

Councilman Opposed to Sewer

Gow G. Ramjeet, secretary-treasurer, of the Cumberland Leisure Estates, Inc., which operates a mobile home complex on M-21 at Cumberland, Lowell Township, has requested that Lowell council members meet with officers of his company.

Purpose of the meeting, Ramjeet said, would be to obtain council approval to use the Lowell sewer lines at the west end of the city as an outlet for sewage from the mobile homes.

Losing no time in voicing his objection to meeting with the Leisure Estates representatives, Councilman Harold J. Jefferies declared:

"I want no part of such a meeting: I am opposed to their using our sewers, especially as this is a private development and entirely outside of our city."

Jefferies said trailer parks contribute very little toward paying taxes for schools, or for police and fire services.

But Mayor Arnold Wittenbach and council members Herb Reynolds, Carlen Anderson and Mrs. Virginia Myers agreed to a "private, unofficial meeting" and set an early January date for the session.

"I won't be there," Jefferies said. "But if there's a vote, put me down as voting 'No.'"

Said Councilman Anderson: "The west side of town is growing fast and additional sewer lines will have to be laid out there. Besides we can get help and engineering advice from the Kent County Drain office and Health departments so let's find out just what can be done."

Father, Son Charged in Bean Theft

Two men, a father and son, who allegedly broke into the J. P. Burroughs & Son Elevator warehouse at 110 S. Hudson on December and stole eight 100-pound bags of kidney beans, have been apprehended by Lowell police.

Arrested were Elzie Williams, 40, of Six Mile Rd., Remus, in Mecosta County, and Elzie K. Williams, 19, of 221 S. Division, Lowell.

A series of related clues led the officers to the Remus address.

One officer noted a truck parked at a late hour in a downtown lot. Later the same truck was observed going north on Hudson. Further investigation revealed that the truck belonged to the elder Williams at the Remus address.

When the theft was reported to headquarters on Monday, December 9, officers journeyed to Williams' home in Remus. There they found the loot in an upper room.

Both were taken into custody and lodged in Kent County jail.

Appearing Monday before District Judge Edward Kehoe at Rockford, the Williams demanded examination, and were released on \$500 bond each.

A male juvenile also has been arrested in connection with the case, police report.

Probe Death

Kent County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the death of a 17-year-old Lowell High School student late Tuesday.

Dead of apparent self-inflicted gunshot wounds is Thomas Helmer, whose body was discovered by members of his family behind a barn near the Helmer residence at 11508 74th Street SE, Alto.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Roth Funeral Home in Lowell.

The case is under investigation by Detective Phil Heffron and Deputy Gene Davis

NEW FIRE NUMBER!

Residents of the City of Lowell, Vergennes Township, and Lowell Township, were notified today by Fire Chief Frank Baker that the phone number for fire calls is now 451-2911.

Phone stickers may be obtained at city hall.

Sign up for a Free Christmas Centerpiece. Rosie Drive Inn. c36-7

Holiday Issue Deadlines

Copy deadlines have been advanced for the holiday issues of the LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE

All news copy including church, society and school news and correspondence for both issues must be in our office by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 18th. The picture deadline is 3 p.m. on that day.

Coming Events for both issues will be taken until noon on the 20th of December.

Want ads scheduled for either or both issues may be placed in until noon on Monday, December 22nd. All display advertising must be in our office by 10 a.m. on Monday, December 22nd.

Your cooperation during this busy holiday season is greatly appreciated.

The LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE office will be closed from December 24th until January 3.

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Educational Reform Proposal Has Far-Reaching Effects

(Part Two of Series) BY AL HEEMSTRA

Let's take a look at the effect the governor's educational reform proposals would have on Mr. Jones, our typical taxpayer who owns a home with an assessed value of \$10,000.

Mr. Jones, living in a Cascade Township school district where the tax rate per thousand of assessed value is \$39.75, has a total property tax of \$397.50.

Consisting of a series of far-reaching proposals, the governor's school reform plan would radically increase state responsibility for elementary-secondary education. The entire program, however, rests on two important financial aspects: a

more uniform distribution of school operating funds and a shift to the state level of the burden of collecting the tax revenues to be used for school operations. We treat the latter in this article.

A state property tax of 16 mills (\$16 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) is suggested as a substitute for all local taxes used for school operating purposes. Mr. Jones' current school tax includes 22 mills (\$22.00 per thousand of state equalized value). Thus if the proposed constitutional amendment were law at this time, Mr. Jones would have an immediate savings of 6 mills on his current tax. Instead of a \$397.50 property tax, his bill would be closer to \$250.00.

The accompanying chart shows a dis-

tribution of Mr. Jones property tax for the current year. Note that the \$395.75 tax gives the local schools \$220.00 for operating and \$82.00 for debt service (building programs, etc.).

It is proposed since no school operating revenue will be raised at the local level that the constitutional limit of 15 mills of property tax be lowered to 7 mills. This is the limit of mills (dollars per thousand of value) which can be raised and allocated without being voted upon by the people.

In the case of Mr. Jones, his school operating tax of \$220.00 has \$90.00 allocated and \$130.00 extra voted by the electors.

The 7 mill limitation will then apply to local property tax which would affect only the costs of county and township governments, the entire tax for school operating having been shifted to the state levy.

The 8.2 mills for school debt retirement previously voted would remain a local property tax levy.

We can see that a 7 mill limit for combined county-township operating would leave a small margin for increase in local property tax without being extra voted. We can safely assume with budget pressures at the local level, the allocated millage for these units would rise to the 7 mill limitation.

There remains one other important point as concerns property taxes and the school reform program.

The governor's plan proposes that the state property tax shall be in lieu of all other property tax for school operating purposes "except such additional taxes as school districts may be authorized to levy upon such conditions and at such rates as shall be provided by law."

To furnish a way to raise such additional school tax there is planned to adopt a "local school district millage equalization act." This would authorize the voters to approve up to 3 mills of added levy for "enrichment programs" augmented by a state fund-matching program within certain prescribed limits.

We conclude that the state property

Mr. Jones' '69 Property Tax, Distributed

	Combined City-Twp	Township Fire Equip.	Int. Schools	School Operating	School Debt	Total
Allocated	59.00		1.00	90.00		150.00
Extra voted	11.30	10.00	14.20	130.00	82.00	247.50
Total	70.30	10.00	15.20	220.00	82.00	397.50

Audit Report Favorable

The 1968-69 audit report on the financial condition of the City of Lowell, as submitted by the accountant firm of Alexander Grant & Co., Grand Rapids, is in the hands of the mayor and city councilmen.

It shows the city to be in financially good shape.

During the city's last fiscal year, revenues totaled \$814,852.46, as against expenditures of \$762,203.21.

Revenues which went into the general fund included the sum of \$113,653.80 from property taxes; Light and Power payment in lieu of taxes, \$15,324.12; sales tax, \$28,529; State income tax, \$8,322.15; fines, \$9,103.67.

Also cemetery income plus interest, \$6,474.39; Transfer from Lee fund, \$9,602.08; building permits, \$1,004; from townships for fire protection, \$1,019; and \$1,300, from liquor tax.

Expenditures paid out of general fund included \$20,514 for city officers; cemetery \$6,066; police department, \$34,750; fire department, \$9,355; sanitation \$12,170; and \$29,186 for other city expenditures.

The street fund showed revenues of \$48,967; as against \$68,900 for expenditures.

The water revenues totaled \$46,455, with expenditures listed at \$44,741; sewer fund revenues were \$48,459, with expendi-

tures given as \$49,825; revenues for water and sewer site funds totaled \$5,748 as against \$4,686 for expenses.

Light and Power revenues were \$387,180, with expenditures amounting to \$344,900; storm sewer fund amounted to \$17,750, with no expenditures for the fiscal year.

It's been several weeks since the Smithy sat down with enough time (and space to fill) for a column.

Before everyone stands up, let it be said that we know there are those among you who are inclined to say "so what" or "who cares" or other expressions perhaps not quite so delicate!

Naturally, we also hope that membership in this particular fraternity is limited. Like good old Tricky Dick in Washington, we believe that the "silent majority" is behind us all the way.

You won't mind, will you, if I don't turn my back?

But enough of that nonsense. You may remember that we made a wager with Patt that there would be no measurable snow before Christmas and that the girls in the office would have a Christmas tree if I was wrong.

One of those who took note was Bob Ellis, who raises trees for the commercial marketplace and who, in addition, serves as assistant postmaster in Lowell.

