sure our construction plans are in line with changing customer needs."
Robert I. Thole, Michigan Bell manager for this area, said next year's total expenditure for Grand Rapids will be allocated as follows: Outside plant facilities, \$2,535,000; telephone equipment in homes and offices, \$2,895,000; central office equipment, \$4,570,000, and buildings \$760,000.

YOUNG DRIVERS CHEATED?
Dr. Robert O. Nolan, assistant director of the Michigan State University Highway Traffic Safety Center and a leading authority on driver education, told a recent conference that Michigan 'teen-agers are being cheated—and their lives endangered—by the growing trend toward short summer session driver education courses.
Nolan said Michigan public schools are being paid by the state at the same rate for three-week summer courses as they are for the semester courses which once were in the majority. But, he said, youngsters can't obtain the proper training in such a short period.
He said about 70 percent of youngsters are now being taught in the summer periods.

Michigan Motorists Log Record Mileage

Motorists drove an estimated 13.4 billion miles on Michigan highways in June, July and August, an increase of 6.5 percent over the same period of last year, the Department of State Highways reports.

Travel was up 4.7 percent in June, 5.9 percent in July and 8.4 percent in August.
The August increase marked the 22nd consecutive month that traffic volumes have exceeded those for the same month of the previous year.

Through August, statewide travel this year was up 7.3 percent over the same period of 1968. This included increases of 10.9 percent in the eastern upper peninsula, 9.3 percent in southeastern lower Michigan, 8.1 percent in the south central and Thumb area, 4.5 percent in the northern lower peninsula, 4.3 percent in southwestern lower Michigan, and 2.8 percent in the western upper peninsula.

Department travel estimates are based on gasoline tax collections and on traffic counts at 53 permanent locations on state highways and county roads.

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Local Campfire Girls 'Inners in Annual Hello Dolly' Contest

The 2nd annual "Hello Dolly" contest sponsored jointly by Goodwill Industries and Camp Fire Girls has just been completed. The dolls are dressed by the girls and donated to Goodwill Industries who sell them and use the money for wages of handicapped people they employ.
Two groups from Lowell entered the contest, Mrs. Sharon Hoff's 6th grade group and Mrs. Marilyn Keim's 4th grade group.

Winning ribbons were awarded at a special party held in Grand Rapids on Saturday, November 22.
Members from Mrs. Eickhoff's group were 11-year-old Barbara Peck who received 2nd for her adult doll, and 10-year-old Carol Baird who received 1st on her baby doll and 9-year-old Carol Peck who received 3rd for her doll dressed as a child.

LD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
A program on "Christmas Floral Arrangements," presented by Mrs. Harold Ball, will highlight the annual Christmas program put on by the Women's Society of Christian Service of First United Methodist Church of Lowell on December 10.
Hostesses for the event will be the Lydia Circle, who invite the women of the church and their friends to attend.
Scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., the program will be held in education building.

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OLDER RESIDENTS NOTE many changes along Lowell's Main Street over the years. This Main Street building, originally the Lowell Baptist Church, now sees service as an antique shop.

Women's Club Program Notes Changes on Main Street

Members of the Lowell Women's club reminisced with Mrs. John Bannan at their last meeting as she spoke in detail on the many changes on Main Street over the years.
Older residents will remember when Wisner's Woolen Mill occupied the area now in use as the city parking lot. The drive-in bank is now located at 414 East Main Street where the residence of Dr. McDonnell once stood.
Mrs. Bannan, who refers to herself as an "old timer" around Lowell, says she does some research but also relies on her memory of the good old days.

Other changes along Main Street over the years include the disappearance of the back part of the old Trains Hotel on West Main Street, at Broadway, the front part has been incorporated into the Sprayer Company Building; the land now occupied by the Super Save Grocery was previously occupied by the three-story brick Davis house; the old First Baptist Church on East Main Street has become an antique shop and the Farmer's Home, a white wooden hotel on Riverside Drive back of the Lee Block of the 5 cent to \$1 store has been modified.

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Few Snowmobiles Exempt from Registration Law

The snowmobile season is now underway in Michigan... and this means that Department of State officials will brace themselves for the added hours of registering these machines, according to Secretary of State James M. Hare.
All snowmobiles are subject to a 1968 law which requires registration with the secretary of state and attaching (or pointing) identification number to each forward side of the snowmobile.
"There are two exceptions to this law," Hare explained. "No registration is needed if those machines used on the owner's property, or on land under his control. And no registration is necessary for a snowmobile operated exclusively in a special snowmobile event of limited duration. This event must be conducted according to a pre-arranged schedule under a permit granted from local authorities."
Registration fees from now until December 31 will be \$5.00. This fee will be scaled down to \$2.00 on January 1 for the second year of the three-year registration cycle.
The popularity of snowmobiling in Michigan is growing as evidenced by these facts:
Michigan leads the nation in snowmobile ownership with approximately 75 to 100 thousand snowmobiles. The Department of State has already registered over 70 thousand of these machines;
There are over 4,000 organized Michigan snowmobile owners and clubs;
Last year this state experienced 100 organized snowmobile safarries and 100 competitive races.
Calling for greater attention to snowmobile safety, Hare outlined the following suggestions:

1. Know your machine. Carry tools, necessary spare parts, extra fuel.
2. Stay on marked trails when on public lands.
3. If you can carry litter in... you can carry it back.
4. Know ice conditions. Check thickness, know thin spots and old fishing holes.
5. The new owner should not go on his own. Study with experienced drivers.
6. When in strange country, check conditions.

Michigan Civil Service Has Job Openings

State Representative Stanley M. Powell (R-Ionia) announced the opening of several highly interesting positions with the Michigan Civil Service Department for the positions of Biochemical Research Aide - Grade 03, Conservation Aide - Grade 03, Park Ranger - Grade 03, Park Ranger - Grade 05, and Attorney - Grade 05.
Applications for these positions must be received no later than December 15, 1969, at the Michigan Civil Service Department. A written test for the first four positions will be given on January 17, 1970. An oral examination for the position of Attorney will be given upon notification.
Representative Powell said that the salary ranges will be as follows:
Biochemical Research Aide, \$5,684 - \$6,640; Conservation Aide, \$6,034 - \$6,953; Park Ranger 03, \$6,034 - \$6,953; Park Ranger, \$6,410 - \$7,454; Attorney, \$9,350 - \$12,050.
Those interested in these positions may obtain further information by contacting their local state employment office of the Michigan Civil Service Department in the Lewis Cass Building, Lansing.

Christmas Decorating Contest Scheduled in Valley Vista
Residents of the Valley Vista area of Lowell are eligible to compete for cash prizes in a home decorating contest to be sponsored by Dok Realty during the coming Christmas season.
Roger Boyer, sales manager for the company, said that judging will be based on originality, theme and use of materials as residents bid for top prize of \$100 in cash. Second place is worth \$50 and third place \$25.
A committee headed by Mayor Arnold Wittenbach will inspect all entries and announce the top three selections prior to Christmas.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
I was very happy to hear that a column by John Ham on getting to know birds is being considered by your newspaper. There should be a great deal of interest in it for the many transplanted city dwellers who are eager in any knowledge they can get about the countryside they have moved into.
John Ham, being a bird bander and a teacher as well, is especially qualified to write such a column.
Yours very truly,
Barbara D. Durmo

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Impressive as Lowell Wins Opener

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Kempner noted that team maintained good ball control throughout the game. We had fewer turnovers than might have been expected in an opening game," he said.

