

'Fair-Share' Tax Program Aid Alternative

(Third and last in a series)
BY AL HEEMSTRA

One might better put to sea on a shattered plank than suggest we do away with the central basis of local government financing, the local property tax.

It serves a useful purpose without a doubt. Nevertheless, suburban communities, discovering that they cannot generate enough tax money locally to meet their needs, are searching for a better way to maintain both their schools and necessary local services.

The National Observer reports that a presidential task force last year found taxes in the average suburb had increased 42% between 1962 and 1965. Residents in the Caledonia, Forest Hills and Lowell school districts have experienced an extreme rise in their property taxes of which about 75% or more is used for school purposes.

By way of example, the Forest Hills school tax rate for local purposes has risen from \$21.20 per thousand of assessed value in 1966 to \$30.20 in 1969. This is an increase of 42.8%. The actual percentage of tax dollar increase is greater than 42% in Forest Hills since most property assessments have been brought up to 50% of market value as required by law and the State Equalization process.

As we have discussed earlier, the governor's educational reform program is directed towards easing the burden on the local level by way of adopting a uniform state-wide distribution of school operating monies and the adoption of a state property tax of 16 mills to provide the funds. Forest Hills school operating levy is currently 22 mills.

The governor's program assumes a rapid rise in "the state's total property valuation" and is predicated in addition to the 16 mill state property tax on a sharp increase in the State Income Tax.

The "Fair-Share Program" is an alternate to the governor's plan. Also requiring a state Constitutional amendment to make it work, it seeks the removal of all school operating millage from real and personal property tax rolls. It proposes "an increase in state aid to schools, from a higher state income tax, sufficient to guarantee an adequate educational opportunity throughout Michigan."

The committee for fair-share school financing believes the property tax to be "regressive and archaic" and "an unbearable burden upon retired persons and low-income homeowners."

The adoption of the fair-share program—dealing solely with the financing of education—would mean no loss of authority by local school boards. Bonding proposals for school buildings would still be included in the property tax as does the Governor's proposal.

Fair-share proponents maintain those who will benefit most are:

1. Senior citizens on pensions or fixed retirement plans;
2. Farmers with average or lower-than-average income;
3. The average home-owning family with average income, and
4. Small businessmen.

In sum, the fair-share program seeks a reduction of roughly 50% to 75% in property taxes. It proposes the costs of operating schools, including community colleges, be totally met through state aid by way of about a 3.4% increase in the state personal income tax rate.

We can agree with The National Observer that suburbanites, as a result of narrow residential tax base and disproportionately higher property taxes, "are rejecting bond issues and increased school operating levies in unprecedented numbers (see The National Observer, July 21 and Nov. 24, 1969).

We can agree, too, that the school children of Michigan should have an adequate and equal opportunity of education. Perhaps we agree further that property taxes along won't do the job of paying school operational costs, particularly in the suburbs.

In January, the Michigan legislature will again agonize over the governor's proposals. It will certainly hear from the Fair-Share Program committee. Any major change, of necessity, will require an amendment to the constitution and we'll get a chance to vote on it.

The welfare of all, including the future of both the schools and the tax-carrying power and vitality of our suburban community, will be deeply affected by the outcome.

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'TIS THE SEASON — Christmas fantasies abound . . . much to the delight of area youngsters . . . and two of the more classic displays are pictured above as seen through the camera of staff photographer Kevin Smith. At the left is the Yuletide scene in front of Amway Corporation in Ada and (above) a touch of humor is found at the Gary Rivers' home in Lowell where Santa's trusty reindeer apparently won't be able to make the trip this Christmas Eve, causing him to try hitching a

Christmas Much Different Than 1868. . .or Is It?

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

When I awoke that morning, from my window I saw the woodpile freshly covered with snow. It reminded me of a huge white cake with black nutmeats topping the icing.

Before I started down the stairs, my mother called, "Arthur Sardius Ainsworth, get your hair combed!" She always did that. Today I knew I would hear it at least twenty times because we were expecting company for Christmas Day.

Our cousins who had just moved to Grand Rapids last year from Florida were going to drive out as soon as their church services were over. Cousin George was only a year younger than I, he was then eleven. We got along just fine. I would show him all about this part of the country and he usually helped me with my chores.

My sister Jenny got along with Cousin Lucy too. They were about the same age and talked about things like the latest hoops for bustles. They liked to go to parties and raved about Zouave jackets, Garibaldi blouses, silk stockings, and high heels.

My brother Richard was fifteen and thought he was so superior. He always wanted to dress in a frock coat for holidays but my father wouldn't let him. At breakfast that morning Richard started spouting off about Ambrosia Hair Dressing.

"Listen, Father, it is very good," he claimed. "It won't ever let you get gray, it keeps your hair from falling out, and it helps it curl." Richard had a side parting, wavy curls over the temple and moderately long hair.

But my father told him, "Richard, I wish you'd understand. Nothing can be that good, no matter what the ads tell you. You'll just have to keep your hair healthy by working hard and studying well."

That kept Richard quiet for awhile, but

finally Father relented and told him to go and take care of the horses. He was to drive us to Lowell in the evening. He could hardly wait to clatter across the covered bridges. I always liked to ride with him, but Jenny thought he was too fond of speed.

Great fragrances had been coming from the kitchen for several days and whenever I passed through, I tried to take a piece of spiced apple or some freshly baked rolls.

Registration Deadline for Primary Near

Lowell citizens whose names are not currently on the city's poll books have until January 16 to register, in order to be eligible to vote in the annual primary election, City Clerk Laura Shepard said today.

The primary date is February 16, and to date Lowell has 1,268 registered voters on the poll books.

To accommodate unregistered voters, the City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on January 16 and Saturday, January 10, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for candidates interested in running for three available seats on the city council is Monday, January 19, at 5 p. m. Petition blanks are available at the clerk's office.

The two-year terms of Mrs. Virginia Myers and Carlen Anderson and the one-year term of Arnold Wittenbach expire in April. Wittenbach, who has served as mayor for six years, announced recently he does not intend to seek re-election to the council.

NEW YEAR'S EVE — Open starting at 1 p. m. Open New Year's Day, 2 p. m. Rosie Drive-Inn. c-38

Today they wouldn't even let me out there.

I couldn't go outside in the snow once I had finished my chores because I had new long trousers made of plaid serge that might get wrinkled before our guests arrived.

At long last they drew up in front of the house. My Aunt Olive guided inside wrapped in a mist of perfume that she told my mother came from London.

Their whole family had just returned from England. My Uncle William is a lumber broker and they travel a lot. On their way back, they had stopped in Detroit and heard a lecture by Mark Twain.

"He really was very funny," Cousin Lucy laughed. "It made us wonder about ourselves. His talk was, 'The American Vandal Abroad.' I don't think we behaved that badly."

After everyone had admired our festooned tree and I had combed my hair for about the seventh time on orders from my mother, we sat down to a full board of substantial and delicacies. They let George and me sit next to each other so we could talk about muskrat hunting. But Richard kept interfering with his chatter of Miss Katie Putnam who was to be the lead of "Fanchion, the Cricket," the drama we were to see in Lowell's Opera Hall that evening.

"She has had such an immense success, this charming young actress . . ." he went on and on.