Well, Bob just couldn't wait to get in on the act! That snow was barely on the ground when he came with a tree. Earlier this week, despite my protestations, it was suitably draped in tinsel and trimming.

And here I sit with egg on my chin. Next time I see Buck Mathews, I'm going to remind him how he personally spoiled my entire holiday!

SOS: The annual Cascade Operation Santa Claus needs funds if it is to meet this year's goal of distributing some \$1,500 in much-needed items to needy in the area.

Call Mrs. Ralph Schurtz at 676-1807 if you can help.

Borrowing from the commercial of a well-known product, the Old Sage (better known as Fred Phelps) said of Lowell's water:

"There's more iron in it than there is in a pound of calves liver!"

Back before Thanksgiving, I vowed I would do nothing more than sit and watch football on TV... and enjoy a little peace and quiet.

Well, I didn't count on Good Friend Wife and her social calendar. Or on the fact we would have a houseful of company (I'm still not sure who everybody was) the entire weekend.

No repeat of this over Christmas, believe me. I may have to take the TV set out to the garage, but I'm going to relax and watch all the bowl games.

Especially the Big Blue in Pasadena.

Just in case things get too hectic next week... have a happy holiday!

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL - Wow-Burgers, 59c. Rosie Drive-Inn. c-37

PUBLIC NOTICE - Dog calls in Lowell, effective at once, will be made weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be no calls made Saturdays and Sundays. Telephone 897-7123. Wayne Hoag, Dog Warden. c-37



Proudly surveying some of her favorites from her collection of decoupage items, Mrs. Alice Bauer notes the popularity of this craft.

Revive Ancient Art Craft

BY ALGENE FEUERSTEIN

A snip of the scissors, a bit of paste... and a lot of patience. Those are the principal ingredients needed for the ancient art of decoupage currently enjoying a revival among handicraft enthusiasts of the nation.

A local expert, Mrs. Alice Bauer of 369 Flat River Drive SE in Lowell, became interested in this process when her daughters received a small decoupage kit for Christmas. "There's nothing difficult about it," she said, "it is an extremely simple process, but it does take time."

Mrs. Bauer went on to explain that beautiful gift and household items can be created from old trays, odd pieces of wood, antique coffee pots or almost anything else you might have around the house. Pictures from magazines, photographs, stamps or foreign money can be used singly or in combination for projects.

"You choose a picture or group of pictures you like," she continued, "cut it out and paste in place on the item you wish to beautify. Now you are ready to coat the picture with decoupage finish... 12 coats the first day, sanding down after every few coats. The next two days you do four or five more coats of finish each day. This builds up a beautiful high gloss finish. That's all there is to it."

Varnish or shellac may also be used, but regular decoupage finish dries much faster.

Mrs. Bauer has made some advanced decoupage pieces on a variety of surfaces including glass, which is rarely done.

A thoroughly creative person, Mrs. Bauer is fast gaining recognition as a fine artist. Working with oils, pastels, charcoal and water colors, she has won several outstanding prizes at area art shows, and many of her pictures have been sold as a result of these displays. She is also an expert at painting

on China insofar as her painting ability is concerned.

A "late-bloomer" she developed an intense interest in things artistic when she took a sketching class at the Lowell YMCA. Her latent talent developed quickly and has given Mrs. Bauer and her family many hours of pleasure. Mrs. Bauer is currently teaching art in the Saranac High School's adult education classes, due to resume after the holidays.

Even though her art projects keep her busy, she still finds time for her family which consists of husband Steve and daughters Susan, Sharon and Ann Marie.

Tax Collection No Simple Job!

Every year the treasurer of Ada Township, Neal VanderPeerle, pushed together a number of long tables in the basement of his home and began work on the huge tax records.

Every year his wife Florence disappeared from her kitchen and joined him in this arduous task.

Now Mrs. VanderPeerle's part in the effort has been recognized. She was recently appointed as deputy treasurer and bonded, just as is her husband. She continues to do the same work, but now has a title.

When the average tax payer receives that flimsy pink slip with the seemingly large numbers, he seldom thinks of the actual effort needed to produce it.

In fact, townships are among the last of government units that do this kind of work so painstakingly.

Some treasurers still fill in the figures by hand. Ada Township has provided its personnel with a statement machine, but each statement must be made individually and in triplicate.

And that's only the beginning. Each envelope has to be addressed, and stuffed with tax sheet, dog license form, and a copy of the tax spread. Each must remain open until all forms are completed. This last is because it is possible that as the VanderPeerle's go on through the list of taxable properties, they will come across another piece owned by someone whose

envelope has already been processed. Now they must add to this envelope another pink sheet.

All of this causes piles of books, forms, sheets, envelopes, machines, pencils and pens.

After everything is mailed, another process takes over. The treasurer must begin to collect the monies for the taxes.

VanderPeerle expects to be at the Ada Township Hall every Friday for the next six weeks in order to receive tax payments.

All of this process is well understood by Florence VanderPeerle and she now sits in for her husband whenever necessary. Thus he is able to handle other township problems and she is rewarded for the many years help she has given.



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY - Preparation of tax statements keeps municipal officials busy at this time of the year... and the Neal VanderPeerles of Ada Township are no exception. Mrs. VanderPeerle was recently sworn in to serve as deputy treasurer to her husband. They are now here assembling tax material for distribution.

Charge Auto Theft

Lowell police today had apprehended a 47-year-old Hudsonville man who took off with a car belonging to Wittenbach Sales and Service last August 8.

Advised by Lima (O.) police that the man, Truman Lay, had been picked up in their city, Sgt. James Hutson obtained a warrant from District Judge Joseph White on charges of larceny by conversion.

On learning that Lay would waive extradition to Michigan, Sgt. Hutson, in company of Kent County Sheriff Detective Richard Williams, arrested the man in the Ohio City.

Taken before District Judge Edward Kehoe on the larceny charge, Lay demanded examination, which was set for December 19.

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Who is this lady?



- A. Little Orphan Annie
- B. The Jolly Green Giantess
- C. Miss Liberty
- D. Mae West

If you picked anything other than C, well, you're in a whole lot of trouble. Sure, you probably picked the Statue of Liberty. Everybody knows who she is and what she stands for. Do they? It's amazing how many of us take this round lady of the New York Harbor for granted. We should know that her proper name is "Liberty Enlightening the World." That she symbolizes the triumph of freedom over tyranny. That she is a declaration of our independence. Of course, we need more than statues to remind us of our freedom. We need action by each and every one of us. And that's where U.S. Savings Bonds come in. They help preserve that thing called freedom.

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Electronic Wheel Lock System

An ingenious electronic wheel lock control system will be offered as an option on Oldsmobile's Toronado beginning February 1, it was announced today by John B. Beltz, the division's general manager. "This important development," he explained, "automatically pumps the rear brakes, much like an expert driver would do to prevent the wheels from locking in any abrupt braking maneuver. The system is designed to bring the car to a straight-line stop in a minimum distance on any type of road surface, from glare ice to dry concrete." Beltz said Oldsmobile will merchandise the system, designed by GM, under the name "True-Track Braking" and will designate it as Toronado option J19.

State Jobs Available

The opening of several new jobs with the State of Michigan was announced today by State Rep. Stanley M. Powell (R-Ionia). The state needs photographers, fingerprint clerks, rehabilitation workers and supervisors, and institutional examiners. Applications for all of these jobs must be received by the Department of Civil Service, Lewis Cass Bldg., Lansing, no later than Dec. 22.

Cancel Tours for Holidays

Public tours of Oldsmobile's main manufacturing plant will be temporarily discontinued beginning Wednesday, December 24, due to the Christmas holidays, announced J. P. White, the division's director of public relations. The tours will resume Monday, January 5, White said. The tours are conducted at 9:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays except holidays. Groups are asked to make reservations in advance by telephoning Oldsmobile's public relations office, 373-5660.

EVERYONE'S DRIVING MORE MILES

The Michigan Highway Department estimates that motorists drove 6.5 percent more miles during the summer months of June, July and August than last year. Travel was up 4.7 percent in June, 5.9 percent in July and 8.4 percent in August. Through August, state highway travel was up 7.3 percent over 1968.

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SEASON GREETING - Each year, the community billboard in Lowell carries a Yuletide message sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The sign greets visitors to the city in the East Main Street parking lot.

Hydro Plant Sale Given Official OK

A go-ahead signal to sell its hydro plant was given to the City Council Monday night by the Lowell Light and Power board of directors.