Ionia managed to cope up with only one double-figure scorer as Tom Fuller, the lone holdover from last year's team clipped 16 points through the hoops.

The junior varsity all freshman teams were not as successful, the former dropping an 85-64 frosh after keeping matters close for three periods and the frosh bowing by a 69-44 count.

LOWELL					IONIA				
FG	FT	REB	PF	TP	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
5	1	4	11	Handlon	0	5	4	5	
6	5	2	17	Gallert	1	2	0	4	
1	1	5	3	Klein	3	3	4	9	
3	4	3	22	Hauserman	3	2	2	8	
9	4	3	10	Puller	7	2	4	16	
1	2	3	4	Kanooose	1	1	1	7	
1	0	4	2	Ferry	1	1	0	3	
1	0	2	2	Politz	1	2	2	3	
27	17	26	71		19	38	17	56	
LOWELL	18	14	21	18	71				
IONIA	8	10	16	22	56				

"FOUL PLAY" — Ionia's Dave Handlon (25) is caught in the act of fouling Blair Cahoon of Lowell as he seeks to shoot over John Klein (43). Moving in for possible rebound in Sid Hayward (42). Looking on in rear is Craig Witteach of the Arrows and Steve Hauserman (11) of Ionia.

Rangers Will Field 'Green' Team Under New Basketball Coach

Of the thirty-three basketball players at Forest Hills High who turned out for the coming season, only three are re-recruits from last year. Moving in for possible rebound in Sid Hayward (42). Looking on in rear is Craig Witteach of the Arrows and Steve Hauserman (11) of Ionia.

However, Coach Larry Wilson, new to the Rangers this year, says: "We are in the process of rebuilding the team. I feel that this year's team will show good improvement."

The first game of the season will be played this Friday, December 5, at home against Hudsonville. The freshman game will get underway at 4:00 p.m., followed by the JV game at 6:00 p.m. The varsity game starts at approximately 8 p.m.

"We have been concentrating on fundamentals," said Coach Wilson. "We could be stronger in the passing and dribbling and our shooting needs consistency, but we show up well on the defensive end of the floor."

Rob McCormick at guard is returning from last year, but may see limited duty due to a football knee injury. Battling for the other guard position are junior Ken Stromeyer, sophomore Scott Vashu and senior Marty Everse.

At center, will be Dirk Van Westraien, a junior, or Dennis De Vries, a senior. Competing at forward are Ron Vander Baan, Bob Warner, Curt Linscott and Curt Ray. Bill Veikas will be at guard.

"Most of this team is young and inexperienced," said Wilson. "But with desire, which I know they have, and hard work, which they have been showing, they will see a lot of action."

"This is a tough league, especially West Ottawa and Wyoming Rogers, but we will be ready for every ball game," Wilson added.

JV basketball, under new Coach Jim Ogilvie, is hoping to develop a winning squad from two holdovers from last year's squad, plus several promising boys up from the freshman basketball squad. One freshman, Randy Lanning, has been promoted to JV.

The game will now be played at Forest Hills on Friday, January 2. Ranger teams will be playing home games on the newly-rebuilt high school gym floor, which was installed over the summer and fall months to replace the warped surface of recent years.

Will Relinquish Position
After 15 years, Secretary of State James M. Hare has relinquished his job as chairman of the Michigan State Safety Commission.

Hare is retiring as secretary of state after the conclusion of his term in December of 1970. His successor as chairman of the commission is Col. Fredrick Davids, director of the Michigan State Police.

Host Quad Mat Tournament

Can you imagine eighty-eight thousand boys playing "cat and mouse?" This is what is going on in more than 2,200 high schools in the nation, according to Coach Chuck Mathews of Forest Hills High School.

That many young men are involved in the sport of wrestling today compared to less than three hundred schools with programs ten years ago.

The reason the sport has caught on so well, says Mathews, is that there is a place for every size, shape, and weight boy. "Challenge Night" at Forest Hills will be held this Thursday (December 3) at 7:30 p.m.

Each of the schools coming to this competition had an excellent record last year. East Grand Rapids Catholic took regional champs in Class A while Muskegon Catholic took fourth in the state. Fruitport had only one loss and ended third in the state.

"This is going to be good company and we'll be in the midst of it," said Mathews. "If you want to see the boys preparing, you should watch the Challenge Night."

Coach Mathews took the idea from a college source and is promoting the evening as a "no-admission" event. Every boy in a green and white varsity suit will have gained it last year. Other wrestlers in all green uniforms will be challenging for positions on the starting team this year.

The Rangers are defending O.K. conference and regional champions, and possessors of a 17-0 dual record last year. Several regulars from last year were among the 80 who turned out for wrestling. They include Jim Leyndyke, Chip King, Mark Kelly, Ted Werke, George McCarger, Craig Van Sloyers, Bob Roy, Bob Taylor, Tom Dewey, Jim Dygett, Jim De Stane, John Price, and Jim Vander Boon.

Greatly missed from last year's squad will be Larry Cardin, 127-lb. state Class B champion and winner of 36 straight matches without defeat.

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SECOND PRIZE — THERMOS ICE CHEST
Robert Landis, 8514 Bolt Dr., Ada. 8 point x 18" spread for 20 points total.

THIRD PRIZE — RAIN SUIT
Kurt Inman, 2 Mile Rd., Ada. 9 point x 16" spread for 25 points total.

Other Entries:
David Brinkmole 5 point buck Judy Bitto 6 point
Linda Phillips 8 point buck Larry Boss 8 point
Lynan Normann 7 point buck Wayne Wauburn 8 point
Terry Cook 5 point buck Fred Verboor 8 point
Bill Ferguson 9 point buck Red Washburn 8 point
Red Shepard 6 point buck Len Verboor 8 point
Richard Tichelaar 6 point buck Ralph Brecht 8 point
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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stahl and Donald of Zion Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Amy Kaufman of Clarksville and Mrs. Cletus Wieland of Logan all enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kauffman and daughters.

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Some of us hunted every day. We had a lot of fun hunting together, but boy, are we tired! The weed crop was excellent this year and the snow kept them tough and tangled. A lot of them break easily when dry, but this year it was like having ropes tied on your legs. And the briar patches were impossible thanks to all the wet weather, most of them were rooted at both ends and even then were taller than average. It was pretty cold a couple of days, especially for the ones standing or sitting.