Nobody would listen so finally my mother said to him, "Perhaps you had better sit in the three dollar private boxes instead of the twenty-five cent gallery seats." He quickly changed the subject. After he told us about Harrison Reid, governor of Florida being impeached and General Grant (Continued on Page 3)

City Police Reveal Plan to Organize

A Lowell Police Officers Association, made up of the regular full-time members of the local force, has been organized according to an announcement released today.

Officers of the newly formed LPOA are Al Eckman, president; Steve Pace, secretary; and James E. Hutson, sergeant-at-arms.

Notification of the formation of the new police association has been forwarded to City Manager Blaine E. Bacon. The letter said:

"The intent of this letter is to inform you and the city council that the regular full-time police officers of the City of Lowell, below the rank of Lieutenant, have formed a Lowell Police Officers Association.

"The purpose of the Lowell Police Officers Association is to work for the establishment and maintenance of fair wages and hours, working conditions, adequate retirement, and disability pensions, collective bargaining, and all other means available to public employees."

The letter was signed by all three members of the association.

Set Court Appearance for Drivers

Lowell Police and Kent County Sheriff Deputies converged on a car which was traveling on E. Main at 3:30 a. m. Sunday and arrested two teenage boys on charges of minors in possession of intoxicating liquor.

They were: Stephen Charles Balcom, 19, of 13756 Oberley Drive, and Stephen Lee Bibbler, of 13318 Beckwith Drive.

Both were issued appearance tickets and ordered to appear before Judge Joseph White on December 31. They were released to their parents.

In other police action, Edward Adrian Adriance, 74, of 120 Smith St., Lowell, was stopped at midnight, December 17, for driving without headlights at Amity and Chatham Streets. However, the officers observed that he was driving under the influence of liquor and took him to Kent County jail.

Taken before District Judge Edward Kehoe in Rockford, Adriance pleaded not guilty and was released on \$150 bond, pending further court action.



SWAN SONG? After a futile effort to rescue this swan trapped in the Flat River ice, Lowell police looked on as the bird calmly escaped his icy trap . . . and ambled off to more friendly climes!

LIMITED SCHEDULE

Dog calls will be made weekdays between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. in Lowell, according to City Dog Warden Wayne Hoag. There will be no calls made Saturdays and Sundays.

The Kent County Animal Shelter is not open on weekends, Hoag indicated, necessitating the new hours.

Christmas Sales Increase

Latest figures show Christmas retail sales were only one percent above a year ago even though personal income was eight percent ahead.

Ice-Bound Bird Shuns Rescue Effort

BY A. P. SMITH

Honest, swans are dumb!

For proof, take that beautiful bird with the red beak, which was wading around Sunday morning in a small opening on icy Flat River.

It was cold and ice was fast closing in on our friend, the swan. So much so that neighbors on Riverside and Elizabeth feared the bird would be frozen in and called police.

Sgt. James Hutson and Patrolman Al Eckman went out on the rescue detail.

A group of people were on the banks, and as the bird was about 15 feet off shore, they tried to entice it closer with bits of bread. But that didn't work.

The steep bank and the deep water at the spot prevented the officers from getting close to the swan.

After sizing up the situation, the officers called Conservation Officer Arnold Richmond.

Richmond appeared on the scene and all three officers went into a huddle to talk over the best course to extricate the bird out of the icy waters.

"We should get a small flat-bottom boat, take it downstream a bit, and shove off from there," suggested Richmond.

He contacted Sylvester Bibbler, who soon appeared with a truck and a flat-bottom boat.

With Patrolman Eckman breaking the ice, and Officer Rich-

mond manning the oars, they headed out to rescue the marooned bird.

Guess what? Just as the officers were within striking distance, the swan shoved one wet web-foot onto the snow-covered ice, gave a big grunt, and lifted the other foot onto solid ice.

The bird then shook off all of his drippings, gave everyone on shore a dirty look and proceeded to waddle away.

Did we say swans were dumb. Well, we apologize!

That big white bird took off in a northeasterly direction, and soon he appeared offshore, near the home of the Weemhoff family at 632 Lafayette.

This swan was well known to the Weemhoffs as they had fed him many times. In fact, they brought him in on occasions and provided a place for him in their shed, close by the water's edge.

One member of the family talked to the swan and tried to get him to come in. But friend swan kept his distance.

Night came on, and that was the last seen of the big bird. So instead of a nice swan motel which Conservation Officer Richmond had planned for the feathered friend in the zoo at Ball Park, the beautiful white swan chose to follow instincts handed down to him by ancestors of a million years back, and probably is still upstream somewhere.

If you see him, call Officer Richmond or the local police. And don't call him dumb. That's only for birds like us human being!

best wishes for the holiday season

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Civic Calendar

Monday, January 5:
Cascade Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.
Lowell Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.
City of Lowell council meeting, 8 p.m., city hall.
Vergennes Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.

Tuesday, January 6:
Grand Rapids Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.



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School Controversy, Resignations Made Top News Stories in 1969

The year 1969... now fading swiftly into the pages of history... produced many top news stories and pictures for Ledger-Suburban Life readers.

Probably no one story created more controversy than did the Lowell Area School Board's request for additional operating millage, which was finally won on a third special ballot in March.

As the new year of '69 began, the first impact of the school controversy made headlines as James Pace resigned his position as superintendent of schools.

Another resignation that dominated the news during 1969 was that of City Manager Bernard C. Olson of Lowell.

These were but two of the stories that commanded attention of Lowell, Ada, Cascade, Alto and the rest of East Kent County during the past 12 months. A month-by-month breakdown of highlights follows:

JANUARY

The first order of business in January was the transition for the dispensation of justice from the offices of area Justice of the Peace to the newly created 63rd District Court, which presiding Judge Joseph E. White Jr. said was accomplished "much more smoothly than at first anticipated."

The transfer brought to an end the long career of Justice of the Peace Howard J. Rittenberger, who then turned his attention to real estate activities.

During January, Root-Lowell moved its factory to its new building on Foreman Street after 60 years in the same location on Main Street in Lowell.

After three years as superintendent of schools of Lowell Area School, James C. Pace, resigned.

The Lowell primary election was passed up as only the three incumbent councilmen, Mayor Arnold Wittenbach, Councilman Harold J. Jefferies and Herb Reynolds had filed nomination petitions for re-election.

The Cascade Businessmen Association elected Robert Thole as president for 1969.

FEBRUARY

A record for the building of new homes in Ada and Cascade Townships are in the making. Erection of new homes also was on the increase in Lowell.

Construction of a new medical-dental facility was started at the intersection of Hudson and Lincoln Lake.

Fast work on the part of employees of Lowell Light and Power was credited for averting a possible tragedy when the men pulled out two 14-year boys who had fallen through the ice on the Flat River.

Prominent Lowell real estate developer, Douglas Dok, was elected a lifetime director of the National Association of Home Builders.

MARCH

Summer-like breezes blew into the East Kent County area as March rolled into view.

By a 229 majority vote, Lowell Area School electors voted in favor of a seven-mill tax levy for operating the school system for one year. Prior to the balloting, Citizens for Better Education staged a "March for Millage" parade in efforts to win support for the millage passage.

Two area men lost their lives in a car-truck crash on M-21, west of Lowell.

