

THIS CAN'T BE YOUR CHILD...



OR IS IT ?

My child shooting up? Come on, now. He's the best-adjusted kid on the block. We get along just fine.

Sure. But that picture could change. There isn't any one reason why kids turn to drugs. But there is one thing you can do. Get involved.

The DAA
Number Is
897-8001

A small-scale demonstration evolving around a 14-year-old girl shot-up on heroin has prompted the immediate formation of a citizen's committee to study the drug abuse problem in the Lowell area.

Lowell police were contacted last Thursday with a tip that a girl retaining peculiar actions was wandering through the downtown area, apparently headed towards the Junior High School.

While patrolling the area, Police Chief Barry Emmons spotted five youths heading north on Lafayette Street, with one student bent over in an ailing position.

When the group spotted Emmons, they fled into the school, barricading themselves in a room, manning themselves with defensive weapons (such as ball bats) hollering irrational remarks and refusing entry.

By this time, a group of sympathizing students had congregated, refusing to return to the classrooms, and imposing harassment on the investigating officers.

Emmons, through strict training, fully realizing the critical condition of the girl was almost to the point of forceful entry when the students put down their defenses.

Rushed to a Grand Rapids hospital, the girl still remains under close observation for heroin usage.

Local pharmacist Chuck Lippert, aware of the situation, and based on anonymous telephone calls he had received, personally prior to the incident, swung into full action.

With the complete cooperation of the schools, the police department, the City Manager, and area clergymen, a Drug Abuse Anonymous committee has been established to look into the pending problems in the Lowell area.

"I have two children that I want to raise in this community," Lippert remarked. "And it's time someone took the bull by the horns."

The first step taken by the committee was the installation of a DAA telephone placed somewhere in the community. By calling this number 897-8001, persons may seek help or offer valuable information to control the overusage of drugs in the community.

Volunteer help will answer the phone between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily. Area parents and students are urged to call in their problems or reveal any information they may have.

"It must be fully understood," Lippert added, "that persons using this telephone service will in no way be implicated, prosecuted or what have you." "All calls will be handled on a strict

anonymous basis, so there will be "no fear" of later referrals or implications—all calls will remain strictly anonymous." Calls received will be evaluated and acted upon if so required.

The second step taken by the DAA committee was the setting up of open seminar for interested citizens scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

The meeting focused on clarifying rumors, will be highlighted by a panel discussion, during which actual case histories and incidents will be revealed.

Despite disciplinary actions taken, trouble still brews at the junior high school. A bomb threat phoned into the school Monday morning saw the evacuation of students and an hour search for the ticking container.

The call received at 10:15 a.m., said the bomb was set to go off at 10:30. Aided by the Kent County Sheriff's Department, and school administrators, the Lowell Police halted the search at 11:30.

Checking the roll call for the day, the authorities found that three students involved in last Thursday's incident were absent for the day. By 12:30 apprehension of the boys had been made, and they were cited to Juvenile court for their actions.

EDITOR'S COMMENT . . . by Sam

SHOCKED! That's right, I'm shocked beyond a state of realization to have revealed to me the circumstances that exist not only in the Lowell Junior High School, but all over the community.

It's high time the citizenry of the Lowell area stop hiding their heads like ostriches, or covering their ears with a pillow, . . . wake up and face the situation at hand. Don't shrug your shoulders and say "my kids are not involved, why should I be?"

The meeting planned by the newly formed DAA is open to all interested persons and I charge that if all parents do not attend "they totally do not care about their kids, at all."

At the December 28 seminar, the things that will be revealed on happenings and situations will curdle your blood, blink your eyes, and you'll utter to yourself that this couldn't be happening in the quiet community of Lowell . . . but you're wrong, it is happening . . . and it's time we as parents and citizens face head-on this crucial situation.



Swims Icy River To Evade Police

A quick jump into the Flat River to evade police authorities found the victim AWOL from the Army last week.

When approached by the patrolling policeman, William Mitchell, 23, who lists his address as South Pleasant Street, Lowell, took a startling turn, headed for the icy river on East Main and plunged in.

Additional help was summoned, as the victim departed from the water on the island behind the King Milling Company. When reapproached, Mitchell dove into the water and began swimming down stream.

The icy conditions of the water forced him to land where the Flat River connects with the Grand. He was immediately placed in an isolation jacket to help control his shivering condition.

Investigation of the 11:30 a.m. incident, showed that the evader had been AWOL from the Army for six months.

Vandals Paint Ugly Picture

Twinkling lights, glittering tinsel, Nativity scenes and jolly Santas used in yard decorations have heralded the Christmas season around the area. But for the residents of the Valley Vista area in one respect, it could be a black Christmas.

Saturday night, vandals equipped with cans of black spray paint decided to change the scenery—redecorating the Christmas decor.

Several complaints made to the Lowell Police Department have been checked out, and a few leads are being investigated.



An open letter to the Kroger Co.:

I am writing this letter in defense of a 12-year-old boy, who is now under the impression that a small person doesn't stand a chance against a big company. Well, he may be right, but a big person is at least going to have her say.

My son, the 12-year-old, sells the Grit paper. This is a wonderful opportunity for young boys, for it not only teaches them the value of earning their own money, it forces them to meet people, gain self confidence and in a small way, gives them a little insight into the business world.


He has a route, which he walks the full length of directly after school, and if he has some papers left he would go to the Kroger Store and sell them until I could pick him up. He was usually there about 45 minutes to an hour, once a week.

This week, after ten weeks of doing so, the manager told him that he could no longer sell there. When the boy asked why, the manager told him that there is a rack just outside the door where one might purchase a paper of a larger publishing co.

It is difficult enough to teach children these days the value of working for a dollar instead of sitting around and waiting for Mom or Dad to hand it out.

Come on Kroger Company — can a 12-year-old boy, selling a 20¢ paper outside your door for one hour a week really do that much harm to your business?

Donna Janowiak
Lowell, Michigan



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Jill Gietzen Wins Second In 'Seventeen' National Competition

Creative use of fabric and design has earned 16-year-old Jill Gietzen, of Grand Rapids, second prize in a Seventeen Magazine Youth Advisory Council competition.

The \$50 award in the "Design Your Ideal Headboard" contest will be given to Jill as the representative of Steketee's Teen Board in Grand Rapids. The cash prize, earmarked for donation to a worthy cause, will be presented by the board to the Eastern Orthopedic School for the Handicapped.

More than 500 members of Seventeen's Youth Advisory Council representing stores throughout the country participated in the program. Entrants were asked to design their ideal headboard for a twin bed, and could submit up to three entries. Judging was on the basis of originality of idea and design, rather than artistic execution.

Jill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gietzen, 3400 East Fulton, received her award for an "Oh! Happy Day!!" design. It features a calendar headboard in a combination of clear and colored plastic.

A senior at Forest Hills High School, Jill is a member of the yearbook staff. She plans to attend Grand Rapids Junior College to study special education.

As a Seventeen Youth Advisory Council member, Jill is eligible for one of four Seventeen Scholarship Awards. The prizes, to be awarded in May, include one \$1,500 scholarship, two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship.