When you hunt with a group, something funny or unusual happens that someone is going to remember and laugh about later. Last Thursday (Thanksgiving) Day Ray Murray was hunting with us. We got back to the car after hunting out this one section, and Ray told about hearing what he thought was a squirrel barking at him. When he looked, he said he found a big White Leghorn rooster sitting up in the tree. This was in a woods, in the middle of the section about one half mile from the nearest buildings. Well, okay!!!! It's Thanksgiving morning, so why not illusions about a few of some kind. The guy likes to eat and it's nearly noon. I figured after a good meal he would be fat.

Friday we were back in the same section. I came up out of this pot-hole and climbed up on this stump to see where the rest of the group was. I looked across a field toward the woods and nearly fell off the stump. There it was!!!! Walking along the edge of the woods.

I saw Cousin Barb headed toward the woods so I hurried along and would you believe, we had a chicken chase. We chased that silly rooster clear across the woods and never did catch it. Of course with heavy boots and several layers of warm clothes, we were not moving too fast. A couple of others saw the silly bird also. Otherwise, I don't think I would be telling this.

ALTO MOTHS CLUB NEWS
The November business meeting of the Alto School Mother's Club was held at the school on Tuesday, November 18 at 8 p.m. "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF totaled \$48.06 with 25 children participating.

Plans are underway for the carnival to be held in the spring. The book fair was reported to be doing fairly well, books were on display so mothers had a chance to look them over.

Admitted to meetings, Viola of Viola's Floral and Gift Shop of Lake Odessa demonstrated many ways in which to make holiday decorations.

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Mrs. Leon Seelye

Donald Geelhoed and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Mr. and Mrs. James Scree and family, all of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed VanderLaan and family, all of Cascade, spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geelhoed to celebrate Joe's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seelye spent several days last week with Mrs. Harold Hendricks and children of Sand Lake while Mr. Hendricks was deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gesner Jr. and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Francis Shaffer home. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eickhoff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Key and house guest, Mrs. Donald Pratt of Orlando, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Key and family of Lakeview were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Key and family.

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Youth Take Lead in Creative Worship

New expressions of worship was the goal of the Senior High Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of Lowell as they led their congregation in Creative Worship during the two services of November 23.

Planned by Michael Potter and Elizabeth Lomas, the services found nineteen young people participating in its leadership. The services drew upon contemporary sources of music and writing with an appeal to break through the pretense of righteousness and confront the major issues of the day.

Youth taking part were Sue Bauer (organ chimes and offertory); Beth Lomas (prelude and anthem); Elaine Stormanzel and Rick Engle (responsive reading); Sharon Bauer and Jeanne Leeman (call to worship and benediction); Nancy Coons (morning lesson); Joan Anderson (ritual of fellowship); Shirley Krebs (closing hymn); Michael Blough and Michael Potter (dialogue sermon); Ushers were Robert Bewell, Dan Lomas, Joe Ellis, John Doyle, Jim and Doug Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Johnson, the Senior High Counselors, served as the greeters.

Church Program on Sunday

"The Life of Christ in Music and Art" will be presented by the combined choir of the Lowell First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 7 at 5 p.m.

The choirs, of 40 voices, are under the direction of William Lomas. As the choir sing, slides depicting the Life of Christ, provided by the Grand Rapids Art Museum and Norton Avery, will be shown.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Campfire Girls

The I-Ki-Ca-Ga campfire group has been busy during the fall months on many projects. Among these have been selling candy, a hike to Fallsburg Park and the making of Christmas projects. Officers are: Stephanie Hartley, president; Laurie Harris, vice-president; Carol Johnson, secretary; Nancy Bier, treasurer and Laurie Lanfield, scribe. Mrs. Sue Harris and Mrs. Violet Miller are the club leaders.

At the November 25th meeting of Mrs. Keim's 4th grade group, we made napkin holders for our family. We made \$17.90 on our Bake Sale.

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Obituaries

CORNELIUS ANDREWS
Graveside services for Cornelius (Neil) Andrews, 30, were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery. The Roman Catholic, Grand Rapids, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Andrews, formerly of Lowell, passed away in Kalamazoo.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mildred Andrews of Lowell; four sons, Avery, Kevin, Scotty and Mark; two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Thompson and Mrs. Yvonne Nickerson; a brother, Michael J. Andrews, all of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

CARL ALTHAUS
Several Lowell friends journeyed to Louisville, Ky., on November 23 to attend funeral services for Carl Althaus, age 91, a former long-time resident of the city.

Mr. Althaus passed away in Louisville on November 21. He was born in Switzerland on Dec. 23, 1877. At an early age he came to Lowell, and later learned the plumbing trade. On moving to Louisville, he established a plumbing shop, which he operated for many years.

He leaves two sons, Carl and Henry; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CHURCH NEWS

R.L.D.S. ALASKA
Sunday, December 7: Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m. Speaker Elder Floyd LaLone. Theme, "The Kingdom Come, O Lord." Junior Church worship for ages 10, 11 and 12-year-olds during 11 o'clock service. Communion worship service 7 p.m. Speaker Elder Robert Johnson. Theme, "Righteousness After the Pattern of Christ Will Persist."

Monday, December 8: 7 p.m., zoneers will have worship service at Chris Loesch. Skyklarks will put on a program for an elderly in their home.

Tuesday, December 9: 7 p.m. Zion League meeting at the home of Marvin LaLone.

Wednesday, December 10: 7:30 p.m. Midweek Fellowship Service. Speaker to bring lesson, Prist Martin LaLone. Theme, "I Appreciate the Gift of God's Son."

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Worship 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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3-Mile at Leffwell, N. E.
Morning Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Christ Ambassadors (Youth)
Monday, December 7, 6:30 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 7:00 P.M.
Primary Church 11:00 a.m.
For Ages 4 through 8
Rev. Daniel Roehl, Minister

First Congregational Church of Ada
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
7239 Bronson St.
Ray Kretschmer
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Doris Cox, Minister of Music
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
(Nursery Care Provided)

South Boston Bible Church
A Warm Welcome Awaits You
Pastor—Joe Everett
Morning Worship and Junior Church 10:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 11:15 A.M.
Young People Meeting 7:45 P.M.
Thursday Prayer 7:30 P.M.

Will Make Home in Grand Rapids

Cascade Christian Church was the setting as Miss Julie Ann Yseldyke and Richard A. Flynn exchanged solemn vows on November 21.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Yseldyke and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Flynn, all of Grand Rapids.

The bride was attired in an off-white gown of Peau de Soie featuring long, pointed sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. Her bouffant veil was caught by petals of pearl.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Jyl Yseldyke, with Marsha Cox and Sharon Boylon as bridesmaids. The bride's attendants all wore gowns of red velvet edged with white lace. Doreen Flynn, niece of the groom, was flower girl.

Best man's duties were performed by Ronald Dunlap. Seating the guests were Gerald Flynn and Jeff Wern.

Attending the reception at Scotties were about 175 guests.

The bridal couple honeymooned in Las Vegas. Upon their return home, they made their residence at 52 Union NE, Grand Rapids.

B&PW Plan Christmas Party

The Business and Professional Women's club will hold their Christmas party Monday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Del Smith, starting with dinner at six-thirty.