Mrs. Mary Flynn, bus driver for the Forest Hills schools, retired with a 10-year record of no accidents.

After 20 years of service in the Ada post office, Mrs. James McCormick retired.

APRIL

With warm, dry April weather prevalent, grass fires broke out all over the area.

Lowell High School Principal Carl Hagen was chosen the new Superintendent of Schools, to succeed James C. Pace.

The new branch of the State Savings Bank in West Lowell was opened for business following ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The Thornapple Association took over the Ada dam from the Consumers Power Co. for \$1.

Mrs. Mary Timmons was sworn in as deputy clerk of Cascade Township.

Ralph Townsend Jr. and Alto pilot, was killed when his plane hit power lines in the vicinity of 60th St., between Cascade and Alto.

Ninety-nine Lowell electors made the annual city election a formality by voting for unopposed incumbent councilmen.

MAY

Lowell City Manager Bernard C. Olson served notice on the city council that he was resigning to take up a position with the Grand Rapids construction firm.

Ada Township issued 19 building permits for construction of houses and buildings totaling \$344,950.

A search was started for talent to appear in the annual Lowell Showboat.

In commencement exercises at Forest Hills, a record 240 graduates were awarded high school diplomas.

The extension of Hudson Street to Lincoln Lake Road was completed.

JUNE

Tom Ford, DPW supt., was appointed by the city council

as acting City Manager pending appointment of a new city manager.

By a 2-1 vote, school electors of Forest Hills approved a \$2.9 million bond issue for new construction and remodeling of needed school facilities.

Lowell High School graduates numbered 191.

Lignor Nugent, 49, Grattan Township Treasurer, lost his life when his car collided with a truck near Sparta.

JULY

An explosion and fire, from causes unknown, brought more than a half-million dollar damage to the aerosol division of Amway Corp., Ada.

The Showboat extravaganza opened with Uncle "Mittie" Berle as the feature attraction.

Elmer E. Smith was appointed the new supervisor for Lowell Township, replacing Ray Rittenberger, who was leaving the township.

Blaine E. Bacon, city manager and clerk of Wayland, was appointed by the city council as manager for the City of Lowell.

AUGUST

Teachers of the Lowell Education Association signed a master agreement with the Board of Education, with a resultant increase in teacher salaries.

A grindstone, made in France in 1844, graced the front of the renovated offices of the King Milling Co.

A sandpit cave-in in Ada took the lives of two young boys.

SEPTEMBER

With the re-opening of schools right after Labor Day, 9,255 students in the area returned to classes.

When Police Chief Avery Block, who had been on the disability list, sought to return to his post, he was notified by City Manager Bacon that he had been relieved of his position.

The new Fallsburg bridge, built by the Kent County Road Commission, was opened to the public.

The Forest Hills Education Association signed a three-year contract with the Board of Education. Chief provision of the contract was salary adjustments according to teacher classifications.

Swift action by Kent County Sheriff's Deputies resulted in the quick capture of four thieves who robbed a Cascade store of nine guns.

OCTOBER

For the first time in its history, Cascade Township sold municipal bonds to finance public projects.

Barry Emmons, of the Allegan County Sheriff's Department, was named Lowell Police Chief.

Ada Fire Department were plagued by a rash of grass fires.

Thieves broke into five stores of the Ada Shopping Square and got away with nearly a thousand dollars in cash and a number of blank checks.

NOVEMBER

Lowell police appeared before the city council to voice objections to City Manager Bacon's proposed purchase of a cruiser with only a two-barrel carburetor instead of the conventional four-barrel unit. Other departmental matters also brought objections of the officers.

Lowell Township officials paved the way for a new housing development by rezoning properties near M-21 and Cumberland.

The City of Lowell purchased four voting machines.

Cascade Businessmen's Association erected signs in prominent spots boosting the community.

DECEMBER

The Michigan State Highway Commission approves plans to reconstruct M-21 from Grand Rapids to Ada.

The Lowell Light and Power Company advised the city council that the hydro plant on Flat River should be put up for sale.

Lowell Mayor Arnold Wittenbach announced he would not seek re-election.

Dedication ceremonies were held for the new Ada Community Reformed Church.

Greetings of the Season

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FAR FROM HOME—Anne Christie of Norway (left) and Liisa Kumpala of Finland are shown decorating trees at Lowell library in the tradition of their homelands. The exchange students are spending their holiday here as part of the student exchange program.

Students from Wintry Lands Spend Yule Season Here

BY ALGENE FEUERSTEIN

From the town of Bodo, Norway, north of the Arctic Circle, to Lowell is a lot of miles and a big change for a high school girl, but Anne Christie insists it is a happy one.

"I just love living with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ball and their children," she reported, "there's always something going on there. I never have time to get lonesome."

Anne likes being one of the family and looks upon the Ball's five children, Cindy, Colleen, Jim, Greg and Patrick, as her own brothers and sisters.

Anne manages to keep very busy on her own. A senior exchange student at Lowell High School, she is a member of the Ski Club and the Annual Staff, played Powder Puff football last fall and helps with the makeup for the school plays. In addition, she finds time and energy to work at Keiser's Kitchens for extra pocket money.

"Everyone in Lowell has been wonderful to me," Anne said, "and have made me feel right at home." A very special treat was her trip to Washington, D. C. and vicinity with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doyle over Thanksgiving weekend.

Local students will be amazed to know that Anne considers high school in Lowell very easy compared to the six-day-a-week schedule students follow in Norway. She also cited the fact that in Norway they have little choice of subjects and are obligated to take English, French and German and two Norwegian languages. State religion is taught in Norwegian high schools as well.

Anne is interested in science and had thought she might like to become a veterinarian before she became an exchange student. Now she is thinking seriously of striving for a career in the United Nations Assembly.

Anne came to the United States under the Youth for Understanding Program and will remain in this country until next August. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Christie and has an older brother, Johan.

BY PATT BAMBRICK

If you were to ask Liisa Kumpala her favorite American sport, you'd get a quick answer. Football.

"I enjoy your game of football very much," says Liisa. "It's so exciting! In Finland we play soccer all the time, but it is not nearly so exciting to watch."

Liisa, 16, is an exchange student staying in Lowell with the George Dey family at 404 Lincoln Lake.

Helsinki, Finland, a city of about 400,000, is home to Liisa. "But Grand Rapids seems so much larger. In Helsinki we have only two shopping centers, and the city is mostly homes with many suburban areas."

At Lowell High, she is involved in several school activities, including the student congress and has recently joined French Club and future teachers. "I will graduate from high school here this June. At home we attend four years of elementary school, and eight years of secondary school. Many of our subjects are the same, but we are required to take Swedish and Finnish, and either English or German. After secondary school I will attend the University for two years. There you may follow either a math or language line. I think I will probably take languages."

"Our youth is much the same as kids here. The fashions are pretty much the same, and we have the American 'top ten' in records. We usually go out in large groups rather than pair off though, and hot dogs and hamburgers are a favorite there, too. However, we have only about two pizza parlors."

Liisa is an only child, and finds living with the Dey's and their five children quite an experience. "It is quite different, but I really enjoy it. Mrs. Dey is very good with the children."

"I have many friends in Finland that were exchange students, and I find America pretty much what I expected it to be.