The scholarship program, inaugurated this September, consists of three competition projects co-sponsored by manufacturers in the fashion, cosmetics and home furnishings industries. The first project, "Design Your Ideal Headboard" was sponsored by the magazine in cooperation with the Simmons Company. The second and third projects are yet to be announced.

The program was designed by SEVENTEEN to involve the Youth Advisory Council representatives in all aspects of retailing, as well as to provide fresh, innovative ideas to the business community.

The Christmas Story On Main Street

The West Main Street City Parking Lot will be the scene Saturday night, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. for a live re-enactment of the Christmas Story as recorded in Matthew and Luke.

Youth of the Senior High Fellowship of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will present a "living creche" for the children of the community.

The youth have been busy collecting the appropriate animals under the direction of their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. VanderBilt.

All area residents are invited to view this short presentation.

Densmore Worshipful Master Of Ada Lodge

Richard Densmore will become Worshipful Master of Ada Masonic Lodge No. 280, F&AM at installation ceremonies Saturday night, December 18, at 8 p.m.

Besides Densmore, the officers to be installed are: Russell Kelley, Senior Warden; Lewis Dewey, Junior Warden; Orison Weaver, treasurer; Robert Turritin, secretary; Clarence Fuller, senior deacon; Albert Carpenter, junior deacon; Max Souser, Marshal; Donald McPherson, chaplain; and Walter Hayes, Tyler.

Kenneth Thomas, Past Master of Cedar Lodge at Clarkston will be the installing officer, assisted by:

Donald McPherson, installing Marshal; Richard Forrester, Installing Secretary; John Stranch, Past Master of Lyons, Installing Chaplain; and Richard McNeal, Past Master, Lowell, Installing Organist.

Saturday's installation is open, and all husbands, wives and children are cordially invited to attend.

A Cub Scout Gives Good Will

Cub Scout Pack 3188 of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will meet Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building for their celebration of Christmas built around the theme, "A Cub Scout Gives Good Will."

The Pack has "adopted" a Lowell family for Christmas to share in their joy and good will. Arthur Bieri, Cubmaster, states that the evening will be both meaningful and fun.

Commemorative Stamp Folders Available

Lowell has been selected by the U. S. Postal Service to make available to the public the 1971 Commemorative Stamp Folders, marking the first time in history that such Mini-Albums have been distributed nationwide through post offices. "We are pleased that we can make available these attractive mini-albums throughout our area," Postmaster Charles Doyle stated.

They will be placed on sale beginning December 13, 1971 and would make an ideal Christmas gift for all ages.

"This folder is an easy way for a youngster or anyone to start a stamp collection," Postmaster Doyle said. The folders, 10" x 10" in size, will contain a description of each stamp together with the packet of 24 attractive commemorative stamps issued during the year and stamp hinges which can be used to affix the stamps to the folder. The hinges are a glassine strip which collectors use for mounting stamps without harming the folders or the stamps.

Postmaster Doyle urged residents to obtain them as soon as possible as the supply is limited.

Lowell Raises 83 Percent Of United Fund Goal

The 1971 Kent County United Fund campaign has raised the highest percentage increase over 1970 campaign results of any United Fund drive in Michigan.

As of December 9, Kent County had reported in \$2.3 million, or 108 percent of the \$2.1 million raised in 1970.

The campaign results are all the more remarkable in view of two significant factors:

—The economic climate which prevailed in Western Michigan during the 1971 campaign differed little from that of 1970—one of the poorest years in recent history.

—A boycott staged by the publicity-seeking Sportsman's Alliance of Michigan (SAM) cost the United Fund \$100,000, by conservative estimates, in lost revenue.

This year, for the first time in its history, the Kent County United Fund based its goal not on an estimated "attainable" figure but on the actual needs of its 64 member agencies. Thus, the \$2.7 million goal represents a 26 percent increase over 1970 campaign results—the highest percentage increase in goal of any United Fund in America.

With the \$2.3 million raised so far—and the campaign organization still working—Kent County has reached 86 percent of its goal.

The Lowell United Fund story nearly parallels that for the county as a whole. As of December 6, Lowell had raised \$6,864 or 83 percent of its 1971 goal of \$9,165.

But there is still time for those who would like to help boost that total toward the 100 percent mark. For information call the United Fund at 459-6281 or write the United Fund, 500 Commerce Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502.

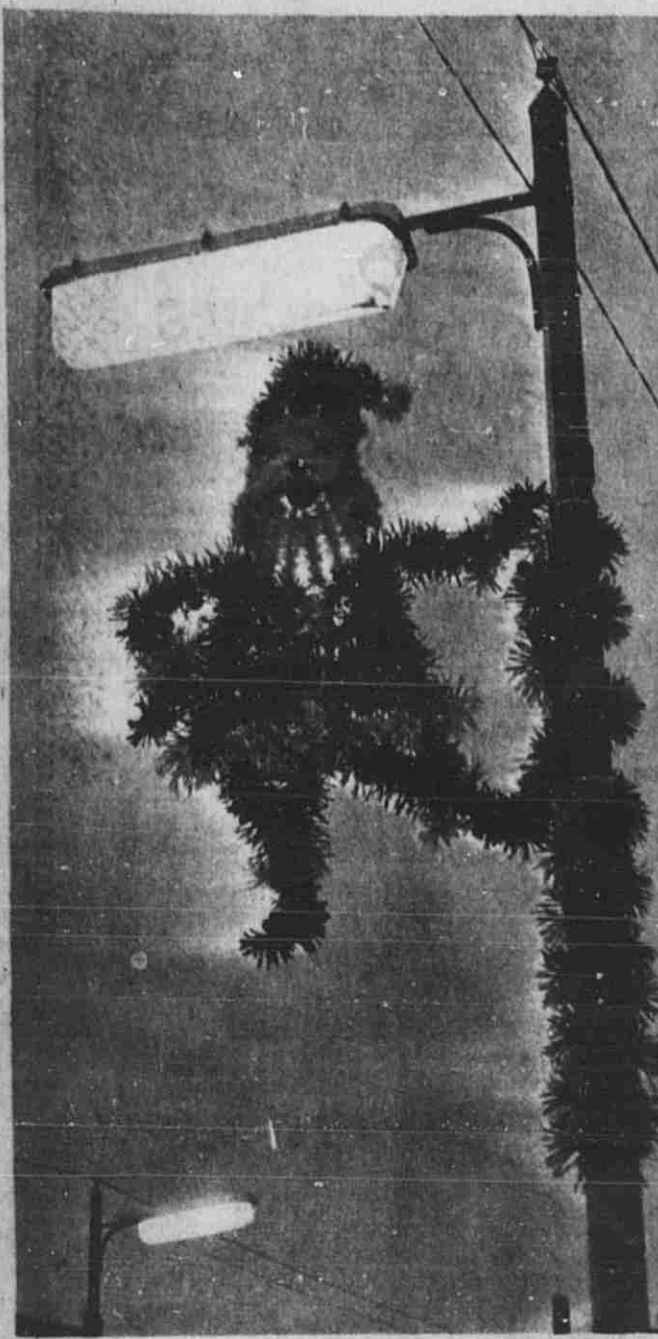


One of the clowns who participated in the Santa Claus Parade accepts toys for the Moose Operation Santa Claus, donated by the Camp Fini Girls.