During the evening sewing kits will be assembled to be distributed at Christmas to women in homes and others who might need such small accessories. For these members are requested to bring donations of needles, thread, measuring tapes, thimble and other articles necessary for mending and other small sewing jobs.

Miss Collins Weds

The marriage of Miss Nancy Collins and Gerald Kunard was celebrated in a Nuptial Mass in St. Therese Catholic Church at Wayland on November 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Collins, Grand River Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunard of Dorra are the parents of the couple.

The couple are living in Grand Rapids where both are employed.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Danoski and children and SFC Joseph L. Danoski of Kalamazoo were Thursday and Friday guests of Mrs. Danoski's mother, Mrs. Elmer E. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Y. Marshall and children joined them Thursday for a family Thanksgiving dinner.

PLANNING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A Christmas Bazaar and supper, sponsored by the Mothers Club of Ada Christian School, will be held on Friday from 4:30 till 9 p.m.

Among the many items to be offered will be decorations, toys, baked goods, children's items, and a white elephant table.

The sale will be held in the school gym.

FHCC TO HOLD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Women's Association of the Forest Hills Country Club will hold their first annual Christmas luncheon on December 3 at the club.

Members will exchange gifts. This will be the first of what association members hope will become an annual affair.

SKI TRIPS FOR 'SINGLES'

The ski season will see an increasing number of ski trips for "singles" and there will be more and more vacation trips next year for bachelor girls and boys, a survey shows.

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Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYBERT

A great many people had friends and relatives in their homes for Thanksgiving dinners last week. There probably isn't another story to match what happened at the Bob Hanes though.

There were twenty guests for the full treatment when suddenly young Tim announced to his mother that one of their dogs was busy delivering puppies. Actually this dog is not really theirs, just a stray that happened to adopt the family last month. She was giving thanks for a warm home by presenting them with nine new members of the menage.

The Hanes already had two of their own so the count went suddenly from two to twelve! Everybody was pretty active there for awhile. Jerri trying to keep the dinner in order, Bob building a bigger dog house, and the kids loving it all.

Latest word is that if you would like a darling puppy for a Christmas present, the number to call is 676-1881.

Then there is the post-script to the football season. Fans who attended the Rockford game will not soon forget how our team had to travel three miles at the half to get to the locker rooms... thus delaying the return to the field for fifteen minutes for which we were promptly penalized by the officials.

Well, these same officials hold a banquet at the end of the season and this year presented with appropriate words and music, the Best of the Year Award to Coach Rosenkranz. This is all in the spirit of fun, but he will forever remember that night when he gazes upon his gold plated football boot.

Have you heard the newest ditty?

It goes: You're not in Without Your Pin, (or substitute) Be the First Kid at Your Bus Stop With a Booster Pin.

The Forest Hills Athletic Boosters have just put on sale some two inch green and white pins for every age. If you happen to be graduating in the next few years, you can have one that says Class of... Otherwise if you are a little too young or possibly a bit beyond that age, you can buy one that says BOOSTER in the middle. They will be sold at the athletic events.

Don't forget the big challenge night... no admission, for the wrestling team, this week Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Wrestlers will be selected for the big quad meet that FH is hosting Saturday at 11 p.m.

Basketball starts Friday night against Hudsonville, also at home.

December 5, Friday, Ada Christian School Christmas bazaar from 5:00 p.m. There will be films for children and bar-b-q's sold between 5-7 p.m.

December 6, Saturday the Cascade Community Party and the Party Time Club.

Monday, December 8 it will be FH vs Greenville in wrestling there. December 9, there will be a match with Wyoming.

Tuesday, December 9, three big school bands will present one exciting concert at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9, Special meeting of Thornapple Association, Inc. 8 p.m. at the Old Cascade Township Hall on Thornapple River Drive.

Last call for reservations for the Cascade Community Party on Saturday. Call Jean Serne on Goodwood if you haven't gotten your tickets.

One of the gatherings to be held before that party will be in the home of the H. Schneiders. They have invited the Roger Armstrongs, Glenn Dunks, Brian Estes, and Donald Howlands to join them.

Other of their guests will be the Carl Reids, Claus Pahl, Buzz Van Ierssen, Darrell Ziegler, and Tom McAnallen.

Among those planning to attend the Party Time Club's evening to be known as the Holiday Happening are: Arle and Bev Albrecht, Jay and Mary Ann Wiersma, Howard and Nancy Vandenberg, Bernie and Helen Mohr, Dick and Carolyn Lynch, Robert and Jo-Ann Burnham, and Clement and Patty Edwards.

Also enjoying themselves at the Woodland Hall auditorium will be Bill and Sally Chapman, Dale and Lois Decker, and Randy and May Preston.

These last two no sooner returned from Hawaii where they spent a fabulous time in posh hotels and on lush tropical islands, then May discovered that she had to learn all of the lines for the lead role in Pincocchio to be presented by the Thornapple Community Theatre. If she is seen glancing off into the distance, she is either dreaming of those former carefree days, or memorizing her part.



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Thanksgiving Day Services, held at the Bowne Mennonite Church, were conducted with the assistance of the members of the church at White Cloud. Other visitors from Sauli Ste. Marie and Traverse City joined the local members in worship and at the carry-in dinner following.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Schrock were made more than happy, in response to their request for leaves. They certainly say Thank You to all who responded, and they still have more to gather as soon as the weather and leaves are such that they can be loaded. Perhaps if we are very good next year they may let us see what the results will be in their garden.

Sunday, October 25, the Messes Mary, Carol and Marilyn Zook were baptised and accepted into membership at the Bowne Mennonite Church.

The writer received a call from Mrs. Ivah Birman of Lake Odessa, who stated that she attended a birthday open house for Mrs. Charles (Lula) Erickson of 142 Adams St. in Ionia Sunday afternoon. Lula who was a local girl, living in these parts the main part of her life, is now home from the hospital where she spent several months following her fall, fracturing her hip. She gets about the house in a wheel chair and still cannot stand up. She gets very discouraged so why not send her a card?

Mrs. Albert Carigan of Big Pine Island Lake spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Mrs. Grace Carigan. Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stahl, were Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Miller, Mrs. Mabel Cool, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lepard and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stahl. The Stahls will soon be packing and loading their car and will be leaving for the sunny south.

Thanksgiving and weekend guests of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Schrock were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Schrock, Miss Lois Schrock and Miss Lois Brennan, all of northern Michigan.

On Eastern Honeymoon

The wedding of Karen E. Deming and Narciso B. Repollo, Jr. of Cascade Village took place on Saturday evening, November 22, in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints at Alto.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Deming of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Narciso A. Repollo, Sr., of Bricktown, New Jersey.

The bride chose a gown of nylon and lace with a bouffant skirt and scalloped neckline trimmed with sequins. A rosette of lace and pearls held her veil.

The maid of honor was Dianne K. Dintaman. Barbara A. Venema and Christy J. Onan were bridesmaids. Donelle Rae and Lee Ann Hoag were flower girls. Patrick Berry was ring bearer.