One big difference between home and here are your instant foods. We don't have much of that. And you eat so much meat. In Finland we eat a lot of fish. I don't like fish very much, so I am happy about that."

Liisa is the daughter of Salmie and Erke Aho of Helsinki.

Is Christmas Much Different?

(Continued from page 1)

Sheridan for service against the Indians, he concluded the meal with his opinions of the railroad swindles.

When we were all seated in the parlor once more, we exchanged presents. Everything our family received came from England. My aunt gave me a large lace covered box of scented soaps. My uncle had brought a leather box to my father. He opened it to discover a repeater watch. He was truly delighted as he had somehow lost his old hunter watch the year before.

Lucy had brought Jenny an enormous circular fan of feathers dyed cerise. Aunt Olive presented a Charles Dickens book to Richard. "I think that you will enjoy this, it's about a boy named Pip," she smiled.

George had brought me a steel folding knife which I wanted to put into action right away. My mother said, "Go change your clothes, boys. Comb your hair, Arthur, and then you may go skating."

We were leaving the house just as I heard my uncle and father start on politics. They had gone into the library where they could smoke their cigars. They tolerated Richard enough so that he could sit and listen.

My father was saying, "I understand that the Cubans are said to be enthusiastic for independence and to look with earnest hope for assistance from the United States." Then he pulled out an address. "The insurgents are making rapid headway. They have seized leading wealthy Cubans and Spaniards of importance."

"Yes, the United States has sent a special envoy to Madrid to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba," my uncle replied.

In the parlor my aunt and mother sat near each other discussing various holiday parties. "There is to be a grand ball and supper at Stron's Hotel in Rockford tonight," my mother said.

"I have friends who are planning to attend the ball at the Opera House in Muskegon on New Year's Eve," my Aunt Olive said. "They are undecided whether to go by stage or steam. I think we shall attend the Oyster Supper at the Eagle Hotel in Grand Rapids."

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LHS Outguns Rockford; Falls to Rams at Foul Line

Coach Jack Kemper has two weeks in which to contemplate what, if anything, can be done to reverse the fortunes of his Lowell High School basketball team.

"I don't know just what can be done," said Kemper following a 72-63 loss at the hands of Rockford last Friday. "We outscored them by eight baskets and still lost. When things like that happen, it's time to consider adjusting your personnel."

The Arrows came up with the poorest foul-shooting night of Kemper's coaching career, netting just three of 16 charity tosses compared to a phenomenal 28-of-34 effort by Rockford.

At one stretch, the Rams made good on six straight tries from the foul line... all on one-and-one situations... to jump into a 33-31 halftime lead.

Lowell managed to come back from the deficit to take a 47-45 lead late in the third period, but two baskets by Rico Reyna put the Rams back into the lead for keeps.

Most of Lowell's problems stemmed from the inability to contain Steve Stuits, who nicked the nets for 29 points for the winners... including a record of nine-for-11 from the charity stripe.

The Arrows again came up with a balanced scoring effort led by Denny DeWitt's 16 points, 14 by Blair Cahoon, 13 by Craig Wittenbach and 10 by Sid Hayward.

Kemper indicated he probably will continue with the present lineup when the Red and White cagers return to action on Tuesday, January 6, in a home game against contending Cedar Springs.

"What happens after that will depend on how we do against Cedar," says Kemper. "We'll just have to play them one at a time from here on out."

The loss was Lowell's third straight and gives the Arrows a 1-3 mark in the league and a 2-3 record overall.

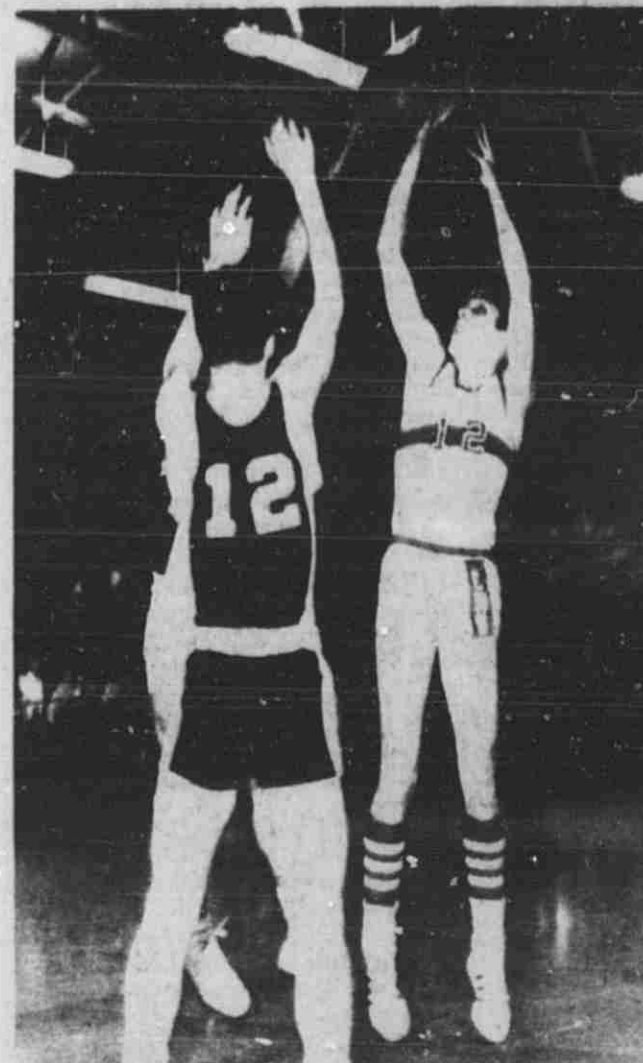
Both the freshman and junior varsity squads also suffered losses at the hands of Rockford.

The freshmen rallied in the second half, but fell short by a 52-46 count despite Bernie Harden's 22 point effort and Greg Allen's defensive work. It was the fourth loss in five starts for the ninth graders.

The JV continued their winless ways, dropping No. 5 in a row by a 74-57 count. Joe Renard tallied 13 points and Jim Bove collected 13 for the junior Arrows.

ROCKFORD

FG	FT	PF	TP	Stuits	FG	FT	PF	TP	
8	0	3	16	Dauks	10	9	3	29	
Wittenbach	6	1	3	Heible	1	4	2	6	
Cahoon	7	0	14	Holden	3	7	0	13	
Hoseth	2	0	2	Sage	4	2	3	10	
Roth	2	0	4	Reyna	3	2	2	9	
Haywood	5	0	4						
Callier	0	0	1						
	30	3	20	63	Lowell	16	15	18	44
					Rockford	18	16	18	20



JEFF SAGE — Wearing the dark No. 12, and an unidentified teammate combine to stop scoring effort by Lowell's Craig Wittenbach. Rockford lost battle of field goals, but won game on free throws to hand Arrows third straight loss.