As a result, hydro will be given nationwide attention, as the council authorized City Clerk Laura Shepard to advertise for bids. The city solons specified that the Wall Street Journal be used for space to carry the message in all of its editions.

Leading newspapers and magazines in Michigan also should be used in efforts to obtain bids for the Flat River property, the councilmen said.

Another order of business at the meeting was approval of increased prices for space and internet in the city-owned Oakwood Cemetery.

As of January 1, 1970, single grave lots will be \$75. Plots of four or more will go up to \$60 for each lot. Interment costs will be \$75, with an added price of \$15 on Saturdays. Use of the cemetery is generally not allowed on Sundays or holidays. However, if request is made for use on these days, the rate will be double the weekly rate.

In other action, council instructed consulting engineers to make a preliminary study of the added facilities required to remove phosphate from the city's waste water system, and Voted to appoint a member of the Board of Review at its first session in January.

Use Helicopter to Assist Local Police Agencies

Lowell Police and Kent County Sheriff Departments are being given an added assist these days from the Michigan State Police.

Periodic flights over M-21, I-96, and M-91 are being made by troopers in a 5-passenger turbine-powered helicopter, which has a cruising speed of 125 mph. Prime purpose of the helicopter service is to assist in traffic control of the major highways, but when required the helicopter will be pressed into service in handling highway crashes and assisting accident victims. The chopper was purchased with a federal grant. Other helicopter units will be added as the need requires, Michigan State Police officials said.

Cite Negligence in Fatal Crash

A charge of negligent homicide, 47, of Rockford, in the traffic death of his passenger, Walter H. Crow, 63, of Rt. 1, Lowell, which occurred on October 11 at the C&O crossing on McPherson Road.

Appearing before Kent District Court Judge Edward J. Kehoe Jr., Zydowicz demanded examination on the charge, and was released on his own recognizance.

Rockford State Police reported that Zydowicz and Crow were driving in a pickup truck when the vehicle collided with a C&O engine at the Vergennes Township crossing.

Crow was instantly killed. Zydowicz was taken to Butterworth Hospital suffering from multiple injuries.

Locate Stolen Auto

A few hours after Lansing police put out a statewide bulletin giving the description of a car which had been stolen in the Capital city, Lowell police spotted the parked car on West Main.

The car was kept under surveillance. When Marjorie A. Tallent, 43, of Rt. 2, de-Lowell, appeared and stepped into the auto, she was blocked by the police cruiser. She was then taken to Kent County jail, where she was turned over to Lansing police officers.

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE, TRUCK
A garage fire Thursday at 6:35 p.m. at the home of Horace Weeks, 12325 McPherson Rd., could be seen for several miles. The garage and a truck inside were completely destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$3,000 by Fire Chief Frank Baker.

Attend Church this Sunday

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Seek MMPA Members
Three former members in the Lowell area of the Michigan Milk Producers Association have loan repayment checks coming, if the association can locate them. They are: R. A. Wittenbach and R. A. Ulrich, Route 2, Lowell, and Harold Aldrich, Route 1, Alto. The checks, which were mailed to them at these addresses, were returned by the Post Office.

With Our Servicemen

One of the Army badges that soldiers wear with special pride is the Combat Infantryman Badge. It was awarded to Private First Class Spencer C. Hall near Pleiku, Vietnam. Pfc. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol K. Hall, 224 E. Center Bldg., is assigned as a rifleman in Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. The CIB has been awarded since late in World War II for sustained ground contact against an enemy. He entered the Army in March 1959 and was stationed at Ft. Polk, La., before arriving overseas last August. The 20-year-old soldier is a 1967 graduate of World High School. The presentation was made Nov. 1. Machinist Mate Second Class Charles C. Perdok, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pieter Perdok of 6325 E. Fulton, Ada, served aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Belle Grove recently decommissioned from the Pacific Fleet. The Belle Grove, commissioned in 1943, began its service with participation in the Pacific campaigns of World War II, and ended with a cruise in support of Vietnam operations. It served in three fleets and was a veteran of five deployments in support of the Vietnamese War. Marine Private First Class Frederick J. Koster, son of Mr. Frederick J. Koster of 3208 Timpanon Ave., Lowell, is serving with the First Reconnaissance Battalion, First Marine Division in Vietnam. He assists other Marines of the battalion by infiltrating deep into enemy lines to gather intelligence data. While on patrol he may be required to call in and direct artillery and air strikes against enemy forces. Machinery Repairman Third Class Randall J. McClure, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McClure of 8120 60th St., Alto, is serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Grand Canyon at Naples, Italy. He recently took part in ceremonies aboard the ship to honor the Italian Armed Forces Day. The event was marked by a visit to the ship by the U. S. Secretary of the Navy, the honorable John H. Chaffee. Secretary Chaffee was in Naples to begin an inspection tour of U. S. Sixth Fleet units in the Mediterranean.

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Double Loss Jeopardizes Title Hopes for Arrows

Coach Jack Kempker and his Lowell High School basketball team went "back to the drawing boards" this week in an attempt to best up their badly-slagged offense.

The Red Arrows, victimized twice last week in Tri-River Conference action, lose out the 1969 portion of the campaign with a home encounter this Friday night against defending champion Rockford.

"We've reached the point of no return as far as contending for the championship," said Kempker following a 76-58 loss at Sparta last Friday.

The defeat followed a 50-41 setback at Greenville in which the Arrows shot a meager 28 percent from the floor.

Kempker noted that this team lacks the ability to break open close games in their favor. "A basket or two in the right place would have swung either or both games last week in our favor," he said.

The Arrows outshot Greenville by five baskets, but succumbed to the Jackets at the foul line when they were able to hit on just five of 18 tries while Greenville was making 24 of 41 penalty shots.

Lowell's ineffective foul shooting continued over into the Sparta game as the Red and White hardwooders canned six of 16 from the charity line.

However, the Spartans held a decided edge in field goals, 32-26, and broke the game wide open in the fourth quarter as they scorched the nets for 25 points to but 10 for the Arrows. Sparta's smaller, faster team took charge early in the game and ran up a 23-15 advantage in the opening quarter. Lowell found the range in the second quarter, however, and closed the gap to 33-32 at the intermission.

With Brent Havens and Terry Bayes leading the attack, Sparta moved in front by a 51-48 score in the third quarter and then competed to victory with the fourth-quarter blitz. Most of Lowell's 33 turnovers came in the late game.

Bob Blaauw led the winners with 16 points, followed by Havens with 15, Dan Kik with 14 and Bayes with 12. DeWitt topped Lowell with 16 points with Ted Hostedt adding 13 and Craig Wittenbach 12.

Hostedt continued his fine work on the boards, nailing down 16 rebounds to pace the Arrows in that department.

Hostedt also grabbed off 23 cars for a career high and Blair Cahoon hauled in 16 more against Greenville, but the Arrows were not able to take advantage of this backboard mastery.

DeWitt was top scorer with 14 points, but the junior guard turned in one of his worst shooting efforts with a six-for-28 mark from the field. Hostedt also was in double figures with 10 points.

Greenville, which followed with a 57-54 conquest of Rockford, struck out to leads of 11-6 and 29-16 at the first quarter and halftime marks, then managed to keep the Arrows in check through the final two stanzas.

LOWELL	FG	FT	PF	TP	LOWELL	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cahoon	2	0	4	6	Cahoon	4	1	4	9
Haywood	2	0	1	6	Foster	2	0	1	4
DeWitt	8	0	2	16	Senko	5	2	4	12
Wittenbach	6	0	1	12	Bedore	3	6	3	12
Hostedt	5	3	3	13	Hostedt	5	0	4	10
Roth	1	0	0	2	Haywood	0	4	0	2
Olsen	1	0	0	2	Olsen	0	1	2	7
Johnson	0	0	3	0	Callier	0	0	1	0
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SPARTA	FG	FT	PF	TP	GREENVILLE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Carter	3	1	4	7	Foster	2	0	1	4
Bayes	4	4	2	12	Senko	5	2	4	12
Havens	7	1	3	15	Bedore	3	6	3	12
Blaauw	5	6	1	16	Sutphen	0	0	4	0
Kik	7	0	0	14	VanHose	0	9	2	9
Burns	4	0	3	8	Jorgensen	0	3	2	3
Anderson	2	0	2	4	Griffith	3	4	2	10
Miras	0	0	1	0		13	24	18	50
	32	12	16	76	Lowell	6	10	9	16-41
Lowell	15	17	16	10-58	Greenville	11	18	8	13-50
Sparta	21	12	18	25-76					

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AIRBORNE ARROW—Guard Denny DeWitt leaps over the outstretched hands of Terry Bayes of Sparta to sink one of his eight baskets for the night. Lowell lost to the Spartans, 76-58, in Tri-River Conference game.