Attending the bridegroom was Kenneth Knurr, best man and Erick Knurr, Michael Dodds, Kenneth Colburn and Donald Jouma, groomsmen.

Following an Eastern honeymoon, the newlyweds will make their home in Cascade Village.

Three-Band Concert Scheduled December 9

Music lovers have a great treat coming next Tuesday, December 9. At that time an innovation to Forest Hills High School will be presented.

Never before has the high school had three bands... a ninth grade band, junior varsity band, and varsity band. All three are under the direction of Marion Sanderson and will present a program at 8:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose building.

The junior varsity will appear first to play Marcha Poco by Moore, an old favorite. This will be followed by Carillons at Christmastide by Calkin, a fantasy on "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and Two Nativty Carols For Band by Gordon.

The last two are medieval carols, "Dormi, Jesu!" and "Nowell!" The ninth grade band, which is new this year, will present Brighton Beach March by Latham, Christmas Music for Winds by Cacavas, Christmas Fugue by Brown, and Lawrence of Arabia by Jarro. This last is from the movie of the same name.

The varsity band plans to play Valdes by Hansen, a Norwegian concert march; Christmas Triptych by Leist, three choral pieces for band; and West Side Story by Bernstein, selections from the Broadway musical as arranged by Dehoff.

In addition, the varsity band will close the program with Sleigh Ride by Anderson, The Twelve Days of Christmas by Bilik, and Symphonic Concert March by Bonelli, arranged by Falcone.

IDEAS ON ASPECTS OF HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR are given in "The Complete Encyclopedia of Home-making Ideas," edited by Barbara Bradford, which can now be obtained at the Kent County Library, Lowell Branch.

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	7	8 6-8p.m.	9	10	11	12 3-5p.m.
	14	15 6-8p.m.	16	17	18	19 6-8p.m.
	21	22 6-8p.m.	23	24	25	26 3-5p.m.
	28	29	30	31		27

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Air-Conditioned 'Ride' Keeps Potatoes Fresh

Shoppers have been noticing that some of the potatoes they've been buying seem "fresher" than before. And there's a good reason for it. Some potatoes are being pampered more, all the way from farm to grocery stores.

They're going by rail, but not in conventional box-type cars, but rather in a new air-conditioned car that provides a controlled internal environment. Whatever the weather outside, desert heat or winter slant, the potatoes inside are kept comfortable. It's all possible through a covered hopper car made by ACF Industries.

Potatoes from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota and Washington have been involved in bulk shipments to markets in Illinois and points east and south.

An attraction to shippers is that just one such car can carry 180,000 pounds of potatoes, while the normal box car load is only 55,000 to 60,000 pounds. And because they're carried in bulk, no crating or sacking is required.

But the biggest advantage is that potatoes arrive at markets in better condition than ever before.

During the 1970s, it's expected that the tons of potatoes shipped by rail will rise sharply, as the Northern Pacific Railway, pioneer in this form of potato movement, is adding a fleet of 51 cars to the 10 it already has in service.

Schedule Scout Pow Wow

A POW WOW will be held at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, at Emerson School in Ionia for all adult Cub Scout leaders. Cub Scout crafts and skills will be demonstrated, along with games and ceremonies. A session on Pack Administration will be held and supplies, literature and other material will be available to all Cubmasters and Den Mothers. This POW WOW will replace the December Cub Scout Leaders Roundtable.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The December Boy Scout leaders Roundtable will be held on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 at Jefferson Elementary School in Ionia. The theme for the month is "Cold Weather Scouting." All adult Scout leaders are urged to attend.

DEN LEADER TRAINING

Frederic Kelley, Scout Executive, Ionia District, Grand Valley Council, is currently conducting a four-session course for den mothers, and assistant den mothers, and den leader coaches at the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church.

Sessions are held Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and nursery care is provided for pre-school children. Twelve leaders of Packs 3102 and 3188 are enrolled.

MSU Science Program Continues to Improve

The Michigan State University campus at East Lansing is gradually becoming a center of excellence in science.

One year ago the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded the university a grant of more than \$4 million which has been used in a developmental program in the area of physics, mathematics and chemistry.

"This grant is one of the largest ever awarded to MSU," says Dr. Milton E. Muelder, vice president for research development. "Each of the participating departments had to demonstrate that they were already very productive in research and training of graduate students and we were selected through a highly competitive process across the nation."

All three departments report that with aid of the grant they have been able to recruit outstanding graduate students and well-qualified professors for research and training programs.

'CLUB' BUSINESS IMPROVES

Christmas Club accounts at banks are becoming more attractive these days as an increasing number of banks pay interest on the deposits, an unusual policy in former days.

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CANDY CANE TIME - The arrival of Santa in Lowell last week also signalled the traditional gift of candy canes to area youngsters. And youngsters were much in evidence as the goodies were distributed Saturday. Santa will be headquartered at Christiansens' Mondays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 5.

Digit-Letter System Changed for Plates

Michigan's 1970 automobile license plates will, for the first time, bear three letters and three numerals, Secretary of State James M. Hare announced.

Along with the change in plate design, Hare said, the expiration date for 1969 passenger car and motorcycle tags has been extended to March 31, instead of the end of each February. Commercial and trailer plates will expire on the last day of February each year, as in the past.

The shift in expiration dates was to help reduce the congestion and long lines of plate purchasers as deadlines approach. An additional month in which to buy passenger tags after commercial and trailer plate purchases have tapered off should alleviate the problem of crowding, Hare pointed out.

Commercial and trailer tags went on sale October 1 and the first new passenger car plates will be available November 15.

The new plates will have a gold background with white letters and numerals representing the colors of Oakland University, Hare said.

"The change to a system of three letters and three numerals, from the former system of two letters and four numerals," Hare explained, "is another step in our program to prepare for the future."

"The steadily increasing number of automobile registrations in Michigan demands a more flexible method of accommodating them. The new combination will permit the issuance of millions more plates without having to increase the number of characters on the tags. We could, by using every conceivable combination of letters and numerals, issue more than 20-million plates without fear of duplication."

The Michigan Department of State expects to issue more than five-million sets of plates for 1970, the largest number in any single year. At least four-million of these sets will go to passenger car owners.

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With Our Servicemen

Army Private First Class John M. Smoes, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smoes, 1151 Sargeant Ave., Ada, was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, October 26.

Technical Sergeant Albert L. Van Tuinen, son of Nickolas Van Tuinen, 6619 Snow Ave., Alto, is on duty at Da Nang AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Van Tuinen is an accounting and finance supervisor with the 36th Combat Support Group, a unit of the Pacific Air Force, headquarters for air operations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific area.

Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

The sergeant is a 1957 graduate of Caledonia High School.

Builder Second Class Stephen Koss, USN, husband of the former Miss Alice Tower of Lowell, is serving with U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 in Vietnam.

He is working on a detachment at Cam Ranh Bay. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion is presently in its third Vietnam deployment. It is home based in Danang South Vietnam.