Lowell Construction Is Lowest Bidder

The Lowell Construction Company has received a \$10,000 contract to construct a battery shop at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, according to Capt. Thomas E. Yirak, chief of the procurement division.

The Lowell company's bid was the lowest responsible bid of three received on the project.



Around The Area

Cla Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Avery is home for the holidays. Cla is attending Highlands University, New Mexico.

After another bout of illness, Gerry Marshall is again in the hospital. She will be spending the holidays at the Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids. Cards and visits would cheer her immensely.

In Cascade, huge candles carrying the message "Season's Greeting," greet motorists as they come down 28th Street. The message has been posted by the Cascade Businessmen's Association.

In Ada, the life-like Creche scene in front of Amway is eye-catching and makes one feel the inspirational impact of the season.

Huge stars, multi-colored for the season greet shoppers and visitors as they enter Saranac. With the holidays only eleven days away, most of the merchants will remain open evenings.

Walter's Lumber Mart on West Main Street has cleverly added a snow effect to their windows... adding a spark to the holiday atmosphere... and J.R.B. Agency has issued their greetings with a window painting.

The Lowell Moose Lodge will wind up their collection of new and used toys for their annual Operation Santa Claus drive this week. If you have a donation to make the holiday an enjoyable one for underprivileged children of the community, leave your toys at the Moose Lodge before this Saturday.

Illegal Billboards

Notices were mailed today to the owners of 73 illegal billboards along interstate freeways in eight counties, instructing them to remove the signs within 30 days.

According to the Department of State Highways' continuing survey, the billboards have been erected illegally since 1968. Those not removed within 30 days will be taken down by the Highway Department and the owners billed for the expense.

The target of today's notices are the final batch of some 400 billboards whose owners were notified of their illegality since last spring.

Removal of the signs is authorized under Michigan's 1966 Billboard Control Act. A revised control law, designed to meet tougher federal standards, currently is awaiting action by the Legislature.

While removal of illegal billboards has been confined so far to interstate freeways, illegal boards along other freeways and primary highways also are targeted for removal.

The state's billboard control law bans erection of signs within 660 feet of the right-of-way of interstate and primary highways, with certain exceptions for business and industrial zones.

Shank Elected President

Of Real Estate Board

Sydney D. Shank, 1971 Vice-President of the Grand Rapids Real Estate Board, was elected to head the Board as President for 1972.

Shank, named Realtor-of-the-Year by the Board, will take office January 1, 1972.

Newly elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms were Arthur Sturgis, William Pearson and Marvin Van Dellen.

new arrivals

A six pound, five and one half ounce baby girl was born December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Jackson of Lowell.

Arriving at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, she has been named Cara Leanne. She has one sister, Colleen at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tiedt, Hudson Street, Lowell, are the parents of a baby boy, born December 10 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The new arrival weighed five pounds and six ounces.

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On Honeymoon Trip To Canada

The Rev. J. T. Moore read the vows of Holy Matrimony to Karen E. Ray and J. Michael Hagman Saturday noon, December 11, at the Central Christian Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy G. Ray, 1594 MacVider, S.E., Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Hagman, 1355 Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The radiant bride chose a white silk gown trimmed with satin, fashioned with a tiered skirt, square neckline edged with lace, and short bouffant sleeves. Her elbow-length veil of illusion was held by satin rosettes.

Miss Anne Bowen of Birmingham assisted the bride as maid of honor. Steven R. Hagman of Kalamazoo was the best man with Theodore A. Ray and Kurt K. Ray seating the guests.

Following a reception in the Forest Hills Country Club, Mr. and Mrs. Hagman departed for a honeymoon trip to Canada.

The former Miss Ray is a senior at Western Michigan University. The groom has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and is currently working on his master's. He is a major in the United States Army.

Home And Garden Show Scheduled For March 13-18

The Greater Michigan Home and Garden Show again will occupy the entire Civic Auditorium, in Grand Rapids, during the week of March 13th through the 18th, 1972.

The announcement was made by the Executive Director of the Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids & Western Michigan.

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SANTA TO ARRIVE IN ALTO

You'd better watch out, you'd better not pout, Santa Claus is coming to town.

That's right, this Saturday, December 18, St. Nick will visit with the children of the Alto area, as the Alto Businessmen's Association, host their annual Christmas party.

Assembling on Linfield Avenue, Santa will arrive in "grand style," loaded down with candy and surprises galore for the kids. Don't forget, this Saturday afternoon, bring the children to visit with Santa.

ROBERT LYNN McGINNES ENGAGED TO PATRICK HOBBS

The engagement of Miss Roberta Lynn McGinnes to Patrick Lee Hobbs has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McGinnes of Grand Rapids.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hobbs of Alto.

The bride-elect attends Grand Rapids Junior College, and her fiancé is a student at Eastern Michigan University.

The engaged couple are planning a March 4 wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lipcomb of Grand Rapids announce the arrival of a six pound, 11 ounce girl born November 29.

Arriving at Bioggett Hospital in Grand Rapids, she has been named Amy Jean.

The proud grandparents are Mr and Mrs. Charles Lipcomb, formerly of Alto.

Community Calendar

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**
The choir of the Congregational Church will present a folk musical, "A Christmas Happening," at 10:30 a.m. during the morning worship service.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**
Post 8303, V.F.W. of Lowell will meet Tuesday, December 21, at their hall on East Main Street. All members are urged to be at the meeting which starts at 8 p.m.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**
Island City Rebekah Lodge 282, Lowell, will meet at the IOOF Hall on Tuesday, December 21, at 8 p.m.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS
Tuesday, December 7, the Ta wa ya Camp Fire Girls decorated cookies for the Christmas Tea.
After a discussion on the candy sale, the meeting was concluded by singing the Camp Fire Law.
Carol Scharaswak, Scribe

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Winter Officially Begins December 22

Winter officially begins at 7:24 a.m. on December 22, notes University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Loh.

Winter solstice occurs when the sun reaches its most southerly point in its apparent annual path around the earth, Prof. Loh says, and this is marked by our shortest day and longest night.

Oddly enough, on December 22 the earth will be three million miles nearer the sun than in July, Prof. Loh points out.

But the decrease in distance has little effect on the temperature, she continues. Rather, the change in season is caused primarily by the tilt of our planet's axis, she explains. In winter, sunlight hits the southern half of the globe more directly and the northern hemisphere more obliquely.

Appropriately, the Northern Cross will be one of the most striking constellations of the Christmas month, the U-M astronomer observes.

"The Northern Cross is moving steadily toward the West," she says, "and it may be seen to splendid advantage on Christmas Eve."

Sinus, the brightest star in the whole sky, has historical and religious significance that also fits the season.

"Rising as it does in the early evenings around Christmas time," Prof. Loh explains, "it was the 'Star of the East' pointed to by the 'Three Wise Men.'"

Many planets will brighten December skies, she notes. Venus will be the evening planet glowing in the southwest for one or two hours after sunset, she says.