Mistakes Continue to Plague Rangers Hardwooders in Loss

A pair of encounters against top-rated Ottawa-Kent Red Division opponents this week were expected to give Coach Larry Wilson a better idea of just what might be forthcoming in 1970 for the Forest Hills High basketball team.

Wilson's charges met rugged West Ottawa at home Tuesday and will close out the pre-holiday schedule with a road game at Rogers this Friday. Results of Tuesday's game were not available at press time.

The Rangers dropped their second decision in as many starts this year when neighboring Kentwood handed them a 61-56 loss on the latter's floor last Friday.

"We are still making mistakes that can be expected of a young, inexperienced team," remarked Wilson, "but there was much more teamwork against Kentwood than we showed in the opener."

Forest Hills was severely handicapped in the first quarter when both Ron VanderBaan and Dirk VanWestrienen ran into foul trouble. This, plus the absence of Bob Warner with illness, permitted Kentwood to dominate the backboards in the early going.

When VanderBaan and VanWestrienen returned to action in the second quarter, the Green and White rushed away to a 25-18 lead with a 12-point outburst in four minutes only to see the lead dwindle to 27-26 at halftime.

Kentwood carried a 42-39 advantage into the final stanza and was on the front end of a 55-54 count with 45 seconds to go when Dame Fortune turned her back on Forest Hills.

"We had two great opportunities to go in front... but turned the ball over both times," declared Wilson.

Two seconds later, Greg DenBoer tossed in one of his eight field goals for the night to safely move Kentwood out of reach.

DenBoer had 17 points for the game while teammate Flip Haight took honors with 20. Tom Johnson came off the bench in the first half to spark the second quarter rally with seven of his nine points.

Marty Everse collected 12 points to pace the Rangers and VanderBaan finished with 11.

Wilson said that both VanWestrienen and Rob McCormick showed much improvement over their performance in the opener against Hudsonville.

The Rangers collected seven wins in the Wyoming Park match with 98-pound Mark Kelley, Tee Wietke (107), Steve Schuster (175) and Dennis Ybarra (185) all victorious on pins.

Mark Mollo, a 123-pounder, won by pin against Rockford to highlight that match. The Rangers win five other bouts by decision and claimed two forfeits in addition to a draw by Kelley.

Here are the results:

FOREST HILLS 31, WYOMING PARK 19

98—Mark Kelley (FH) won on pin; 107—Tee Wietke (FH) won on pin; 115—Jim Leyndyke (FH) won on forfeit; 123—Bob Levering (WP) won on pin; 130—Jim Dygert (FH) won on decision; 137—Steve Conkright (WP) won on decision; 145—Rick Steenburgen (WP) won on decision; 155—Ken Bond (WP) won on decision; 165—Jim VanderBoon (FH) won on decision; 175—Steve Schuster (FH) won on pin; 185—Dennis Ybarra (FH) won on pin; heavyweight—Marv Klooster (WP) won on pin.

FOREST HILLS 32, ROCKFORD 15

98—Mark Kelley (FH) drew with Gary Sventgen (R); 107—Tee Wietke (FH) won on decision; 115—Jim Leyndyke (FH) won on decision; 123—Mark Mollo (FH) won on pin; 130—Ken Gerber (R) won on decision; 137—Craig VanSlyters (FH) won on decision; 145—George McCargr (FH) won on decision; 155—Bob Roy (FH) won on decision; 165—Laird Sowerby (R) won on pin; 175—Steve Schuster (FH) won on forfeit; 185—Dennis Ybarra (FH) won on forfeit; heavyweight—John Anderson (R) won on pin.

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Mat Powerhouse Shaping Up at LHS

If early-season form is any indication, Coach Gary Rivers may be building a wrestling powerhouse for 1969-70 at Lowell High School.

The Arrows headed into Wednesday night's Tri-River Conference meet at Greenville in possession of a 5-0 dual meet record... and an outstanding mark of 27 individual victories by pins in 60 matches to date.

Ray Smith, a standout in football, boasts a perfect mark in five outings with all victories by way of pins. Included was a triumph in just 19 seconds against Comstock Park last week as the Arrows took a 40-6 decision in their conference opener.

Rivers' matmen also were victorious over Ionia, 35-12, and routed West Ottawa of the O-K Red Division by a 44-8 count in the first home match of the season last Saturday.

Trailing Smith in the "pin" standings are Steve Nowell, who has posted four victories in this manner at 107 pounds and Bob Rottier, with four pin triumphs in the 185-pound class.

Following this week's action, the Arrows will be idle until Saturday, January 3, when they play host to the annual Lowell Invitational tournament.

Here are Lowell's results:

LOWELL 35, IONIA 12

98—John Gawe (L) won decision, 14-0; 107—Steve Nowell (L) won on pin; 115—John Curtis (L) won decision, 8-2; 123—Jim Richard (L) won decision, 4-1; 130—Bob Graham (L) won decision, 8-6; 137—Ken Huver (L) drew; 145—Tom Rasch (L) won decision, 8-2; 155—Ray Smith (L) won on pin; 165—Gordon Kelly (L) won decision, 4-3; 175—John Lyons (L) won on pin; 185—Bob Rottier (L) lost on pin; heavyweight—Dan Kraus (L) lost on pin. Outstanding wrestler—John Gawe.

LOWELL 40, COMSTOCK PARK 6

98—Gawe won decision, 8-0; 107—Newell won decision, 7-3; 115—Curtis won decision, 2-0; 123—Richard lost by decision, 7-5; 130—Graham won decision, 7-2; 137—Harver won decision, 9-0; 145—Smith won on pin; 155—Rasch won on pin; 165—Kelly lost decision, 2-0; 175—Lyons won on pin; 185—Rottier won by forfeit; Heavyweight—Kraus, won by forfeit. Outstanding wrestler—Ray Smith.

LOWELL 44, WEST OTTAWA 8

98—Gawe won by pin; 197—Newell won by pin; 115—Kurt Inman (L) won by pin; 123—Richard won decision, 8-3; 130—Graham won on pin; 137—Harver won decision, 9-0; 145—Smith won on pin; 155—Rasch won decision, 10-3; 165—Kelly lost decision, 5-3; 175—Lyons lost on pin; 185—Rottier won on pin; heavyweight—Kraus won by forfeit. Outstanding wrestler—Tom Rasch.

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Band Members Present Yule Program Thursday

A program of band concert music with the Christmas theme has been arranged by the Forest Hills Junior High students under the direction of Richard Streng.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium this Thursday (December 18), the seventh grade band will lead off the program with "Concert March" by Fred Eager.

The group will continue with "Grand Us Thy Peace," a German hymn arranged by Ted Peterson; "Angels We Have Heard on High," arranged by Edward McLin; and "Alleluia" from Christmas Oration by Saint Saens, arranged by Stauffer.

The last two selections will be "Three Chorals for Christmas," arranged by Praetorius and "An Old Fashioned Christmas," arranged by Oviadotti.

Proudly debuting their new uniform jackets for the audience will be the members of the eighth grade band as they open their portion of the evening's entertainment with "Cloudbusters March" by Earl Frankiker.

This will be followed by "Of Festive Bells and Ancient King" by Charles Spinyney; "The Children's Prayer from Handel and Gretel" by E. Humperdick, arranged by Johnson; "Airwaves" by Oviadotti; and "Prelude on Green Sleeves" arranged by Whittney.

Another piece by Charles Spinyney, "La Fete De Noel," will be followed by the final number, "Our Christmas Festival," by Leroy Anderson.

Irving Alexander, the Standard Oil agent at Ada, was one of 32 agents honored last Saturday for outstanding sales achievements during 1969.

He and his wife spent weekend afternoon through Sunday morning at the Traverse City Holiday Inn as guests of the Standard Oil Division, American Oil Company.

Acting as host for the occasion was W. J. Ragsdale, manager of the company's Traverse City district. He presented each agent's wife with a gift in appreciation of her support for her husband's achievement.

'Operation Santa Claus' Periled by Fund Lack

Cascade's "Operation Santa Claus" is a two-part program. Young people in the post-high age group are planning a Christmas party for more than 100 children to be held at Cascade Elementary School this Saturday (December 20) from 2 to 4 p.m.