Rail Author to Speak

Dr. Willis Dunbar of Western Michigan University will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the West Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Dr. Dunbar, who has written several books on various phases of Michigan History, has just completed the first comprehensive history of Michigan railroading entitled, "ALL ABOARD, A History of Railroads in Michigan." This book, which was just released by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company of Grand Rapids, has already received many favorable reviews.

Copies of the book will be on sale at the meeting and Dr. Dunbar will personally autograph each copy that is purchased. Dr. Dunbar will speak on the subject, "Railroads of Western Michigan." All interested railfans and students of history are especially invited to attend this meeting which will be open to the general public.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Bissell, Inc., 2345 Walker Rd NW.

Fill Two Positions

Amway Corp., Ada, has appointed A. S. (Tony) Duque to the new post of manager of meetings and travel. Duque will correlate meeting content and presentations for field trips, the International convention, and distribution seminars.

"The firm also has promoted James H. O'Neill to manager of copy and communications. He will be responsible for all house organs, employe and distributor communications, brochures, slides and movie presentations and speeches.

KENT GIRL PLACES IN LIVESTOCK SHOW

Kathy Blume, a member of East Kent Beef Club, was the only beef exhibitor from Kent County to go to the Detroit Junior Livestock Show. Her steer was judged second best of 21 head in the Summer Yearling class. She placed 5th in Showmanship out of a class of 60 contestants.

The top Herdmen Award, out of 22 counties, went to Kent County.

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City of Lowell Council Proceedings

Regular meeting, Monday evening, November 17, 1969 in the council room of the city hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Herbert M. Reynolds at 8 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Councilman Anderson, Jeffries, Mrs. Myers, Reynolds.

Absent: Mayor Wittenbach.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Jeffries, supported by Mrs. Myers, that the minutes of the November 3, 1969 meeting be approved as presented and the reading waived.

Yes: Jeffries, Reynolds, Mrs. Myers, Anderson.

No: None.

The City Clerk read the following list of deposits which had been made since the last regular meeting:

General Fund \$58,235.51

Cemetery Fund 100.00

Water Fund 2,559.90

Sewer Fund 225.00

The following lists of bills payable had been sent to the Councilman with the agenda and therefore were not read:

General Fund \$25,837.89

Street Fund 1,109.94

Sewerage Fund 717.04

Water Fund 2,192.50

*Street bills were paid from Major and Local Funds; see invoices for breakdown.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from a "concerned citizen" of Lansing, Michigan urging City of Lowell participation in the campaign to start use of proposed emergency number "911". Manager Bacon will procure more information and return it to Council.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bid on Police Cruiser. Bids were opened publicly in the office of the Manager, as advertised, in the afternoon of November 17. These bids were on the 4-barrel carburetor model. Only two bids were received, the low one was in amount of \$1,990.00 from McQueen Motors for a Plymouth cruiser, as specified. The Manager recommended acceptance of the low bid. (See MOTIONS)

2. Manager Bacon reported he had secured a figure of \$11,198 from Dykema Construction for installation of proposed sewer main in Foreman Road but he estimated it could be done by city forces for approximately \$7,462.00. He recommended waiting until spring and doing it by city forces.

Robert Rittenger, on the Foreman Road special assessment roll for aforementioned sewer, objected to others paying for the corner lot owned by Fred Beachler. The Manager explained that said corner lot had previously been specially assessed for sewer and owner would have no benefit to be gained and therefore could not be assessed again. It was explained that everyone on the roll, including the owner, was being assessed a portion of the cost, although the Manager stated the cost for this lot could be assumed by the City. M. W. Briggs, also on the special assessment district, expressed satisfaction with the arrangement.

Councilman Jeffries expressed objection to the City's assuming any cost of the additional lot, since it had already been burdened with the entire cost of the Lowell Public School's share. He added that the School was shirking its duty in refusing to pay its share of the sewer main installation.

No further action was taken and the roll was not altered from the revised roll confirmed by Council on October 21, 1969.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of proposal to purchase a 15'x18' motor boat loaned to the Police Department by Chief Berntson. Manager Bacon stated it would no longer be necessary to make such purchase because a local citizen, who wishes to remain anonymous, had given a 12-foot aluminum boat and trailer, together with a 5 1/2 hp. motor to the City for use by the Police Department.

2. Request of Light and Power Board that the City Council enter into a contract with Consumers Power Company which would place the Light and Power in a more favorable position with respect to purchase of gas from Consumers. Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign the contract. (See MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS)

3. Request of Jean Stiles, Bowers Road, for a statement from the Council conforming that a kenneled license at her place of residence would not be in violation of local ordinances. (See RESOLUTIONS)

4. Continued membership in the Grand River Watershed Council was recommended by the Manager; concurrence by the Council was given and membership dues authorized.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Anderson, supported by Jeffries, that the bills payable, copies of which had been sent to the Council members, be and the same are approved and warrants authorized for payment.

Yes: Councilman Anderson, Mrs. Myers, Jeffries, Reynolds.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Anderson, supported by Mrs. Myers, that the low bid of \$1,990.00 (one thousand nine hundred ninety and 00/100) for a 1970 Plymouth 4-barrel carburetor police cruiser be accepted, since all specifications have been met and the Manager recommends acceptance of low bid.

Yes: Councilman Anderson, Reynolds, Mrs. Myers, Jeffries.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Myers, supported by Anderson, that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS a tragic drowning occurred in the Grand River in the City of Lowell on November 8, 1969; and

WHEREAS an intensive recovery operation was begun immediately; and

WHEREAS several police, fire and volunteer reserve groups and individuals gave valuable assistance to the Lowell Police Department during the operation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lowell do hereby commend the Lowell City Police Department, Kent County Sheriff's Department Marine Division, the Special Emergency Rescue Team, City of Belding Police and Fire Departments, Lowell Police Reserve, Lowell Fire Department, Leonard Jackson, William Elison, Mrs. William Wierenga and many other helpful individuals for the early recovery of the body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the aforementioned agencies and individuals.

Yes: Councilman Mrs. Myers, Anderson, Reynolds, Jeffries.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Anderson, supported by Mrs. Myers, that the following resolution be and hereby is adopted:

RESOLVED that it is hereby deemed advisable to enter into a contract with Consumers Power Company, of Jackson, Michigan, for furnishing gas service to the City of Lowell for a period of one year; and thereafter from month to month, in accordance with the terms of the contract heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council; and

RESOLVED further that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City, upon final approval by Lowell Light and Power Board.

Yes: Anderson, Mrs. Myers, Jeffries, Reynolds.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Anderson, supported by

Mrs. Myers, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to sign and send to the County Treasurer a statement approving of such issuance by the County.

Yes: Councilman Jeffries, Reynolds, Mrs. Myers, Anderson.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilwoman Myers, supported by Anderson, that membership in the Michigan Grand River Watershed Council by the City of Lowell be continued and the Clerk authorized to remit for dues for the year July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970.

Yes: Mrs. Myers, Anderson, Reynolds, Jeffries.