Mars, a bright orange planet, can be seen high in the southern sky at sunset. Saturn will be visible the whole night in the constellation Taurus.

Prof. Loh says that full moons will mark both the beginning and the end of December, appearing on December 2 and also on New Year's Eve.

VIVIAN RAESIDE
Mrs. Vivian Raeside, 67, of 4572 Sequoia Drive, S.E., passed away Friday morning at St. Mary's Hospital.
Monday afternoon, the Rev. Ted S. Johnson and Pastor David Krogh officiated at the last rites held in Sullivan Chapel. Interment followed in Cascade Cemetery.

GLEN CHALLENGER
Glen Challenger, aged 45, of Lincoln Lake Road, Lowell, passed away of accidental injuries Sunday afternoon in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids.
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Metcalf Chapel with the Rev. Jay De Vries of Little Farms Christian Reformed Church officiating. Interment was made in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

CLAUD J. SCOTT
Claud J. Scott, supervisor of Campbell Township, passed away December 2, at the age of 67 in the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.
A graduate of Clarkville High School in 1922, he attended the Normal School in Mt. Pleasant before teaching for 20 years in the Clarkville and Lowell areas. He was a member of the Clarkville Masonic Lodge.

DAVID HANNA
David Hanna, infant son of AFC and Mrs. Jack Hanna, III, of Germany, passed away in Germany.
Funeral services were held Monday at the VanStrien-Alman Funeral Home with the Rev. John D. McKay officiating. Interment was made in Blythefield Memory Gardens.

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Christmas Cantata 'Joy To The World'

The Nazareth Church will be holding their Christmas Cantata "Joy to the World" December 19, at the 11 a.m. service. The children's program will be held the same day at the evening service, 7:30 p.m. Christmas treats will be given after the children's program. Everyone is welcome for both services.

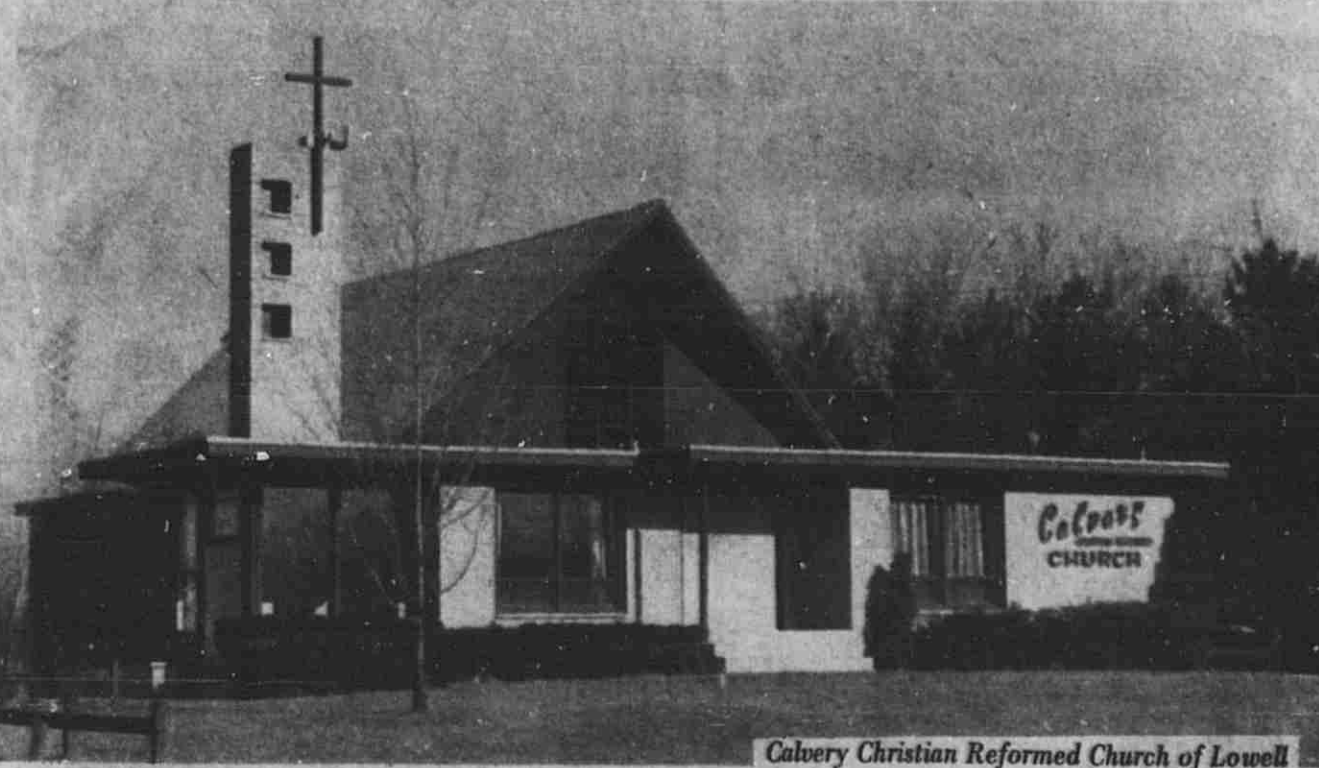
Red Cross Offers Home Nursing Course

A six-week Home Nursing course will be offered by the Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross beginning Thursday, January 6, 1972 from 7-9 p.m. at the chapter headquarters, 1059 Fuller, N.E. The class will run through February 10. The course is intended for people lacking skills in caring for their families in both sickness and health. Class sessions will cover feeding, bathing, making a bed with the patient in it, following doctor's orders, and giving medication correctly. Also covered in the course will be skills in keeping a family in good health, including simple first aid treatment, recognizing symptoms of illness, planning and preparing well-balanced and nutritious meals, cultivating healthy mental attitudes, and keeping family health records. Persons interested in enrolling in this course may call the Red Cross at 456-8661, ext. 36.

What Will Christmas Be Like?

... A boy almost fourteen, runs down the crowded streets of a big city. Maybe even one you've heard of. The Shoppers hurry on with their shopping, trying to beat the rush which has already surrounded them, but don't even notice. I know, notice what? The busy streets? The new-fallen snow, the Christmas decorations, or the boy? Now, you see, why should they notice the boy, or the fact that his clothes are worn and his thin coat shabby. Or his cold hands and feet, because he can't afford boots and gloves. But then it happens. A winter coat has been "stolen" and also a pair of boots from a large department store, and a suspect is being held. Then you notice, "Oh yes, you say, I saw him running down the street." "He was just one of those grubby kids who lives down near the alley in the slum area." Then you continue on with your Christmas shopping, never giving another thought to the boy who will never even receive a Christmas present this year and even had to steal to own a pair of boots and a coat - two necessities which we wouldn't dream of giving without. But I - when confronted with this "bad scene" gave it much thought. When I am opening presents Christmas Eve, and eating a meal of delicious delicacies, what will "he" be doing and where will he be? What will his poor family have to eat, and where will he sleep? Will he be warm enough? - and happy? How will he celebrate the wondrous birth of Christ? Will he stay home because he has no decent clothes to wear to church? Or will he not join the children sliding at the park because he has no sled or warm clothes to wear? This is when I begin to ask myself, "Will Christmas always be like this? Will children always have to steal to get bare necessities? Why does it have to be like this? This boy is just imaginary, but so many others all around us could fill his shoes. This year, help brighten up a child's Christmas. A small favor on your part could bring joy to many others who have so little. Remember those clothes that every one has outgrown but you just hated to throw away? Give them to a needy family, or the Salvation Army. Or all those perfectly good toys little Johnny has outgrown. Fill a child's heart with gladness. There are so many ways the "little things" you can do can add joy to those families who aren't as fortunate. So this year why not take time to help a needy friend?