The evening prior to this event will be devoted to cookie decorating by the group in the home of Nancy Gaskell.

This is the eleventh year of Operation Santa Claus in the Cascade area.

The chairman this year is Mrs. Foster Bishop, who has sent fifteen couples to make personal calls on the thirty-five families to be receiving benefits from the program. In the past each family was given certain items regardless of need. This year a more "personalized" program has been developed through which each family will receive individualized help.

The goal for Operation Santa Claus was set at \$1,500 for this year, but to date only about half of that amount has been collected. On Sunday the fund stood at \$773.75 according to treasurer Mrs. Ralph Schurtz.

In order to do all of the work that the committee is aiming for, more donations are necessary. Please feel free to donate through your local church or by sending a check to Cascade Elementary School this Saturday (December 20) from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fire-Fighters Union Local No. 366 will furnish approximately 100 firemen in uniform to carry the children to their seats and return them after the performance.

Poll Seeks Reflection of Nixon's Abilities

Questionnaires for the December Community Opinion Poll sponsored by Union Bank and Trust include four subjects of current interest. They are:

Do you feel that President Richard Nixon is doing a good job?

Is television reporting the news objectively?

Are newspapers reporting the news objectively?

Should city and county services be merged where possible?

Result of the bank's November poll showed citizens overwhelmingly opposed to the United States becoming involved in Middle East hostilities.

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 3. You may submit ONLY your top 3 games. All games must be rolled by Jan. 2, 1970 at 6 p.m. NO LATE RESULTS ADMITTED.
 4. HANDICAP: 80% basis from 200 scratch.
 5. Awards: 1st and 2nd place in each age division. 8 - 9, Peanuts; 10 - 12, Prep; 13 - 15, Junior;

6. Games rolled for YMCA tournament must be designated as such and turned into the desk. Be sure the entry form is SIGNED and DATED.
 7. Games must be rolled during the following times: MONDAY & TUESDAY (Dec. 22, 23, 29, 30), 3:30 to 6 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY (Dec. 31) 1 to 6 p.m.
 THURSDAY (Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) 3 to 6 p.m.
 FRIDAY (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2) 1 to 6 p.m.
 8. Winners will be announced by Jan. 10, 1970.

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The Christmas party with the W.M.A. officers and members of the W.M.A. was held Thursday evening, Dec. 11, with their mothers as guests and also the daughters, was enjoyed at the Fellowship Hall at the Parsonage. A fine program of contests and gifts consisting of Christmas decorations, some of which were made by the members. Room decorations were cleverly done by Pastor's wife, Beth Palmer. A tasty lunch consisting of Christmas desserts, tea and coffee was served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reed attended the funeral last Monday of their aunt, Mrs. Ida Osborn at Grand Lodge. She was 92 years old. The Osborns had been residents in Bowme many years ago. She was the widow of Milton Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carter of near Lake Odessa were Sunday dinner guests of the Dave Parkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray of Clarksville were Sunday evening callers of mother, Mrs. Ethel Blank, and her brother, Clend Scott.

Mrs. Beth Palmer and her mother, Mrs. Chas. Malson of North Star, were Monday visitors to see Grandma Crawl at Hillsdale Hospital. She had been a patient with a broken shoulder and vertebra injury from a fall.

Mrs. Dean Geiger has not been feeling so good the past week. Callers were Joyce Tucker, Leona Thompson, Diane Stahl, Shirley Graham, Sandra Caswell, Margaret Mushback, Marilyn Stahl and her mother, Minnie Stahl has been three much of the time assisting with the children. We sure hope Catherine soon improves.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greiser of Dale baby of near Clarksville were Sunday callers at the Dale Zooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zook and family attended the wedding of their son, Dayt to Miss Maxine Zook at Gulliver, Michigan Saturday evening. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weaver and Sunday dinner guests of the Truman Zooks. Congratulations to this young couple who met at Pueblo, Colo.

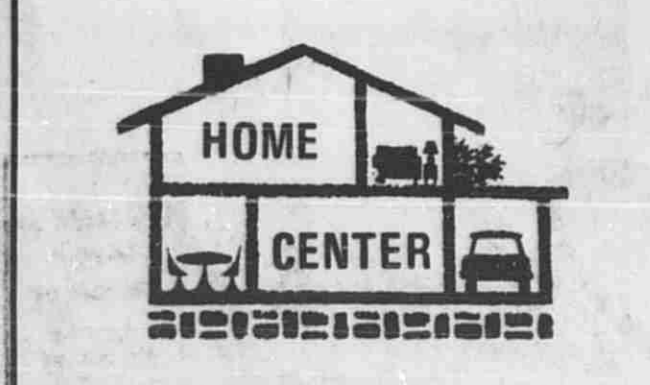
Mrs. Ethel Blank called to see Mrs. Mayme Church at the Beattie Home in Clarksville Wednesday. Mayme had a catarrh removed at Blodgett Hospital and is doing well.

Mrs. Judy (Stahl) Blough and son Marvin of Freeport, called at the Doran Elder Tuesday. Daughter Melissa was a patient at Blodgett Memorial Hospital and was very ill, but is recovering at present.

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OBITUARIES

EDWARD C. DEIBLE
Funeral services for Edward C. Deible, 69, of Lowell, were held Wednesday at the Roth Funeral Home, with the Rev. Earl Decker officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Deible passed away Monday at his home. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, on Sept. 9, 1900. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, five sons, Charles, Edward, George and Frederick, all of Lowell; and Albert of Grand Rapids; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Cleveland, La Grange, Ind., Mrs. Robert Kaufman, Angola, Ind., and Mrs. Alvin Erickson, Lake Odessa; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Edgar Kinney, Grand Rapids; his mother, Mrs. Hannah Thum of Lowell; and five sisters, Mrs. George Woodmont of Cascade, Mrs. Talmadge Boyd, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Kathryn Budd, Largo, Fla., Mrs. Coudlers Paige, Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret Kinney, of Ohio.

THERESA GOODEN
Theresa U. Gooden of 106 W. Main St., Lowell, died unexpectedly Friday morning, December 12, at her home. She had been a resident of Lowell for the past 20 years, coming here from Mulliken.

Mrs. Gooden was born August 11, 1904 in Mulliken, a daughter of Emerson and Mattie (Williams) Binns. Surviving are her husband, Glenn; three sons, James Lewis of Grand Rapids, William Lewis of Mt. Pleasant, and John Lewis of California; two step-daughters, Merleen Erickson of Charlotte and Aetha Neering of Morrice one step-son, Raymond Gooden of Lansing; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Barker Funeral Home in Mulliken with Rev. Everett Love officiating. Burial was in the Meadowbrook Cemetery.

DAVID LEE WALMA
Services for David Lee Walma, 29, of 6270 Cascade Rd., were held Saturday at the DeVries Funeral Home. The Rev. Raymond Gaylord officiated. Interment Cascade Cemetery.

David passed away suddenly last Wednesday.

He is survived by two daughters, Robin and Terry Ann; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted H. Walma; one brother, Donald, and two sisters, Mary Ann and Nancy Lynn Walma, a nephew and niece, Timothy and Tammy Walma.

MRS. DONNA JEAN WALMA
Funeral services for Mrs. Donna Jean Walma, 26, of 101 Kenbrook SE., were held Saturday at the Vanderpool Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Kent Hicherson officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Walma passed away suddenly last Tuesday at her home. She was a graduate of Godwin Heights High School.

She leaves two daughters, Robin Lynn and Terry Ann; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Moore, two brothers, Ronald and Richard Moore; a sister, Mrs. Sharon Miller, all of Wyoming; her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Ryder of Kalamazoo.

HARRY A. FITCH
Services for Harry A. Fitch, 82, of 7504 Thornapple River Dr. SE., Ada, were held Tuesday at the Metcalf Chapel, with the Rev. Raymond Gaylord officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery.

Mr. Fitch passed away Friday in Sunshine Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Hattie R., a daughter, Mrs. Flavius Twork of Norfolk, Va.; four granddaughters; and a cousin, Mrs. Charlotte Gilpin of Grand Rapids.



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Buck Barry Soloist at Christmas Concert

Buck Barry, popular TV personality, will be guest soloist at the annual Christmas Concert to be presented by the Creston High School Vocal Music Department on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20, at 8 p.m.

Performing under the direction of Gerrit Lamain, the A Capella Choir, the Girls Glee Club, the Boys Glee Club and the Junior and Senior Madrigals will present a variety of Christmas music.