Prep Cage Scoreboard

O-K RED DIVISION

West Ottawa 81, Forest Hills 58
Rogers 92, Kentwood 76
Goetwin 65, Wyoming Park 61

DECEMBER 19 RESULTS

Rockford 72, Lowell 63
Rogers 76, Forest Hills 54
Greenville 59, Sports 53
Cedar Spgs. 86, Com. Pk. 44
Coopersville 52, Belding 49
W. Ottawa 92, God. Hgts. 67
Kentwood 64, Hudsonville 50
Sarasac 56, Fulton Middleton 53
Calvin Christian 77, Caledonia 68

TRI-RIVER

Greenville	4	0
Cedar Springs	4	0
Sports	2	2
Rockford	2	2
Coopersville	2	2
Belding	1	3
LOWELL	1	3
Coosook Park	0	4

Heavy Scrimmage Schedule Planned for Inexperienced Ranger Quintet

Coach Larry Wilson believes there is only one cure for what ails his Forest Hills High School basketball team... and that is to get much experience as quickly as possible.

This is the reason the new Rangers skipper has scheduled at least four practice scrimmages during the Christmas holiday in an effort to get his club ready for the 1970 portion of the season.

"I know it may look bad when you check the scores and our record," said Wilson this week, "but these kids really are improving rapidly. I still say we will make it tough for somebody before much longer."

The Green and White hardwooders suffered two more setbacks last week to run their O-K Conference Red Division and season marks to 0-4. Both losses were to teams occupying top positions... 78-54 to Rogers (4-0) and 81-58 to West Ottawa (3-0).

Wilson has lined up four area schools to participate in holiday scrimmages, including Grandville and Belding Tuesday of this week, Grand Rapids Union on Monday and Wayland on Tuesday.

"We're starting to show signs of good basketball," says Wilson, and maybe going up against these other clubs will help us to improve."

The Rangers return to action on Friday, January 2, when they meet Rockford in a home game that had originally been scheduled for December 12.

Center Dirk VanWestrienen and sophomore guard Scott Vanhau came up with good efforts in Friday's game with Rogers to go with a steady performance by forward Ron VanderBaan.

VanWestrienen sat out much of the first half with three quick fouls, then banged in 14 of his total 15 points and snared 16 of his game-high 19 rebounds in a strong second-half showing.

VanderBaan netted 16 points, six of them from the foul line, to take game honors. Washaw counted seven tallies.

High-scoring Jim Garvelink was held to 13 points by the Rangers' diamond-and-one defense, but Rogers got plenty of outside help as guards Jerry Ybema and Tom Wickman dropped in 16 and 15 points, respectively. Phil Burke also counted 13 for the winners.

VanderBaan sank 17 points and VanWestrienen counted 11 markers to go with 15 rebounds in the West Ottawa game. The Rangers managed to contain the high-powered Panthers for much of the opening period, but West Ottawa ripped the nets for seven points in one minute to break away to a 23-13 lead and was never troubled thereafter.

Len Loncki topped West Ottawa's attack with 23 points

while Dan Tripp and Les Zomermaand followed with 18 and 14, respectively.

Coach Paul Levenworth's freshman team has turned the varsity's record upside-down in registering a 4-0 mark following a 66-41 win over West Ottawa and a 64-43 conquest of Rogers. Joe McCormick led all scorers against Ottawa with 19 and Scott Vorel banged in 29 to pace the Rogers victory.

The junior varsity, coached by Jim Ogilvie, owns a 2-2 mark after successive losses to the two O-K rivals. Steve Vonk scored 15 in a 66-61 loss to West Ottawa. The loss of Center Garry Ross with a knee injury early in the game hampered the Ranger JV's against Rogers.

FOREST HILLS

FG	FT	PF	TP	
Linscott	2	0	2	4
VanderBaan	5	6	2	16
VanWest'n	3	9	3	15
Anderson	0	1	5	1
McCormick	1	3	3	5
Vashaw	3	1	0	2
Yekasi	1	0	0	2
DeVries	2	0	0	4
	17	20	20	54

ROGERS

FG	FT	PF	TP	
Garvelink	6	1	2	13
P.Burke	6	1	5	13
Water	2	2	3	6
Ybema	6	4	2	16
Wickman	7	1	4	15
Johnson	0	2	0	2
Telder	1	0	2	2
D. Burke	1	0	0	2
Ingold	1	2	1	4
Fewless	1	1	1	4
	31	14	20	78

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WEST OTTAWA

FG	FT	PF	TP	
Zomermaand	7	0	1	14
Tripp	7	4	2	18
Loncki	10	3	2	23
Flaggenmars	1	0	2	2
Vork	0	2	1	2
Henson	0	2	3	2
Oosterbaan	4	0	4	8
Raak	0	1	0	1
Tucker	2	0	3	4
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Announce Betrothals



DONNA BLOUGH JEAN JORDON

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jordan of Woodlawn, Michigan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Ann, to Gary W. McCaul, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McCaul of Alto.

Jean is a 1966 graduate of Lakewood High School and attended Elkhart University. She is employed as a Dental Assistant in Grand Rapids. Gary was graduated from Caledonia High School and is associated with his father in business in Grand Rapids. An April 25 wedding is planned.

April 4th has been selected as the wedding date of Donna E. Blough and Norman L. Dawson according to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blough of 13280 76th Street in Alto. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dawson of 9635 Portland Road in Clarksville.

Her fiancé is a 1969 graduate of Lowell High School. Her fiance, who was a member of the class of 1969 of Saranac High School, is now attending United Electronics Institute in Grand Rapids.

The engagement of Mary Esther Woodworth to James Paul Gutai of Philadelphia has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Woodworth, Jr., of Lowell.

He is the son of Mrs. John A. Gutai of Fanwood, New Jersey and the late Mr. Gutai.

Miss Woodworth is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received her doctorate from Temple University in Philadelphia.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. He is presently attending the Temple University School of Medicine.

The young couple have picked May 30 as their wedding date.

Enter 4-H Dress Revue
Two area sponsors of the 4-H Senior Miss Personal Appearance project will have entries in a dress revue scheduled for Tuesday, December 30, at 2 p.m. in the Eastbrook Community Room.

They are: Mrs. Sidney Kerr of Lowell and Mrs. Harry Padgett of Alto. All 4-H clothing and knitting leaders and mothers are invited to attend with the girls.

Nursing Course Offered

Inactive nurses wishing to return to the profession are urged to enroll in a special refresher course to be conducted, free of charge, starting on January 7 in Lansing.

All licensed nurses are eligible for the course, which will be held at Lansing Community College and Sparrow Hospital.

Details may be secured by contacting the Michigan Employment office in Grand Rapids or at the Michigan Nurses Association, 130 Spartan Avenue in East Lansing.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS

On Friday, December 5, 1969, we all met at our leader, Mrs. Prin's home. Then we all went roller skating and practiced Campfire songs.

On Tuesday, December 9, we held our regular meeting at our leader's. We made Christmas stockings, to fill with candy we made to take to a Lowell Rest Home when we go singing carols to them for Christmas.

Patty Prin, Reporter
Last week at Mrs. Jones house our Campfire leader, we attended our weekly meeting. We meet every Thursday at 4. The Campfire girls are from Cascade and Kettle Lake Schools. We finished our Christmas presents. Then the mothers came to pick the girls up. Kerstin brought the treat.

Kerstin Lipke, Reporter

**Open House Honors
80th Birthday**

An open house will be held on Saturday, December 27th in honor of the 80th birthday of Gladys Doyle. All friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend this birthday celebration to be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gerald Roth of 307 North Hudson Street in Lowell.