Church Of The Week



Each week the Ledger-Suburban Life will publish one of the many fine churches located in our area of coverage.

THE Christmas Star

The first light of Christmas that usually comes to mind is the starlight of Bethlehem. Many of our Christmas carols sing of the Star of Bethlehem. The Star of Bethlehem is used often in decorations to represent the night of Christ's birth. From the small stars atop a million Christmas trees in our homes to the huge ones erected on hilltops to shine down on big cities, all are reminders of that "star of wonder".

Connie Hodgman

Methodists Aid Pakistan Refugees

As a result of the turmoil between India, East Pakistan, and the Bangla Dakh rebels; nearly 10 million persons have crossed from East Pakistan to India. Most of the refugees crossed the border with nothing. In the refugee camps malnutrition is rampant. Food supplements, especially milk and high protein foods, and medical attention are desperate needs. Into this situation of enormous proportions, moved the government and the churches of India. The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is already contributing to a going program. C.A.S.A. (Christian Agency for Social Action) was set up by the churches of India and is staffed by Indians. C.A.S.A. is at work in 43 different refugee camps. It reaches one million persons a day with its four programs: supplemental feeding, medical aid, schools, and cottage industry. The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has issued an appeal for one million dollars to underground refugee programs. The Grand Rapids District, through its 79 churches, representing 60 charges, is seeking \$10,000 before the new year. Mrs. Martin H. Johnson, Missions chairman of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, announces that the congregation will have an opportunity to respond to this Emergency Appeal on Sundays, December 19 and 26 and on Christmas Eve, December 24.

Adult Choir Presents 'A Christmas Happening'



A rehearsal session prepares the Congregational Choir for their annual Christmas program. The adult choir of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will be presenting "A Christmas Happening," a new folk musical by John F. Wilson, Sunday morning, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. The organist-director is Vern Bultema; soloists are Winnie Onan, Nancy Wood and Vern Bultema. Narration will be provided by choir members; there are also rhythmic speaking choir sections. "A Christmas Happening" is a modern interpretation of the Christmas story in today's language, set to contemporary folk music with a beat. The community is cordially invited to experience "A Christmas Happening."

Sunday School Classes Involved In Program

All Sunday School classes (including junior and senior high) will be involved in the annual Sunday School Christmas program this Sunday, December 19, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Cascade Christian Church. Assignments have been given all classes, beginning with the two-year-olds. The high school youth will be involved in the living creche and a Christmas choral reading. CAMS have accepted the very large task of doing the reception-refreshment period which follows in the Fellowship Hall. The program based around the theme, "Christmas Around the World," should be of interest to all. Mrs. Mary Grier and Miss Nancy Gaskell have developed the program as it now stands, but many other teachers and adults are busy doing their particular things. Don't miss this program, come early!

Extension Group Gathers For Party

South Boston Extension Study Group held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. June Fahm on the 9th. We started out with a potluck dinner at 12:30. The main course was baked chicken with lots of other goodies to go with it. The meeting was then held with each member answering roll call with a Christmas thought or poem, as this was our annual Christmas party. Our chairman, Mrs. Janet Bovee, then read us a Christmas story called "The Little Star." We also decided to buy fruit baskets for some of our members who are ill at this Christmas Season. After the meeting we revealed our secret pals for the year by exchanging Christmas gifts. We then drew names for the '72 year. We then adjourned to our homes, happy and full.

Chamber Choirs Presents 'God's Son Is Born'

The sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell was filled to capacity last Sunday evening to hear the Chamber Choir of Lowell Senior High School under the direction of Paul F. Balam. The choir presented a special Christmas program of narration and music, entitled "God's Son Is Born" by Hoffmann. Patrick Herbel narrated and Vicki Sterzick accompanied the choir on the organ. The program also included numbers by the Adult Choir of the church directed by William J. Lomas; "Still And Hushed" by Frederick Gerhardt and "The Praise Carol" by Ralph Mar-ryott. David F. Coors, organist, played "Noel In G" by Dugain, "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come" by Crane, "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" by Davidson, and "Graise Be To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" by Walcha. A selection of Christmas carols were heard from the tower of the church prior to the concert, played by Ronald C. Krebs on the Ming Memorial Chimes. Stanley N. Gardner headed up the ushering staff of Mark Blough, David Avery, Karl and Kurt Yost. Miss Betty K. Lyons provided nursery care in the Kindergarten House during the performance. Personnel of the twenty-one voice Chamber Choir included: Alto - Marsha Beach, Janet Bieri, Nancy Coon, Sharon Doyle, Candi Dykmis, Tenor - Dan Fitzpatrick, Jim Rash, Tony Uliche, Kevin Vezio. Soprano - Pam Anderson, Dawn Doezema, Sally Doyle, Lauri Vanharterwald, Carrie Weemhoff, Linda Willemson, Bass - Kerin Hong, Dale Marshall, Ed Murphy, Terry Onan, Gary Weemhoff, John Will.

Operation Santa In Full Swing

Cascade Christian Church's Operation Santa Claus is now in full swing. Already 44 families have been added to the list, including a few outside of the Forest Hills area. Mrs. Ward Geb in her most efficient way is overseeing the total operation which involves personal calling, shopping, wrapping, and endless checking. Miss Janet Belding and Buck Mathews gave touching appeals for money and support... and Mrs. Ralph Schurz, treasurer, reports gifts are pouring in. This year's listing of families to be helped by Operation Santa Claus, has been built by suggestions from local pastors, county nurses, school officials and social service workers in the area. A committee screened all recommended families. Never before have so many churches and individuals been involved in this project, as this year. It goes without saying that Forest Hills Area Schools always stand behind us. Operation Santa has really "come of age" in recent years and is recognized throughout the country for the fine work it projects.

Annual Christmas Program

Robert Heidtke and Greg Leon cut out parts for the Giant Black Leather Bible to be used in Eastmont Baptist's Sunday evening Christmas program.

Eastmont Baptist Church, 5038 Cascade Road, S.E., will present their annual Christmas program for the community Sunday evening, December 19, at 7 p.m. Sunday School superintendent, Herman Boas, Jr., says the entire Sunday School is working hard preparing props, costumes and rehearsing their parts for the program.

Robert Heidtke, Goodwood Drive, S.E., is working with the high school boys to prepare the props and platform decorations. The ladies of the church have been working on cutouts. Everyone is welcome to this Christmas program. Nursery care will be provided.

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Sunday School 11 a.m.
Christ Ambassadors (Youth) 6 p.m.
Evangelistic Service 7 p.m.
Rev. Daniel Root, Minister

CHRISTIAN
Cascade Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2829 Thompson River Drive SE
949-1360
The Rev. Raymond Gaylord, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:15 & 10:30
Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30
Youth Group Meetings 5:00 p.m.