The Creston Madrigals are becoming well known around the state and performed at a state reception in the Capital Building at Lansing on December 16 on Gov. Milliken's invitation.

The Creston High School Choir will be making an eastern tour in the spring and have been invited to present two concerts for the US Congress, one for the Down Town Washington Rotary Club and will also participate in a West Point Sunday chapel service. In addition, a White House appearance is tentatively planned.

In order to finance this trip, the choir made a Christmas record album. The first shipment was a complete sell-out and a second shipment has arrived to meet the overwhelming demand.

Plan Sample Survey Here

A sample of residents in this area will be included in a nationwide survey of hired farm labor force to be conducted during this week by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, according to Robert A. Yerkey, director of the bureau's regional office in Detroit.

The survey is taken annually and sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to measure the hired farm labor force in the U. S. and to measure annual changes in utilization of farm labor.

Questions in the survey will supplement the bureau's regular monthly survey of employment conducted for the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide a basic measure of the nation's economic health.

AREA PHYSICIAN COMPLETES CERTIFICATION
Doctors Orval I. McKay and Donald G. Gerard are proud to announce that their associate, Dr. Marilyn R. Hunter, pediatrician, has recently been certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

C. EARL PEASLEY
A former well-known resident of the Lowell and West Ionia County area, C. Earl Peasley passed away Dec. 10 in Fletcher, Okla. He was 73.

The survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Herbert (Rachel) Van Alstine of Lowell, Mrs. J. C. (Ertha) Kendall of Fletcher; a son, Maurice E. of Wyoming, Mich; and a sister, Mrs. August Degeer of Ionia.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL
Sunday, December 21: 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing a Christmas Cantata "Noel, Noel" by Noble Cain. The minister will speak on the theme: "These Gifts We Seek."

Christmas Eve, December 24: 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service and the Sharing of the Light. Music by the Chancel Choir. Visitors will find a cordial welcome.

R. L. D. S. ALASKA
Sunday, December 21: Church School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11:00 a.m. Speaker, High Priest Dirk J. Venema; Theme: "Because Christ Came." Junior Worship service for ages 7, 8 and 9-year-olds during 11 o'clock service. Potluck dinner after the 11 a.m. worship service. Special Christmas program during 7 p.m. worship service, with a social hour afterwards.

Monday, December 22: 7 p.m. The Zionists will go Christmas Caroling. The Skylanders will have a Christmas Party at the church, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24: 7:30 p.m. Midweek Fellowship service. Speaker to bring lesson Elder Robert Johnson, Theme: "I Value the Opportunity to Be His Disciple"

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- Eastmont Baptist Church**
5899 Cascade Road
The Rev. Richard Glaspy
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Youth Meetings 5:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Primary Church 11:00 a.m.
For Ages 4 through 8
- Calvary Memorial Assembly of God**
Orchard View School
3 1/2 Miles N. of Lowell, W. E.
Morning Worship 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School 11:00 A. M.
Christ Ambassadors (Youth)
Evangelistic Service 7:00 P. M.
Rev. Daniel Hoch, Minister
- First Congregational Church of Ada**
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
7229 Bronson SE
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Ray Kretzschmer
Interim Pastor
- Deris 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 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Thursday Prayer 7:30 P. M.
- First Baptist Church of Lowell**
2275 W. Main Street
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Worship 11 A. M. & 7 P. M.
Youth Fellowship 6:00 P. M.
Wednesday Family Prayer Fellowship 7:00 P. M.
Rev. Earl Decker
For transportation or Spiritual Counsel, Call 897-8835
- First Congregational Church of Lowell**
United Church of Christ
Hudson and Spring Streets
Rev. F. Ervin Hyde, Minister
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Cribbery and Nursery Open During Church Service
- Cascade Christian Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
2829 Thornapple River Dr. SE
898-1289
The Rev. Raymond Gaylord,
Pastor
"The Meaning of the Kingdom"
Morning Worship 9:15 & 10:30
Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30
Youth Group Meetings 5:00

Forest Hills Hi-Lites

BY SHIRLEY DYBERT

A large gathering of post-high young people will be held at Nancy Gaskell's on Friday evening where they will prepare tons of decorated cookies for a children's party. They will be getting ready to entertain well over a hundred youngsters at Cascade Elementary School on Saturday as their part of Cascade's Operation Santa Claus. These cookie makers and party givers are members of various churches in the area helping with the project.

Muriel Perschbacher asked son David to help with that familiar problem... getting the Christmas cards ready. He was to lick and place the stamps. All went well until a load was dumped into the post box... just as they went in she noticed that one did not have a stamp. Too late! They had already flown down the chute.

The family wondered for a few days about who would receive the card without the required postage. Never did they think of the actual outcome... a friend who is helping in the holiday rush was the recipient; he works for the post office.

What a way to start the week. A really big cookie exchange took place Monday morning at the home of Dee Traska. She and her co-hostess, across-the-street-neighbor Shirley Sherwood, asked twelve gals to each bake twelve dozen cookies. Then they all got together over coffee and conversation and exchanged the little gems with each other. That way they all went home with twelve dozen assorted spheres for holiday giving and eating.

The array was splendid, the tables were loaded, and the aroma tantalizing. As if this wasn't enough, the talented duo that worked up this reciprocal benefit had also made a favor for each guest. Somehow during their busy days they had found time to create a little angel, complete in tiny details, of cardboard and burlap no two alike.

Among the mutual givers and takers were Betty Varner who brought butter pecan craniches, Helen Wilson with Russian tea cakes, Cleo Gerat and her Christmas balls, and Sharon Spielmaker who made and decorated Christmas wreathes.

Also in the fortunate group were Marce Riel with a collection of Almond cut-outs (prancin), Ann Hoek and her snowballs, and Mary Greier with Mother's Christmas cookies.

Then there were the gals who like variety and ended up baking three different kinds of goodies. Katie Chandler presented for approval her almond balls, mine me cookies, and Bier Rabbit cookies; Eleanor McNally arrived with a selection of date balls, meringue kisses, and caramel slices; and Barbara Cook had orange spritz cookies, chocolate date bars and cherry bars.

Dee had made peanut blossoms and Shirley arrived with self-decorated shortbread biscuits (these are really cookies too, but she is from Canada where they are called biscuits).

While you are out touring to see the colorful lights and sights, you might like to view the Richard Langdon's unusual tree. It's half in and half out. That is, half of a tree was placed inside the living room and decorated while a matching half stands directly opposite outside of the window with its own set of lights. The whole effect is bigger than both of them!

Luncheon, dinners, and just drop-in times finds homes with festive aires provided by unusual decorations. Some have been made out of hitherto mundane hunks of nothing spectacular. Examples include the magic wreathes made from pop can rings by Jean Laird or stained glass windows of old wax paper by Nancy Armitage. Then there are rag dolls from throw away clothes like those created by Holly Waxson or the bowl of fruit made from old newspapers by Sylvia Monroe.

Any more unusual finery, frills, or furbelows that you know about? Call in, let's give credit where it's due.

Judges to Select Prize Decorations

The Adcroft Commons Christmas decorating contest will be judged Thursday evening, December 18. Prizes will be awarded in the annual event following the viewing by a panel of three judges who will tour the area beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Points toward awards will be given for originality and design.

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TERRY JO SHUSTA

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Kathleen Nora Walquist to Philip James Wosinski has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walquist of Buttrick Road in Ada.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Wosinski, Sr., of Murray Lake Road in Farnell.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Lowell High School and is presently in her senior year at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo.

The prospective bride groom, also a member of the class of 1967 of Lowell High School, attended Grand Rapids Junior College before entering the Air Force. He is presently stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippine Islands.

A mid-September wedding is being planned by the happy couple.

Holiday Parties Honor Couple Wed Out of State

Several parties are being planned during the holidays in honor of Lt. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cook of Omaha, Nebraska.

The couple, both former residents of this area, was married in Williams Air Force Base Chapel, Phoenix, Arizona on July 12.

Mrs. Cook, nee Marcia Vandenberg, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Vandenberg, Forest Hill Road. Before her marriage she was graduated from Calvin College and received her masters degree in physical education from Western University.

Lieutenant Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Cook, Osceola Drive, is a graduate from Hope College.

The wedding was attended by the parents of bride and groom with Mr. Vandenberg giving his daughter in marriage.

Mrs. Cook's sister, Faith, was her bridesmaid and Lt. Cook's brother, Steve, acted as best-man. The bride wore a white silk shantung gown edged in lace with a chapel length veil. Her bouquet was of white roses.