The open house has been planned by Mrs. Doyle's children: Mrs. Jack (Virginia) Torga and Mrs. Rowland (Anita) Hanson of Dearborn, Mrs. J. Gerald (Gloria) Roth, Charles and William Doyle of Lowell. Mrs. Doyle also has 14 grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Mrs. Doyle lived in Lowell for 48 years, moving here in October of 1908. In 1956 she moved to Dearborn, Mich., where she is residing with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Torga.

While in Lowell Mrs. Doyle was very active in civic affairs and church work. She is a past president of the Lowell Literary Club, past president of Kent Co. Federation of Women's Clubs, past and first president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. For seven years she was local chairman of the Red Cross chapter of this area.

A member of the Lowell Board of Education for eleven years, she retired from this position and then taught in the local school system for twelve years. An active member of the Lowell Methodist Church, she also sang in the choir in addition to her club work.

After moving to Dearborn Mrs. Doyle transferred her membership to the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn, where she is also a member of the W.S.C.S. Other Clubs in which she is still active are the Dearborn Garden Club, The American Association of University Women, the Fairlane Unit of Senior Citizens. She is also a member of The Emeritus Club of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan.

LOWELL YOUNGSTERS GIVE SANTA CLAUS GIRLS A HELPING HAND

The representatives assembly of the Lowell Junior High School have been playing a little bit of Santa Claus lately. The group donated \$50 to the Santa Claus girls and also bought a 16 mm movie projector for the junior high.

Funds were accrued from the sale of magazines.

Social Scene

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court attended the wedding of their grandson, Dick, Jr., to Miss Nancy Greear of Ann Arbor Saturday.



Season's Greetings
To all our friends we extend our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas, one filled with good cheer and many pleasant surprises.

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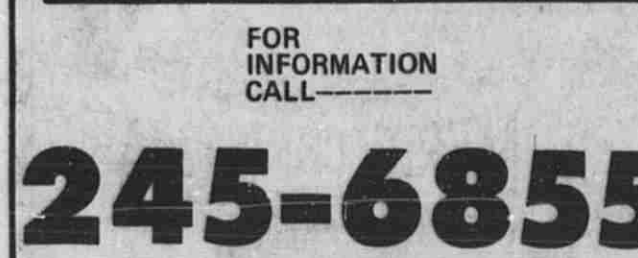
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HUSBAND AND WIFE GRADUATE TOGETHER

JoAnn and Thomas William Clark II were graduated on December 13 from Michigan Technological College at Houghton. JoAnn received her Bachelor of Science degree in Math; Thomas as a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Following his graduation, Thomas was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He will be stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois after February 5th. He will undergo a 30-week mechanical maintenance training course.

CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

An open house, honoring the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yoder of Alto, has been planned for January 4 (Sunday).

The affair will be held at the Hope Church of the Brethren, located on M-50 north of Freeport, from two to five in the afternoon. An invitation is extended to all friends and relatives.



A Message for Christmas
May the heartwarming happiness of this joyous season shine brightly in your memory for a long, long time to come.

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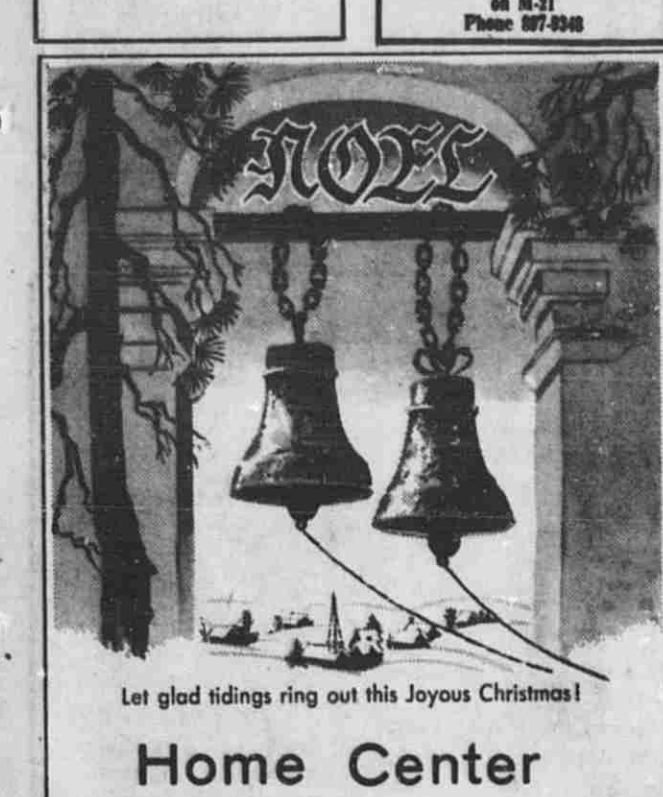
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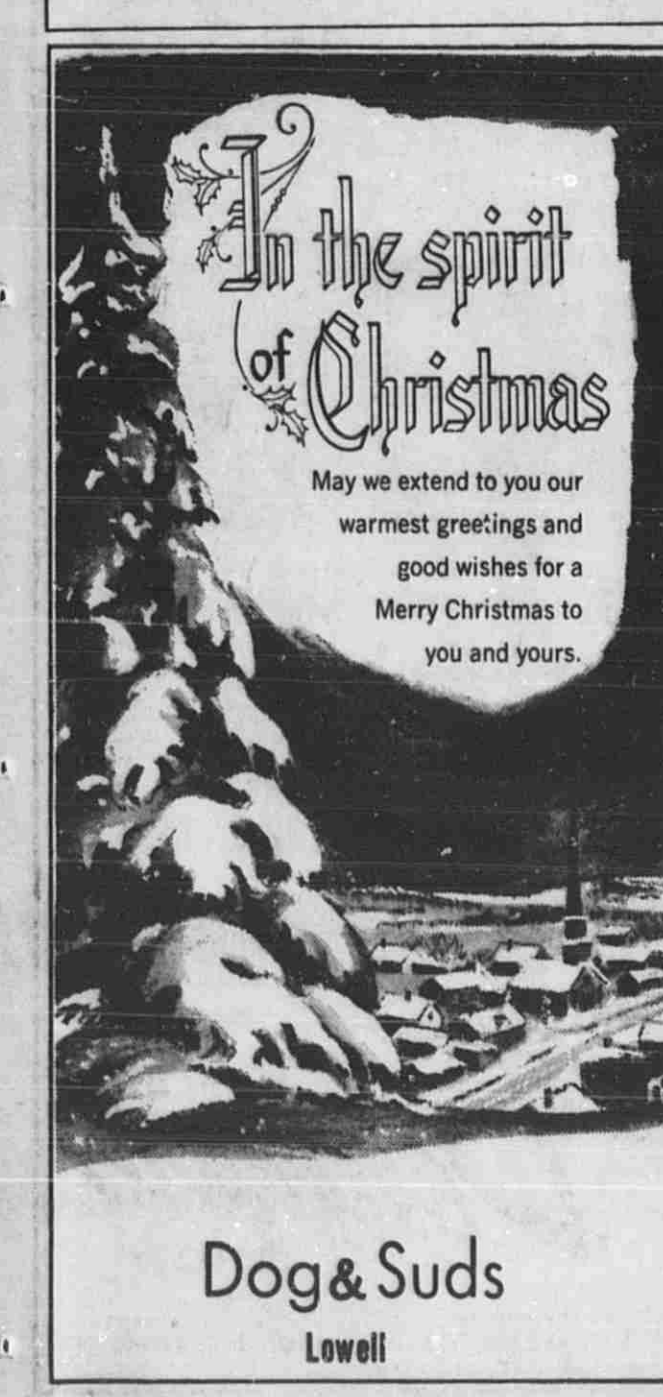
NEVER TOO OLD — Mrs. Mazy Cahill, 82 years young, shows a sample of the Christmas ornaments she made to decorate Christmas tree for the Yuletide party held at the Gartner Nursing Home. Looking on is Mrs. Barbara Gartner, who runs the home.