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First Baptist Church - In Alto -
Corner 60th & Bancroft Ave.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
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Ada Christian Reformed Church
7152 Bradford
676-1696
Rev. Ralph Bravocort, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2965 Wyckoff Dr. SE
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Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
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Vergennes United Methodist Church
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First United Methodist Church of Lowell
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Trinity Lutheran Church (L.C.A.)
2700 E. Fulton Road
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REFORMED
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Temporary Meeting Facilities
Cascade Elementary School
Corner of Burton St. and Cascade Rd.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. James E. Henshaw
1070 Waltham, SE
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CONGREGATIONAL
First Congregational Church of Ada (In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
7339 Bonanza SE
676-5281
Rev. C. Jack Richards, Pastor
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Care Provided)

BIBLE
Bethany Bible Church
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Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Raymond E. Bell

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Final Four Minutes Destroy Forest Hills

Channel 13 presented Forest Hills vs. East Grand Rapids as the high school basketball game of the week, and for all but the final four minutes of the fourth quarter it was just that. Dave Cutler and Randy Ernst nearly set the basket on fire with impressive jump shots behind which East outscored the Rangers 19-4 in the last half of the dubious fourth quarter.

Nip (the Pioneer) Meets Tuck (the Ranger)
Pleasing the home crowd, East jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the opening seconds of the game. Forest Hills wasn't ready to lie down and die, though. Bill Heneveld popped three quick field goals that tied the score at 1-1. Then Craig Klynstra found the range and by the close of the first quarter, Forest Hills guarded a 19-14 advantage.

Scott Vashaw hit the first basket of quarter No. 2, and that momentary seven point lead was to be the most comfortable pad Forest Hills enjoyed all night. East edged back and closed the gap to one point at 21-20 when Peter Uhl, the tall Pioneer center, picked up his third foul and retired to the bench. Ernst put E.G.R. ahead 26-25 with a short jumper. The lead changed hands five more times before the home team took a 32-29 advantage into the locker room at intermission.

The East jazz band stroked out a tune about a "Tajana Taxi" as coaches laid second half strategy.

Ted Zuiderveen's only basket of the night put Forest Hills into a 37-36 lead early in the third period. Klynstra bucketed seven points in the stanza, but it was Bill Heneveld's basket that gave the Rangers a 46-45 margin at the close of the quarter.

Cutler, who had only scored five points in his first two games, gave the Ranger zone defense fits, consistently popping fourteen footers. Uhl returned to the lineup and marked the advent of disaster. The six-foot, four inch senior center put East into a 59-52 lead causing Coach Larry Wilton to put his Rangers in a man-to-man press with three minutes left.

The much quicker East team broke through the press to score a bevy of layups. Ranger fans watched in disbelief as their team fell farther and farther behind. With East safely ahead and only 54 seconds remaining Uhl fouled out. At the buzzer, Ernst's field goal made the score 72-57, East's widest margin of the entire night.

Cutler finished the game with 26 points while his backcourt mate, Ernst, had 19. Cutler also pulled down ten rebounds.

Klynstra led the Ranger attack with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Rick Wagenaar, who had 25 carries the previous week, managed only 11 as East outrebounced the Rangers 48-36. Bill Heneveld hit double figures for his third straight game with 12. It's still early in the year to talk championship, but the crowd wouldn't have believed as the fever ran high on both sides of the gymnasium. The Rangers get another shot at East in a friendly home court, and Coach Wilton thinks his boys can take the arch-rival Pioneers. In any case, Forest Hills desperately needs two wins this week against an underrated West Ottawa squad and on Friday night against tall and dangerous Grandville.

Forest Hills (57)					East Grand Rapids (72)								
Wagenaar	Uhl	Uhl	Uhl	Uhl	FG	FT	PF	FF	T				
2	2	2	2	6	Fennell	2	1	2	5				
2	1	0	5	5	McCarthy	1	1	2	3				
4	0	0	8	UM	2	2	4	5	8				
0	0	0	2	Cutler	13	0	1	26	19				
5	2	3	12	Wolf	4	1	1	9	19				
4	7	2	15	Ernst	9	1	1	19	19				
1	0	1	3	DeWitt	0	0	4	0	0				
0	0	1	0	Sarr	1	0	1	2	2				
Totals					20-38%	17-69%	15	57	Totals	32-46%	8-57%	17	72

Rockford's Dave Rothwell blanked Rich Donner in a 7-0 decision. It was Donner's first appearance of the year.

The Ranger's captured the next four bouts bolting to an 18-9 lead. Mark Kelley scored first on a 7-0 decision, coming close to a pin in the closing seconds. Gerard Johnson notched his third straight win with a 5-0 decision at 126 lbs. In the final thirty seconds of the match, Lee Champion reversed his opponent's hold for a 2-0 decision. Wrestling one weight class up, Steve Afendoulis managed to subdue Frank Schuyten 6-4.

At 145 lbs. Rockford's Scott Gilbert outmoted Don Ashley 8-1. Forest Hills picked up their final two points when Jim Salzwedel takedown to a 6-6 draw with his Rockford counterpart. A disputed takedown call giving Rockford the tie caused an uproar in the Ranger bleachers.

Gandy Simons lost a 9-1 decision to Rockford's Larry Travis. At 185 lbs. the match-up of Forest Hills' Steve Shuster and Lee Sowerby, both previous league champions, saw Shuster go down to a 7-6 defeat. Rockford had caught up 20-20 going into the final match.

The heavyweights, John Anderson for Rockford and Greg Winters for Forest Hills, circled one another like caged bears, but for a short time seemed gentle enough. Anderson blasted the "Winnie the Pooh" myth with a honey bear hug and subsequent pin in the first period. Rockford had their 26-20 victory.

Coach Chuck Mathews is still trying to iron out personnel problems. Tom Sypine (35-2) and Larry Delbie (15-9) are expected to return to action next Thursday night when the Rangers travel to East Grand Rapids for a match with the always-tough Pioneers. In the wake of defeat Mathews remained optimistic. "We'll do all right. I was very happy with low aggressive our kids were."

Prior to the Varsity match the Ranger JV's defeated the Central Montcalm Varsity 33-25. Central Montcalm's Coach, Bruce Train, wrestled for Mathews when he coached at Greenville, and has started the school's first wrestling program.