The Vandenberg will hold an open house reception for friends and relatives of the couple during the evening of Saturday, December 27.

Mr. Leonard Ostwald has planned a luncheon and miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Cook to be held at Cascade Country Club on December 20. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook are planning a reception for the couple on December 29.

Ada Lodge Plans Open Installation

The public is invited to attend an open installation of new officers at the Ada Lodge No. 280, F&AM, on Friday, December 18th. The colorful ceremony will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Ada Masonic Temple.

The new officers, who will serve during 1970, include: Roger Jansma, Worshipful Master; Donald Prosser, Senior Warden; Richard Demaree, Junior Warden; Glenn Morris, Treasurer; Donald McPherson, secretary and Darwin Arnold, Chaplin.

Others to be installed are: Russell Kelly, Senior Deacon; Lewis Dewey, Junior Deacon; Clarence Fuller, Senior Steward; Walter Hayes, Junior Steward; Max Souzer, Marshal and Irving Alexander, Tyler.

Grand Installing Officers include: Willard Saug, Grand Installing Officer; Donald McPherson, Chaplin; Willard Marks, secretary; Walter Miller, Marshal and organist, Richard McNeal.

Announce Betrothals



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Christmas Choral Concert at FH Junior High

A Christmas Choral Concert will be presented by the combined choirs of the Forest Hills Junior High under the direction of David Gillett next Monday (December 22) at 8 p.m.

The evening of music which will be open to the public at no charge is to be given in the junior high gymnasium.

The first presentation will be by the seventh grade girls' choir and will include: Go Tell It On The Mountain, Ballad of the Happy Christmas Wind, Midley Christmas, Lullaby On Christmas Eve, and The Little Drummer Boy.

Accompanists for this group are Nancy Cuyler, Lori Mantyla, and Emily Hamer.

The seventh grade boys' choir will sing: An Indian Christmas Carol, Good King Wenceslas, We Three Kings, and Oh, Christmas Tree.

The Choirs will join in presenting: How a Rose Etc. Blooming and Silent Night.

This is to be followed by the eighth grade choir offering: While By My Sheep, Sing Gloria, Mistletoe, Christmas Day is Come, and The Christmas Song. The accompanist for this choir is Nancy Osting.

The program will close with the eighth grade ensemble presenting Angels We Have Heard On High.

Install 1970 Officers of Lowell Lodge

At the regular December Communication, Lowell Lodge No. 90, F&AM held their annual dinner and election of 1970 officers, followed by open installation ceremonies.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Raymond A. McPhee, from the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

Elected—1970 officers were: Carl Jackson, Worshipful Master; Paul Paulson, Senior Warden; Richard Hinesline, Junior Warden; Dave Miller, Senior Deacon; William Wood, Junior Deacon. Tony Kropp, Secretary; Orval Jessup, Treasurer; Roger Roberts, Tyler; George Story, Chaplain; Vince McCambridge, Marshal; Dick McNeal, Organist; Darrell McLaughlin, Steward; Olin Miller, Steward A.

The new officers were installed into office by Grand Master Raymond A. McPhee, assisted by Past State Grand Master C. Fuller Door.

The new Worshipful Master, Carl Jackson, said: "With the help of the new officers and members, we hope to make 1970 a very fine year in Masonry in our community."

Area Teaching Candidates Complete WMU Assignment

Three Lowell area students of Western Michigan University who plan to become classroom teachers have completed directed teaching assignments sponsored by the WMU under skilled supervisors.

They are: Donna Jean Dilly of Lowell, and Penny Jo Steele of Caledonia and Martha Anne McDonald of Alto.

Also at Western Michigan University, John P. Wolfson, son of John W. Wolfson, of 3971 Caseway, Lowell, has recently been admitted to MHU Honors College. He is a junior at the university, majoring in psychology.

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School Board

Board of Education Regular Meeting December 8, 1969. Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. by President Reagan. Roll Call—Members Present: Reagan, Gerard, Shade, Rivette, Jones, Siegle, Metternick.

Motion by Gerard and second by Rivette to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 10, 1969.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jones and second by Shade to approve payment of bills as listed.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Opening of Bus Bids	Bus No. 2	Bus No. 14
Peter Teeling	\$ 90.00	\$110.00
Clorox	100.00	100.00
Rev. James Lipsey	201.50	251.50
John Timpon Inc.	258.00	216.00
Ivan Biesch	216.00	172.00
J. B. Weeks	226.50	65.00
Gertrude Bieber		
Don Strickland	210.00	

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Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

2. The snow removal job will be handled by Mr. Gil VanWeelden at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. He will start removing snow when the depth is approximately two inches. Mr. Vernon Yeter will take care of Alto again this year.

3. Motion by Rivette and second by Shade to borrow \$8,000.00 from the State Savings Bank of Lowell to complete payment of Band Uniforms.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The total bill is \$11,183.98. The remaining \$3,183.98 will come from the High School Band Fund.

4. Mr. Jim Cooper has been given permission to collect the Bieri Brothers to have the drainage ditch and fill the ditch beneath the swings at Bushnell. The cost will be approximately \$60.00.

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1. Discussion was held regarding the transportation of a Special Education kindergarten child to Grand Rapids Orthopedic School. The child would go on a half-day basis and would require one round-trip per day extra.

Motion by Rivette and second by Shade to provide transportation one way.

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2. Mr. Harry E. Kauffman, 6912 Timpon, Alto, has requested a transfer to the Caledonia Community School District. The Kent Intermediate School District took action at the November meeting to discontinue all transfer action until the June, 1970, meeting. This will give all local boards a chance to establish mutually-accepted boundaries.

Superintendent Hagen will meet with Caledonia and Kent County officials on Friday, December 12, to discuss settlement of debt retirement pertaining to transfers.

3. There was a discussion regarding the increasing prices of tickets for athletic contests. Further discussion will be held at the next board meeting.

4. Superintendent Hagen was instructed to set up a meeting with school and YMCA board representatives to discuss the school's position regarding turning over the swimming pool from the City of Lowell to the YMCA.

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6. A report was given by the Citizens' Committee on Curriculum and Community Use.

Motion by Gerard and second by Shade to adopt the Caledonia policy on Facility Use as a supplement to the Lowell policy for the purpose of classifying use and determining rates.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion Carried.

7. The Kent Intermediate School District has informed us that we will be paying a penalty of \$1,551.50 for using teachers who were not properly certified throughout the 1968-69 school year.

8. The Music Department presented a report to the Board.

9. Superintendent Hagen stated that there is approximately \$5,783.00 still outstanding from bond rental.

10. Mr. Metternick read a letter from Alvin Rowe, thanking the Board and administration for their cooperation during the football season.

11. The Board indicated its support of the Bushnell Parents in sponsoring a program on Education Reform.

Motion by Shade and second by Rivette to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Metternick, Secretary

Receive Tax Forms Early

East Kent County farmers are receiving their 1969 Federal income tax forms a month earlier this year, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

Purpose of the early mailing, IRS officials said, is an attempt to assist farmers in taking advantage of options open to them in filing returns and paying their tax.

Estimated tax forms, in a separate package, also are being sent a month ahead of schedule.

Notice

TO LOWELL CITY TAXPAYERS

The United Appraisal Company representatives will hold informal hearings in the Council room of the city hall from 8 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on JANUARY 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, IF NECESSARY, on January 19 and 20. All persons wishing to discuss the assessed values placed on their properties are welcome.

Laura E. Shepard
City Clerk

Vergennes Township Tax Notice

I will be at the following locations at the time and date indicated for the purpose of receiving 1969 tax payments:

Friday, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1969... 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1970... 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, February 6, 13, 1971... 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

—at Vergennes Township Hall
Corner of Parnell Ave. and Bailey Drive
Sat., Dec. 27, Jan. 31, Feb. 14... 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
—at State Savings Bank, Lowell, Michigan

Or Can Be Brought or Mailed to My Home at
8316 Parnell Ave., Rt. 2A, Ada, Michigan 49001

Taxpayers are requested to bring along the pink copy of their tax statements.

Leon Alberts, Treasurer
Vergennes Township

City of Lowell Council Proceedings

Regular meeting, Monday evening, December 1, 1969 in the council room of the city hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnold A. Wittenbach at 8:03 p.m. and the roll was called:

Present: Councilmen Anderson, Jefferies, Reynolds, Wittenbach.

Absent: Councilwoman Myers.