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Young-at-Heart Enjoy Yuletide Open House

BY PATT BAMBRICK

The songs proclaim the Christmas season as a time to be joyous. But for many folks in nursing homes, it can be a time of loneliness.

Happily, this is not the case at the Gartner Nursing Home on Parnell Road. Families and friends of patients gathered together for a festive open house celebration Tuesday evening.

Not only was the Yuletide season celebrated, but the guest of honor was Joe Gerbert, whose 87th birthday was also celebrated. Mr. Gerbert is but one of the many interesting residents at the nursing home. He is from Jerusalem and a linguist, speaking Yiddish, German, Russian, English and French fluently.

The nursing home is run by Mrs. Barbara Gartner, whose family background provides the ideal training for such an undertaking. Her mother, Mrs. Franz Gerlach, has operated several nursing homes, most recently one on Pettis Drive in Ada. Mrs. Gartner's aunt, Mrs. Etta Sliak, runs the Salski Nursing Home in Grand Rapids, and her cousin, William Harrama, runs a nursing home on North Lincoln Lake in Lowell.

Among the patients in residence are Mrs. Mazy Cahill, 82, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland and at one time an interior decorator. Mrs. Cahill made all the ornaments that adorned the Christmas tree.

The oldest, and longest, resident is Rudolph Beckman, 96, who has been there since the home opened two years ago. Originally from Germany, he was a sculptor in his native land. When he came to Grand Rapids from New York, he opened his own business as a commercial artist. Several of his sketches, done when he was ten years old in his native Germany have recently been sent to him, and exhibition of these is being looked into.

Tony Ashmond, 76, was born in England. He spent many of his years in America traveling from one end of the land to the other, working at movie studios, traveling with circuses, in fact, doing just about everything imaginable. Perry James and Dean Osborne round out the list of residents. They're the youngsters (both are under 65). Mr. James was a factory worker in his younger days and Mr. Osborne a lumberjack, working in the Elba and Gaylord area. Mr. Osborne was Mrs. Gartner's second patient.

Mrs. Gartner, mother of four children, has always had a way with older folks. So, at the age of 25, and with four children to support and look after, she started Grand Rapids Junior College division of practical nursing. Upon graduation she worked for a period of time at Blodgett Hospital.

A helping hand is given at the nursing home by Mr. and Mrs. James Leverage and Miss Anita Miller. Plans are being made at present for the remodeling of a nine-year-old schoolhouse recently purchased by Mrs. Gartner. They hope to be in their new quarters by February or March of the new year.

Forest Hills Hi-Lites
BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

Have you passed Chuck and Bobbie Mathews home in the last week or two? While we are all thinking about the Christmas baby and the little New Year tyke, Bobbie really got down to the gritty gritty. She hung out a clothes line across her front yard which faces on Cascade Road. Then hanging from this were enough diapers, each with a letter in alternate green and red, to spell out Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The effect of this message blowing in the breeze is a joyous one.

The Mathews' daughter feels that they had better not have any more little ones in their family though, because she can't imagine anyone wanting to wear those panties with the big letters on them.

John and Patsy Clark have included invitations to their friends for an Open House on New Year's Day. It seems, according to these former Texans, that long before Black-Eyed Peas became the "TV" soul food, it was a Southern custom to eat them on the first day of the year to insure good luck for the balance of the 365. It doesn't count if you eat them on New Year's Eve or the day following the first. So they have planned some corn bread and fixin's to be munched along with the bowl games. It's an idea for 'all ya hear!

For that hurry-up last minute hand-made gift, Jean Richler says that a lot can be done with a can of spray paint, some old weeds and a flower pot. Good luck! Or start a magazine subscription with a sample copy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year... you'll be saying this in a hundred ways. You'll call it, shout it, whisper it, and smile it... but most of all you will believe it. Now is the time, and so is the rest of 1970.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
D&W-Cascade East



AWARD WINNER — A floating angel, suspended by wires, was judged the most original Christmas home decoration in Adacraft Commons and produced the top prize for the Mike Basch family on Scythille Drive.

Floating Angel Judged Winner in Yule Contest

Christmas enchantment was reflected on the snows of Adacraft Commons on a recent night as three judges selected winners in a decorating contest.

Lights sparkled from trees, roofs, and windows on nearly every home in the community. First place winner, based on originality, was Mike Basch at 6275 Scythille Drive. His entry was a full-size angel hanging from almost invisible wires from trees. Spotted on the trees are lights with star reflectors producing an effect of the angel in the sky. Beneath the spotlighted heavenly figure in old English script was the appropriate word "Peace."

Second place went to Guy Mutchler at 6256 Danbarston. This display includes many colored lights, paper bags up the driveway with lights, an angel on the Ada Drive side with colored garlands and bells, and a Santa peeking out from the basement window.

Third prize was given to Dean Van Velson whose door and window are studded with cut-outs of cardboard covered with foil in shapes of snowflakes, stars, angels, and the word Noel.



To wish you Holiday Cheer
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FOR THE CITY PRIMARY ELECTION February 16, 1970 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF City of Lowell

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Laws, I, the undersigned City Clerk will, on any day other than Sunday, a legal holiday, the day of any Regular, Special, or Primary Election, and the day of said Primary Election, will receive for registration the name of any person possessing the qualifications of a legal voter in said City not already registered who may personally apply to me for such registration.

Pursuant to Act No. 116 of 1954, as amended, and Act No. 188 of 1967 (Sec. 168.498 M. S. A., 1498):

NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Notice is also given that the last day to register for the Primary Election, February 16, 1970, is

Friday, January 16, 1970

upon which day I will be at **LOWELL CITY HALL, Main Street, Lowell**

The office also will be open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday, January 10, 1970 for the purpose of receiving registrations.

The Primary Election is for the purpose of naming candidates to fill three seats on the City Council.

Laura E. Shepard, Clerk City of Lowell

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Obituaries

MRS. FREDERICK ALTHAUS

A longtime Lowell resident, Mrs. Frederick (Lulu Belle) Althaus, of 318 Riverside Drive, passed away Thursday in Buttrick Hospital.

THOMAS J. HELMER

Funeral services for Thomas James Helmer, 17, of rural Afton, were held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jankhoff Caledonia Chapel, Elder John Girard of Central Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating.

C. ROY WILSON

Services for C. Roy Wilson, 86, of 8773 66th St., Rt. 1, Afton, were held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jankhoff Caledonia Chapel, Elder John Girard of Central Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating.