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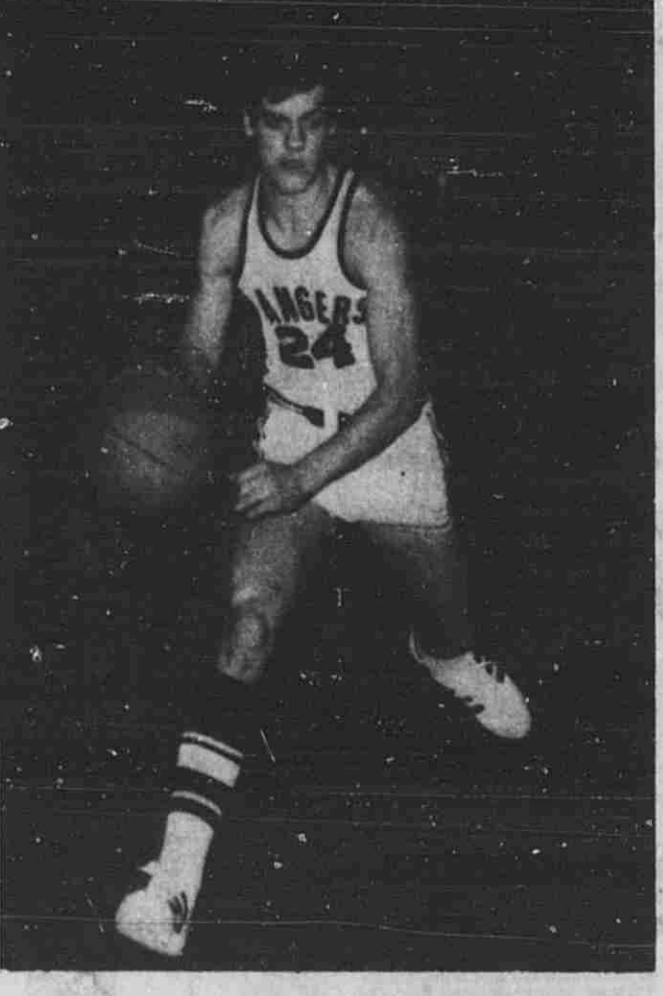
Forest Hills	19	10	16	12	=	57
East Grand Rapids	14	18	13	27	=	72

Freshmen, JV's Roll

Coach Paul Leavenworth's freshmen overwhelmed a floundering East squad 69-38. Rod Lanning led all scorers with 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Jack Sherry and Tom Zuiderveen also hit double figures for the Rangers with 16 and 13, respectively. Leavenworth noted, "These kids are really great, the best I've coached in five years."

The Forest Hills JV basketball team won their third straight last Friday night, beating E.G.R. 73-60. Tom Bean hit on 10 of 14 field goals to pace the attack with 26 points. Bill Wagner had 19 and Doug Everse 10.

The story of the game was on the backboards where Forest Hills dominated 48-33 with the one-two punch of Wagner-Bean accounting for 32. Coach Jim Ogilvie has been extremely pleased with the total effort of his sophomores.



Steve Heneveld (24) shows fancy footwork as he dribbles down court.

Sports

Forest Hills Sports by Bob Campbell; Saranac-Journalism Class
Lowell Sports by Brooks Johnson & Carl Jackson

Gift Ideas For The Sportsman

Christmas is upon us once again. This holiday season is traditionally one of giving and receiving. For the family with a sportsman, or two sportsmen, or a whole bunch of sportsmen there is a wide variety of gifts to choose from.

For the fishermen there is the selection of electronic fish finders that monitor the bottom of a lake or stream and indicate schools of fish. These sell from \$125 to \$200. A new device developed by a well-known tackle manufacturer is a temperature gauge.

As it is lowered into the water it indicates the water temperature and also has a chart which tells at which temperature the fish will be feeding. This handy little number sells for around \$30.

Less expensive items that are always welcomed are jig and fly tying kits, a rod repair kit, fish cooler, or a Rapala fillet knife.

The great hunter in the family will appreciate binoculars, which usually run between \$30 and \$50, a hand warmer that works on the same basis as a cigarette lighter, a gun cleaning kit, or a gun case. A box of clay pigeons and a pigeon hand thrower may be a good idea if the hunter needs to sharpen up his aim. Gun racks may be purchased for between \$5 and \$30, depending upon the type and quality of the rack.

The camper and hiker may appreciate a camping tool kit that sells for \$10, dried foods for back-packing, or a new edition of a campground guidebook. A "space" sportsman blanket that sells for \$10 is designed for warmth even in the most frigid weather. The hunter or snowmobiler would appreciate snow shoes which are available for around \$20 to \$35. These come in handy for both fun and safety.

Of course there is always the sportsman who has everything. For him there is the electric fish finder, the electric fish caller, the electric reel or the electric fish scaler. Now if he can find a lake with electric fish he'll be all set.

HUNTER'S CALENDAR

DEC. 5 Field of appeal opens here to designated Lawer. Permits hunters.	FEB. 26 Field of appeal closes before season in Zone 2.
DEC. 31 Field of appeal closes here to designated Lawer. Permits hunters in Zone 2 and 3.	MARCH 1 Field of appeal opens here to designated Lawer. Permits hunters in Zone 2 and 3.
JAN. 1 Hunters hunting starts in certain counties of Zone 2.	MARCH 31 Field of appeal closes in Zone 1.

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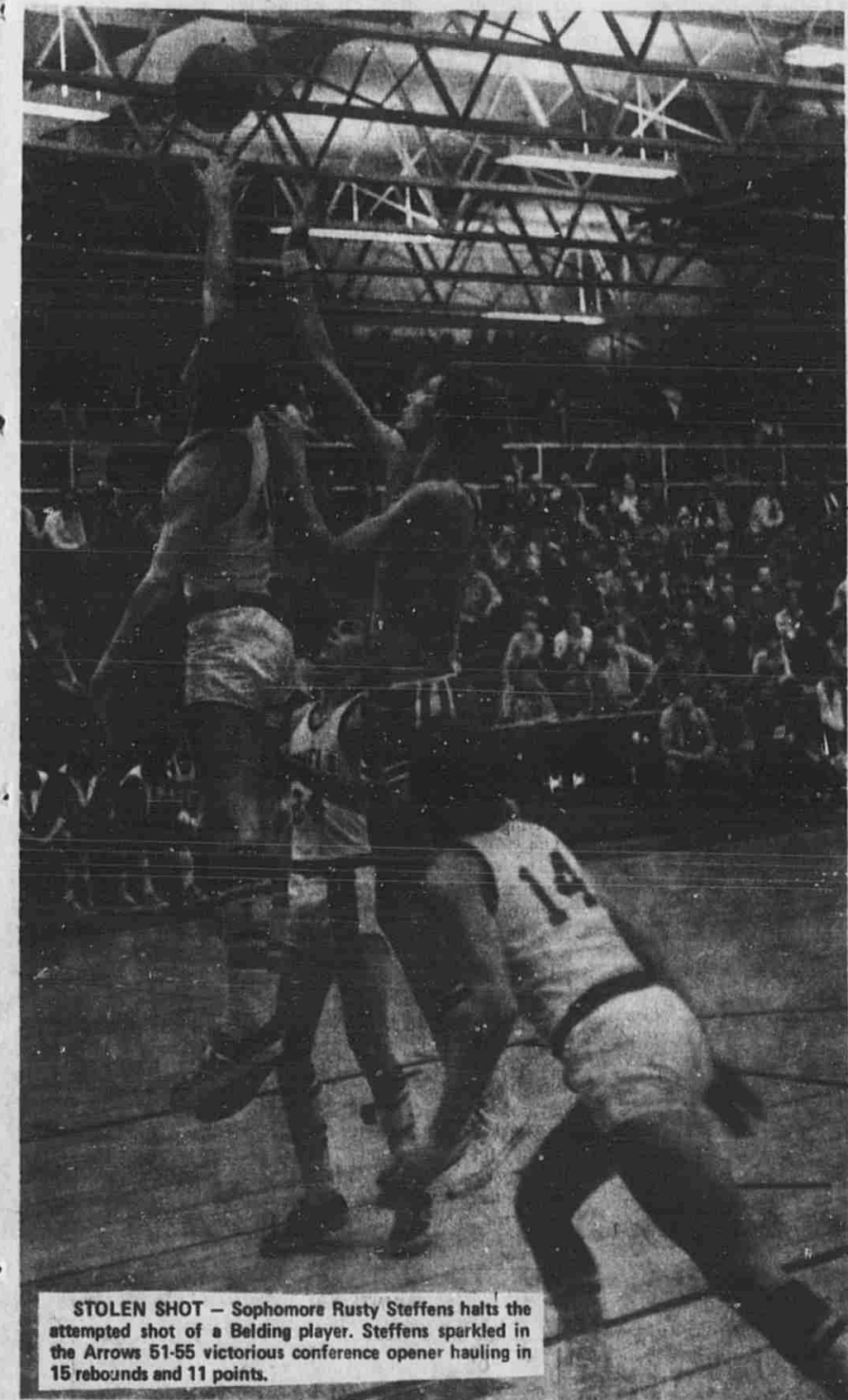
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STOLEN SHOT - Sophomore Rusty Steffens halts the attempted shot of a Belding player. Steffens sparked in the Arrows 51-55 victorious conference opener, hauling in 15 rebounds and 11 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
LOWELL	11	26	41	55
Belding	14	30	43	51