No: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilman Jeffries, supported by Mrs. Myers, that Council accept and approve the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 1969, as presented by John Geering of Alexander Grant & Company.

Yes: Jeffries, Mrs. Myers, Reynolds, Anderson.

No: None.

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1. Attendance at Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement Annual Meeting October 23, 1969.

2. The matter of obtaining title to the Y.M.C.A. to the swimming pool property has been presented to Chester Hall of the "Y" management office. A report will be made later.

3. The matter of "compensatory" time for Police Chief Block has been reviewed and denied.

4. Preliminary descriptions for an industrial road have been obtained. Discussions of right-of-way needed between Broadway and Water Streets will begin tomorrow.

5. The City Attorney has been requested to draw the necessary Resolution for annexation of the water well property purchased from Benjamin Gratz in Lowell Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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LEGAL VOICES

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Want to Call Vietnam at Christmas? Plan Ahead!

Local residents were advised today by Michigan Bell Telephone Company to plan ahead if they wish to talk during the coming holiday season to relatives or friends stationed in Vietnam.

"It is generally easier for a serviceman to call home than for his family to try reaching him in Vietnam," said Robert L. Thole, manager here for the company. "And to avoid disappointments, servicemen are encouraged to notify their families in advance if they expect to telephone home, particularly during the holidays."

More than 42,000 calls were completed between the United States and Vietnam last year. Most of the calls were made from Vietnam rather than the U. S. because of the difficulty in locating servicemen when calls come in from the States, Thole said.

"The heavy concentration of so many troops in a small country at war creates some real communications problems," he added. "Service is still not what we would like it to be but it has been improved substantially in recent years."

Travel restrictions and curfews in Saigon complicate the task of locating servicemen to take telephone calls. For this reason, when a call is made to Saigon it is important for the caller to have the serviceman's unit, his APO number and, if possible, a telephone number where he can be reached.

Until 1967, servicemen could call home only from Saigon. Calls now can be placed from hospitals and bases in Ton Son Nhut, Long Binh, Cam Ranh Bay, Nha Trang, Qui Nhon and Da Nang.

E. S. Callers, however, can reach only telephones in Saigon and the immediate vicinity.

The speed of handling a call to Vietnam depends on the volume of calls pending at the time and the availability of the servicemen in Vietnam. Calls between the U. S. and Vietnam average about 350 a day, but this figure is expected to increase during the holiday season.

Calls originating in Vietnam are handled "first come, first served" at various telephone centers operated for servicemen. But when a serviceman does get to a telephone, it is usually just a few minutes before his call is completed to the States. Saigon is 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

In 1965, communications facilities in Vietnam permitted the completion of only 30 calls a day between the two countries. Two commercial high frequency radio circuits were operated four hours a day.

There are now 10 circuits available for Vietnam service, and these are generally open 12 to 15 hours a day. The circuits go by ocean cable or satellite to Hong Kong and the rest of the way by high frequency radio. The calling hours are not continuous because radio circuits between Saigon and Hong Kong are subject to interference several hours a day.

The first three minutes of a station-to-station call to Vietnam is \$9. A person-to-person call costs \$12 for the first three minutes. Additional minute rates for both station and person calls is \$3.

THE MERGER TREND

Three old-time traffic safety organizations—the National Highway Users Conference, the Automotive Safety Foundation and the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee—have completed agreements to merge next January into the Highway Users Federation of Safety and Mobility. Initial financial support will come from some 600 industries, businesses and highway user organizations now funding the three groups.

The organization will continue to be based in Washington, the headquarters and field staffs will be combined.

GOOD TRICK, BY GULL-Y!

This may be strictly for the birds, but a bird trainer has contacted officials of the Alaska offering to instruct seagulls in patrolling oil pipelines to spot leaks from the air and somehow activate radio transmitters to signal repair crews.

Servicemen's Christmas Mailing List

As a service for the readers of the LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE and to insure more Christmas mail for the local men in the service, for the next few editions we will be printing our annual Servicemen's Christmas mailing list.

If you want your serviceman's name and address listed for the benefit of his friends and relatives, drop it off at the office, 105 North Broadway, Lowell, or mail it to us at Box 128, Lowell, Sorry, we cannot accept phone calls.

Sgt. Thomas A. Bishop, AF 16879580, 7th FTS, FMR., Box 2287, Halloman AFB, New Mexico, 88330.

Pfc. Frederick A. Blaser, 2518724 Hdg. Co., 1st Marine Regt., Security Platoon, FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602.

S. Sgt. Lawrence Conley, 374-542827, B. Btry, 2nd Bn. 4th Field Arty., 9th Infantry Division, A.P.O. San Francisco, California 96371.

WO Donald L. Dawson, W 283405759, Det. F (Prov) KMAG APO San Francisco, CA 96259.

Pvt. Robert A. Fraz, 25759141, 20-D Troop RTC, BIT 2nd Bn. 1st Airborne Div., Ft. Ord, California, 92055.

Airman Clarence H. Fisher, CMR Box 2227, Warner-Robins AFB, Georgia, 31093.

Pfc. T. C. Fonger, 366-54-8136, HHC 2nd Bn., 501st Inf., 101st Abn. Div. APO, San Francisco, California 96383.

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Ronald Kelley, 374-58-1238, HHC 94th Engr. Bn., APO, New York, New York, 09601.

Ken Papp, MM3, B55-30-1, USS George K. McKenzie, DD 836, c/o FPO, San Francisco, California, 96601.

Pvt. Roger D. Powers Jr., 1614722 Pfc. 1186, MCRD, San Diego, California, 92140.

S/Sgt. Raymond Ramsdell, P.O. Box 461, Fort Jones, California, 96032.

Spl/4 Melvin Rogers, 380-46-2737, Data Service Center KP A.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96384.

SSGT Steven C. Roth, CMR Box 1934, Charleston AFB, South Carolina 29044.

Sgt. Victor Stanley, 363-52-3476, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, A.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 97225.

Sgt. Daniel L. Steele, 26901 SW 177th Avenue, Homestead, Florida, 33030.

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Pleasant Valley

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark and family entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bruyette and sister and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldfarn and family of Ionia on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mrs. Bert Blank were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray, Mrs. Beatrice Stahl and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flowers Jr. and three daughters, Denise, Deana and Debra of Clarksville, Tom Gray and friend, Linda Ten Brink of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erb and family, Colin, Dee Lyn and Rachelle of West Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Erb of Freeport. It was on Mrs. Stahl's birthday and all enjoyed a game dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn August and family of Mattawan were guests of their parents, the Gerald August's of Lake Odessa, over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend and were Friday supper guests of Carolyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Erb at Freeport. Grandma, Mrs. Bert Blank, was a guest with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abels enjoyed the Wednesday performance of Holiday on Ice at the Civic Auditorium.

Mrs. Maude Ward of near Lake City, who has been here for a few weeks visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Miller, has returned home.

L.J. Mote and daughters, Linda and Beverly of Nash Rd. and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller and Mrs. Martha Mahler and three children of Zeeland were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seleg, Mrs. Mae Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brooks of Clarksville were Thanksgiving Day guests of the Donald Stahl family.