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, IF NECESSARY, on January 19 and 20.

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Students Will Conduct Service at Lowell Methodist Church

University and college students will conduct the 11 a.m. worship this Sunday, December 28, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. The 8-45 a.m. service will not be held on Sunday.

Hold Two Services on Christmas

Christmas will be celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton Street, with two services on Christmas Eve, December 24. There will be a special service at 5:00 p.m., primarily for parents with younger children who would not be able to attend the later service by the English Handbell Choir and the Carol Choir.

Plan Special Christmas Eve

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell will hold special services on Wednesday evening, December 24, to commemorate the birth of Christ.

A 7:30 p.m. service will feature carol singing, the Christmas Story from Luke, the junior and senior choirs, and the sermon: "Love Came Down" by Reverend Dean Bailey.

A "Candlelight Service of Holy Communion" will be held during the hours of 8:45 p.m.-10:45 p.m. This will be a service of quietness, prayer, and meditation. Persons are invited to come and go at any time during the two hour period as their schedules permit.

The public is cordially invited to these and all services of the church.

NOTICE

5 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 1970, is the deadline for filing Nominating Petitions for Candidates interested in running for city council seats in the February 16, 1970 Primary Election.

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CARD OF THANKS
I wish to express our thanks to neighbors, friends and relatives for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy during the long illness and passing of husband, father and grandfather Edward C. Dehler. We especially wish to thank Rev. East Decker for his prayers and comforting messages, Dr. H.R. Myers and nurse Roxie Hunter, both Funeral Home and also those who sent flowers, and the ladies of the Baptist Church who served lunch and all others who assisted.

The Edward Dehler Family
2-3-38

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation for the help, kindness, flowers and cards from our many friends and relatives during the illness and death of our son and brother, Mr. E. Dehler. A special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Dehler for his visits and the ladies of the Baptist Church for the lovely lunch that was served and Rev. East Decker for his help and wonderful words of comfort.

May God Bless you,
Mr. Hannah Thum
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Woodman
2-3-38

CARD OF THANKS
I'd like to thank all the organizations, friends and neighbors for all the beautiful plants and gifts sent to me and the Cab Society for the beautiful Christmas tree and the pretty decorations they made.

I especially want to thank Rev. Bailey, his wife and family for all the kind deeds they did for me.
2-3-38
Minnie Hoffman

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Lost & Found

LOST - Large mongrel named Brownie. Black back running into light brown and white. Also, white tipped nose, feet and chest. Very shy with strangers but not dangerous. Family pet for more than 3 years and would appreciate knowing if he is dead or alive. Please, if you may have seen him or know his whereabouts, give us a Christmas present by giving us a call at 897-8369. Darrell McLaughlin, 388 Hunt, Lowell. 10-3-38

Real Estate
HOUSE FOR SALE - Forest Hills area. 3 bedrooms, family room, living room with fireplace, all carpeted. Finished recreation room, kitchen and dinette, walk-out patio. Building and many more features. 949-0859. 7-3-38

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SNOW AVENUE
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Cub Scouts Learn Meaning of Christmas

The very first project for the newly formed Lowell Cub Scout unit, Den No. 3, turned out to be an expression of the true Christmas spirit.

When a shoulder injury forced Mrs. Minnie Huffman of 703 East Main Street, Lowell, to abandon plans for erecting and decorating her Christmas tree, the den members located a tree, made decorations for it and presented it to Mrs. Huffman.

These young Christmas elves, all between the ages of eight and ten, were invited by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw of Beckwith Drive to choose and cut a tree from their property. The Cub Scouts were supervised in this project by Mrs. Janet Bailey, Den Mother, and Mrs. Marilyn Venneman, her assistant.

The boys are: Edward Stormzand, Steven Grudzinkas, David Venneman, Glenn Bailey, Michael and Troy Miller.

Coming Events

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O.E.S. will hold a New Year's Potluck supper on Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Bring a dish to pass and own service. Rolls will be furnished. Entertainment planned.



All good wishes to you for a holiday full of fun and festivity.

Season's Greetings

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Happy Holiday

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WALT DISNEY'S
'Family Band'



EFFORTS REWARDED — Tom and Phyl Johnson put holiday decorations around the new sign at the Ada restaurant which two families created from what was once . . . as the sign indicates . . . a coach stop.

Team Effort Recreates Ada Landmark

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT

If you told someone that Howard Johnson runs a pretty good restaurant, folks from coast-to-coast would agree.

But if you said that Howard Johnson runs a pretty good restaurant in Ada, you might get a few vacant stares!

That's only because Howard Johnson . . . and Tom Johnson, too . . . have only recently opened the doors of their new Coach Stop restaurant on Ada Drive.

This Howard, of course, is not related to the Johnson whose name is synonymous with those orange-roofed eateries which dot the landscape.

The Coach Stop came into existence through sheer Yankee ingenuity, imagination and plenty of hard work.

Last summer Tom and Howard Johnson and their families bought an old home on Ada Drive and began the task of taking it apart and putting it back together again to the point where now it barely resembles that scrawny infant that first went into the ring.

Like a well-honed athletic team, they tackled the project with vim and vigor and plenty of hope. Elbow grease and know-how kept them pushing through layers and layers of old wall paper, square nails, and unlevel floors until there emerged a potential winner.

The old home has been traced back to its early history at least one hundred and forty years ago. The front part of the large building that it finally became the original portion.

Here it is easy to see the extremely wide floor boards, typical of building long ago when lumber came from large trees. Here is also where the floor revealed the worn boards that were presumably in front of the counter . . . traces of which still remained when the floor was cleaned.

More facts of earlier architecture such as previous doors and room locations became evident as both of the Johnson families worked over the structure.

Everyone was on the team. Tom and Phyl Johnson of Ada and their children plunged into the fray with an energy for

which they have been known to work on other local projects.

Young Tom, Krista, and Dave all took a hand in scraping, painting, hauling and running errands.

The children of the Howard Johnsons . . . Libby, Howard, and Amy Johnson have also worked to make the Coach Stop a happening!

The name, incidentally, was selected before it was known that this probably was the old coach stop in Ada at the bottom of Ada Drive.

History books tell of one standing where Ada Shopper's Square is now located. The front of the building was then moved to higher ground.

The sign that hangs outside is newly-painted but made from old lumber found inside the building. It is just another example of the attention to detail that the "team" has used.

Visitors will find the interior so warm now that it will be difficult to realize what the Johnsons had to do to get the place into shape.

The men did all of the work themselves . . . except those things which required licensing. They were at the location during every spare moment of time and because the whole experiment caused so much interest, they received nearly three hundred well-wishers before the actual opening day. Friends have donated antiques, opinions, and some have even pitched in and helped from time to time.

Just as friends and neighbors did back in the days when the original walls first went up.

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Long ago, three Wise Men followed a Star to a miracle. Today, that miracle lives on in the spirit of peace and love born on that joyous day. We wish you a full measure of blessings.

Ma and Pa's Coffee Cup

Season's Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that long after Christmas Day is gone, you may enjoy its abundant pleasures and fond memories.

And throughout the New Year may there come to you all the precious things of life—Health, Happiness, and Enduring Friendships.

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