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9. Superintendent Hagen stated that there is approximately \$5,783.00 still outstanding from bond rental.

10. Mr. Metternick read a letter from Alvin Rowe, thanking the Board and administration for their cooperation during the football season.

11. The Board indicated its support of the Bushnell Parents in sponsoring a program on Education Reform.

Motion by Shade and second by Rivette to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Metternick, Secretary

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Ms. Lala Kopf

2-p-37

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear husband, James E. Collins, who passed away two years ago December 21, 1967.

Love memories never die. In our hearts a memory is kept. Of one we loved and never will forget.

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Miss Janis Kauffman was a Friday supper guest of Miss Ann Baker at Lowell, later they went shopping.

Mrs. Alex Wingeier called on her granddaughter, Carolyn, last week Sunday.

Rev. Beulah Poe of Alto called at Ira Bloughs Friday morning. Alvin Bergy of Alto was an afternoon visitor and John Krebs an evening caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grusy of Goodfield, Ill. were weekend guests of their sister, Mrs. David Wingeier and family.

Mrs. Francis Shaffer called on Alfred Pierson at Lowell Wednesday. On Thursday she called at the Holbrook and Shoebrook Nursing Homes near Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Swanson entertained with a "Buck" party Saturday evening. Guests were those that hunted together this fall. Twenty-four guests enjoyed supper of Venison burgers and trimmings and social time of games followed.

Mrs. George Krebs and Mrs. George Kowalczyk returned home from Florida Sunday evening by plane after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seese and family left Sunday for a vacation in the sunny south, Florida.

Mrs. Jay Blough of Freeport was a Saturday afternoon visitor at Ira Bloughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan K. Blough and family of Lowell, Miss Marva Anderson of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Seese of Logan were Sunday evening lunch guests at Ira Bloughs in honor of Ira and Philip's birthdays.

Ossie Bieri of Lowell called at the John Krebs, Alex Wingeier and Ira Blough homes Friday.

More than 250 persons who attended the art and music program at Lowell High School last Thursday evening, listened to a variety of Christmas music and viewed the creations of art students.

Hallways were filled with water color sketches and profiles, and the art room showed a variety of creations using many materials. There were exhibits of old English and traditional printing, metal tooling, plastic figures and decorative articles made from string and rope, called "Macrame."

The band and choir presented a program of Christmas and traditional music. A mixed choir of 5 voices sang three selections, featuring "Christmas Carol Fantasy," by E. Davies. A girls ensemble of nine voices presented three Christmas songs, including "O Holy Night" by A. Adam.

Beginning with the rousing "Semper Fedelis," by J. P. Sousa, the Lowell Concert Band presented six numbers in the annual Christmas concert. There were undoubtedly individual favorites, but renditions of "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," by J. S. Bach, and "Charles County Overture," by J. Jenkins, were especially well done.

The Bach number, quiet and harmonious, was executed well by the band, and presented the mood of the religious meaning and quiet joy of Christmas. The "Charles County Overture," a lively, traditional composition, was lighter and more spritely, and featured several sections of the band in good ensemble work.

Proceeds from the program went to the general band fund to buy new music and instruments.

BY PATT BAMBRICK

The windows of the State Savings Bank of Lowell have an added look of festivity this Christmas season as members of Jan Johnson's art classes have several of their artistic efforts showing there.

Works on display through charcoal, water color and oil mediums.

Mrs. Johnson's classes display several times throughout the year, and some of the return artists whose works are always enjoyable are Marion Carlson, Ruth Doyle, Midge Hackstedt, Nona Kyser, Treva Johnson and Thelma Rittenger. One of the outstanding canvases would have to be Mrs. Hackstedt's oil depicting the exhilarating golden tones of autumn.

Among the new names appearing were Kim McKay, Jeff Babcock, Pat Babcock, Tara Sprott, Beverly Spillane, Marion Siegel and Audrey Hillaker.

It would seem that Lowell and its environs are loaded with talent as is so obviously displayed at the bank.

If you get a chance, be sure and get down to see these fine offerings.

Junior High Choristers Present Yuletide Program

A selection of all-time musical favorites, the musical drama "The Choir Girl Who Couldn't Sing," lullabies, spirituals and ballads will be the fare at the annual Lowell Junior High Christmas Concert.

Members of the eighth grade choir, under the direction of Mrs. Davis, will perform the musical drama. A pot-pourri of song will be presented by the sixth and seventh grade choristers.

An invitation to the entire community is extended by Mrs. Davis and the choir. Curtain time is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday (December 18) at the Runciman all-purpose room.



CBA FEATURE - Carolers from Forest Hills Junior High, under the direction of Dave Gillett, shown presenting a program of Christmas songs in an appearance before the Cascade Businessmen's Association last week at Kent County Airport.

Elmdale

MRS. SARGEANT
693-2242

The Women's next regular meeting of the Hope Church of the Brethren Fellowship will not be held until Tuesday, December 29.

The Pageant of "Peace On Earth" was very nicely presented by the children and Junior young people at Hope Church Sunday evening.

Robert Purdy received word late Friday night of the death of his father, Robert Purdy Sr. of Caledonia, who was stricken with severe pains in his head, he was rushed to a hospital but soon passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy Jr. attended the funeral services at Caledonia this Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Carigon and sister, Mrs. Bill Bump of Lowell, were Friday evening visitors of Mrs. Grace Carigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stalter and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Allison arrived home Thursday after a three week's trip to Florida, spending Thanksgiving with Mrs. Stalter's father, Lewis Heffelbauer.

The Church of the East Bowne Mennonites will present their Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 21 at 7:45 p.m.

The Elmdale Church of the Nazarene will be presenting two Christmas programs. The nursery and smaller grades will present theirs at the morning service, while the Junior and Senior classes will present theirs Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Aspinall and Harry Carigon of Lowell and Mrs. Grace Carigon paid final respects to Robert Purdy Sr. who laid in state at the Caledonia Funeral Home.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Ida Freeman has been transferred from Butterworth to Sunshine Hospital and would be glad to hear from her friends.

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Carolers Greet CBA

Members of the Cascade Businessmen's Association who attended the annual Christmas luncheon were presented with a surprise program by chairman Chuck Weston.

The Forest Hills Christmas Carolers under the direction of David Gillett appeared in the Kent Room of the Kent County Airport where the meeting was held. They sang several selections and concluded with the members of the organization joining them in "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful."

A slate of officers for the coming year, which was unanimously accepted, named Mike Koenes, president; Bob Martin, vice president; and Russ Brown, treasurer.

A board of directors for the new year will include Bob Paine, Dan Ellinger, and Bob Thole, who will serve one-year terms, and Jim Pringle and Carroll Keller, who will serve two-year terms. Keller will also become the secretary of the newly elected board.

Thole, who is retiring as president, summed up the activities of the past year and thanked the board of directors for their cooperation.

Report 50 Percent Gain in Aircraft Registrations

The number of airplanes registered in Michigan has increased 50 per cent during the last five years, the Michigan Department of Commerce reports.

The MDC's Aeronautics Commission said 5,333 aircraft are registered in Michigan this year compared to 3,569 in 1964. During the same period, the number of licensed pilots in Michigan has increased from 7,700 to 11,330.

Nearly one-third of all aircraft registered in Michigan are located in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Wayne County ranks first in aircraft registrations with 851 followed by Oakland County with 684.

Ten other counties have 100 or more registered aircraft. They include Genesee, 320; Clinton, 244; Kent, 236; Macomb and Washtenaw, 196 each; Kalamazoo, 188; Montrose, 121; Jackson, 119; Berrien, 112; and Saginaw, 111.

Most of the aircraft registered in Clinton County are owned by Ingham County residents and are based at Capitol City Airport which is located in Clinton County.

Coming Events

Vergennes United Methodist Church will present a Christmas pageant Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in Friendship Lounge by the WSCS.

Vergennes United Methodist Church will hold a Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Square dancers attention: 18-81 Christmas square dance. Exchange of 50c gifts. Christmas smorgasborg plus lots of good square dancing. December 19, 8 p.m. Riverside Jr. High School, Grand Rapids.

The Snow Church will have a Christmas program Sunday, December 21, 8 p.m. at the church. Social hour follows at the Snow Christian Center.

Honor 80th Birthday

An open house, honoring Gladys Irene Doyle on the occasion of her 80th birthday, is planned by her children.

The affair will be held on December 27 (Saturday) from two to five in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roth, 307 N. Hudson Street, Lowell.

All friends are invited to attend.

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