S. W. Bowne

Mrs. L. T. Anderson

The Austin Bowman family of Martin, Galien was home from MSJ. Terry Leonard and June Bowman of Grand Rapids were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowman.

Charles Howard and family of Detroit spent the last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard.

Recent guests at the Leon Anderson home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Houseman of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Finkbeiner and mother, Mrs. Josephine Anderson of Hastings, the Roger Pitsch and Claire Anderson families.

Friends here extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Finkbeiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowman attended the open house for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yeater in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

Mrs. Roger Pitsch took her mother, Mrs. Leon Anderson to Grand Rapids Friday shopping. Janice stayed with grandpa.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Anderson attended the 50th wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Belgraph at Caledonia Sunday afternoon.

Nickie Pitsch called on his grandparents, the Leon Andersons, Sunday before returning to his duties at M.S.U.



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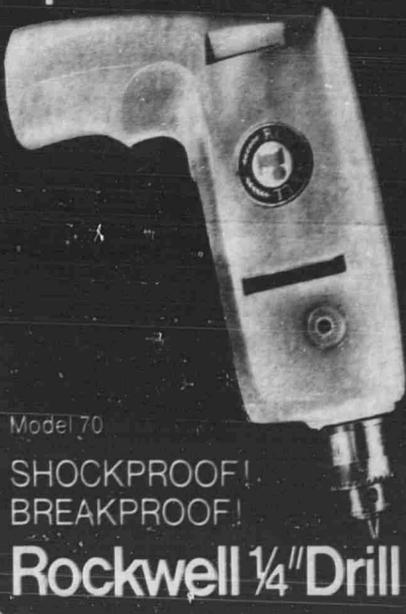
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VA Benefits Available

Veterans widows were reminded today that if they have a limited income they may be eligible for a Veterans Administration pension.

Under current law, according to Robert M. FitzGerald, regional office manager of the VA in Detroit, qualified widows of wartime veterans who have died of causes not related to their service are eligible if their income is no more than \$2,000 if they have no children, and no more than \$3,200 if they do.

If a widow does not qualify for a pension because of a higher income or because she remarries, her children may still be eligible to receive pensions.

Pensions are based on need, FitzGerald explained. Compensation is paid to the survivors of veterans who die of service-connected causes, and the income of the survivor has no bearing on eligibility or the amount paid.

Persons seeking further information were urged to contact their nearest VA office.

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Mrs. Iva McIntyre

Mrs. Mildred Potter, Mrs. Vera Rulson, Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Potter and son of Alto were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens, Mrs. Iva McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stevens were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boerema at Wyoming.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kinyon were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinyon and family of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. John Dekoh and children of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Myers and children of Plainwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinyon and family.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stevens were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stevens of Bourbonnais, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Fletcher and family of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boerema of Wyoming and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stevens of Cedar Springs and Iva McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith of Mishawaka, Ind. spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zoodma spent last week with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephen and family at Marion, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Overholt and son Paul and Mrs. Sabie Baker spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overholt at Grand Rapids.

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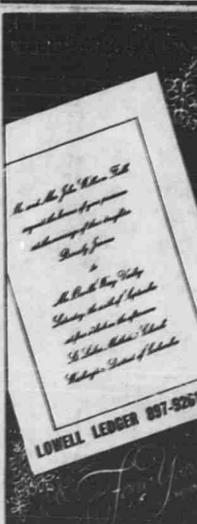
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Snow Area

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Antonides entertained Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Antonides and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Daverman and children for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pesoyan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller and sons of Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaler and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Don Post.

Mrs. Alice Reynolds spent from Tuesday until Thursday with Mrs. Bessie Dennett of Cascade and attended the Golden Algers dinner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bertran called on Mr. and Mrs. David Theule Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shaffer of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Thomet of Alto were afternoon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaler.

Danny Dulaney of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mark and Kevin Blanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and family of Sanford spent the weekend with the Seymour and Clifford Dalsira families.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blanding and children of Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rydener and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Baker of Charlotte were Thanksgiving Day guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Baker.

Mrs. Merle Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Tom Alrich of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding Thursday afternoon.

VFW Schedules Forum

A question and answer forum regarding benefits to veterans of all wars and their survivors is scheduled for this Thursday evening (December 4) at 8 o'clock at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lowell.

A representative will be on hand to explain pensions, student problems, tax exemptions, hospital problems and additional benefits available under various veterans bills.

Refreshments will follow the meeting, to which the public is invited.

Coming Events

The Evening Club will meet December 9, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold Ball.

The annual Christmas program sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Lowell will be held December 10, 8 p.m. in the education building.

The Alton Ladies Aid will meet Thursday, December 11, at the home of Evelyn Briggs, Gee Drive, Lowell. There will be a Christmas gift exchange.

Snow Community 4-H Club meeting Thursday, December 4, at 8 p.m. at Mrs. Martin Johnsons. We will have sewing, knitting and creative arts this winter. For information call 897-8194.

The annual meeting of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F&AM will be held on Tuesday, December 9. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. Regular meeting and election of officers will start at 7:30 p.m. Open installation for wives and guests will follow.

The Lowell Woman's Club will meet in the club rooms December 10 at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Robert Chrouh will present a program on Christmas around the world.

Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will meet in the home of Miss Ruth M. Bennett, Covell Road, N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Co-hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Al L. Kondracki.

The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, December 4, at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m., the Orchard View Parent-Teacher Club is presenting a "Fun Night" for parents and children. The feature attraction will be "Droopy the Clown." Christmas carols will be sung and refreshments will be served.

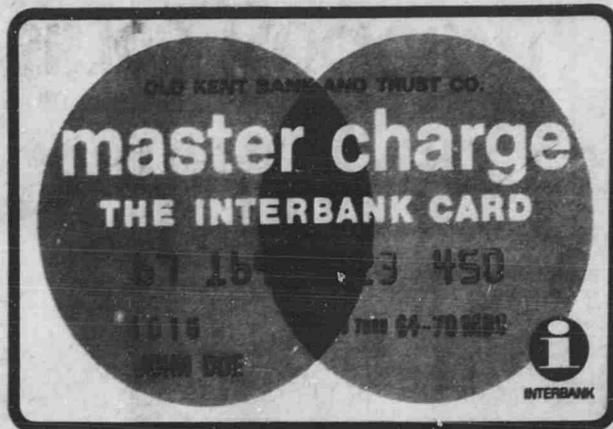
POLICE OBJECT TO COLOR CHOICE

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police has objected to Secretary of State James M. Hare's decision to make the 1970-71 Michigan automobile license plate colors white numerals on a gold background, especially since they may be used more than one year. The Police Chiefs contended the color combination will prevent easy identification of vehicles.

MACP President, Chief Dean A. Fox of Kalamazoo said Hare's policy of "complimenting" various Michigan universities and colleges by selecting their colors for annual plates needed to be shifted to a "more realistic approach."

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