Matmen Produce Impressive Victory Over Belding

Lowell High School's Wrestling team began its overtaking of the Tri-River conference with an impressive victory over Belding.

The conference opener was an easy 42-13 victory.

Lowell's grapplers held Belding to only three weight divisions victories and grabbed four pins with the remaining divisions.

The 98 lb. division was won by forfeit. 105 pounder Dale Dawson took a hard fought win on a 3-2 decision.

The Arrows' first loss came on the 4-2 decision over George Mazur by Belding grappler, Tim O'Neil.

Mack Truxet took his first victory of the season, winning a 6-0 match. Bob Helmer of Lowell continued the Arrows' scoring with a 7-2 decision.

The first pin of the night came when Jerry Kropf pinned 150 into the first period. Ken Ranch followed with, pinning his opponent in the first period. Craig Haybarker of Lowell took a stunning 12-0 loss to Jon Havey of Belding.

Strong 155 pounder Perry Beachum of Lowell found tough going and fell for his first time of the season to Bob Bruff in the second period.

Proving to be an asset to the Arrows is first year wrestler, Gary Barber, a junior, nailing his second win of the season 6-3. 185 pounder Paul Kilfman and Heavyweight wrestler Dave Wisner both added nine pins to their record, pinning in 2:30 and 1:19 respectively.

Elsewhere in the league Sparta swamped Greenville 43-11 and Cedar Springs slipped past Lakewood 29-26.

For the Arrows to tie for the first place so far in conference they will have to push Sparta off the top this Wednesday night then, Thursday Lowell will meet Muskegon Catholic Central here.

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Arrows Could Be Dark Horse

The Red Arrow basketball team proved they could become a dark horse in the Tri-River Conference race.

Friday night the Arrows slipped past Belding 51-55 and now are tied with Coopersville for the runnerup spot behind Greenville.

Defending Conference champs Greenville showed its dominance with a 77-54 victory over Sparta also Friday night.

This Friday night Lowell will test their defense against the strong shooting of the Greenville team.

If Lowell's offense continues to improve a good battle will result.

A surprising aspect of last Friday night's clash with Belding was the Arrow's rebounding power.

Sophomore Rusty Steffens showed his ability to outjump the taller opponents, nabbing 15 off the boards. Forward Joe Rinard and guard Chris Collins both tallied nine rebounds for Lowell.

During the first quarter Meredith experimented with the defense, first using a zone and later back to a full court press with a zone.

The zone put a tight hold on the scoring but combined with the press worked outstandingly well, causing a lot of turnovers.

The first quarter ended with Belding only three points in the lead. The main worry to Coach Meredith was the fouling, 12 in the first half, four of them belonging to Jim Bove starting his first game of the season after recovering from a football injury.

The second quarter became a matter of turnovers and Belding still led 26-30. In the third quarter Lowell began dominating the scoring but had many shots blocked, fortunately rebounded by teammates and eventually turned into points.

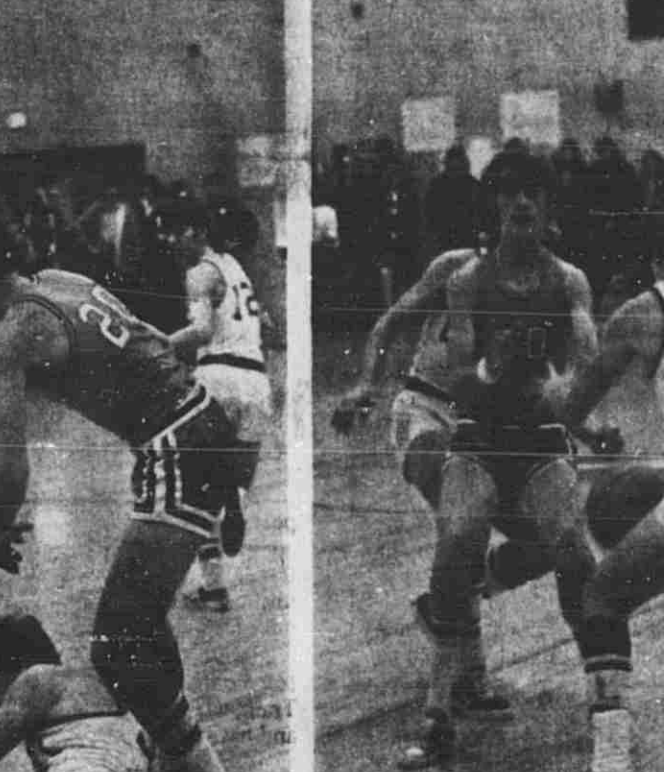
Pat Herbet provided the Arrows with the mainstay of the offensive attack diving in for ten second half points and four defensive steals. Rusty Steffens helped control the boards for Lowell and put in nine points in the second half.

The fourth quarter became a battle for control of the ball. Chris Collins showed a fine defensive effort, grabbing the most steals and offensively tied with Herbet for Lowell's high score both with 12.

Steffens held off Belding's scoring with control of the boards. With the lead shifting back and forth through the last five minutes of the game fouling proved costly for Belding, six in the 4th quarter with Lowell pushing the lead up to four when time ran out.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
LOWELL	11	26	41	55
Belding	14	30	43	51

Flying in on a fast break - Joe Rinard (42) chalked up two for the Arrows.



Showing how to cut short Belding's scoring attack is Pat Herbet, knocking the ball loose and Kris Kropf (20). Lowell held off the Redskins with a surprising amount of rebounds and turnovers.

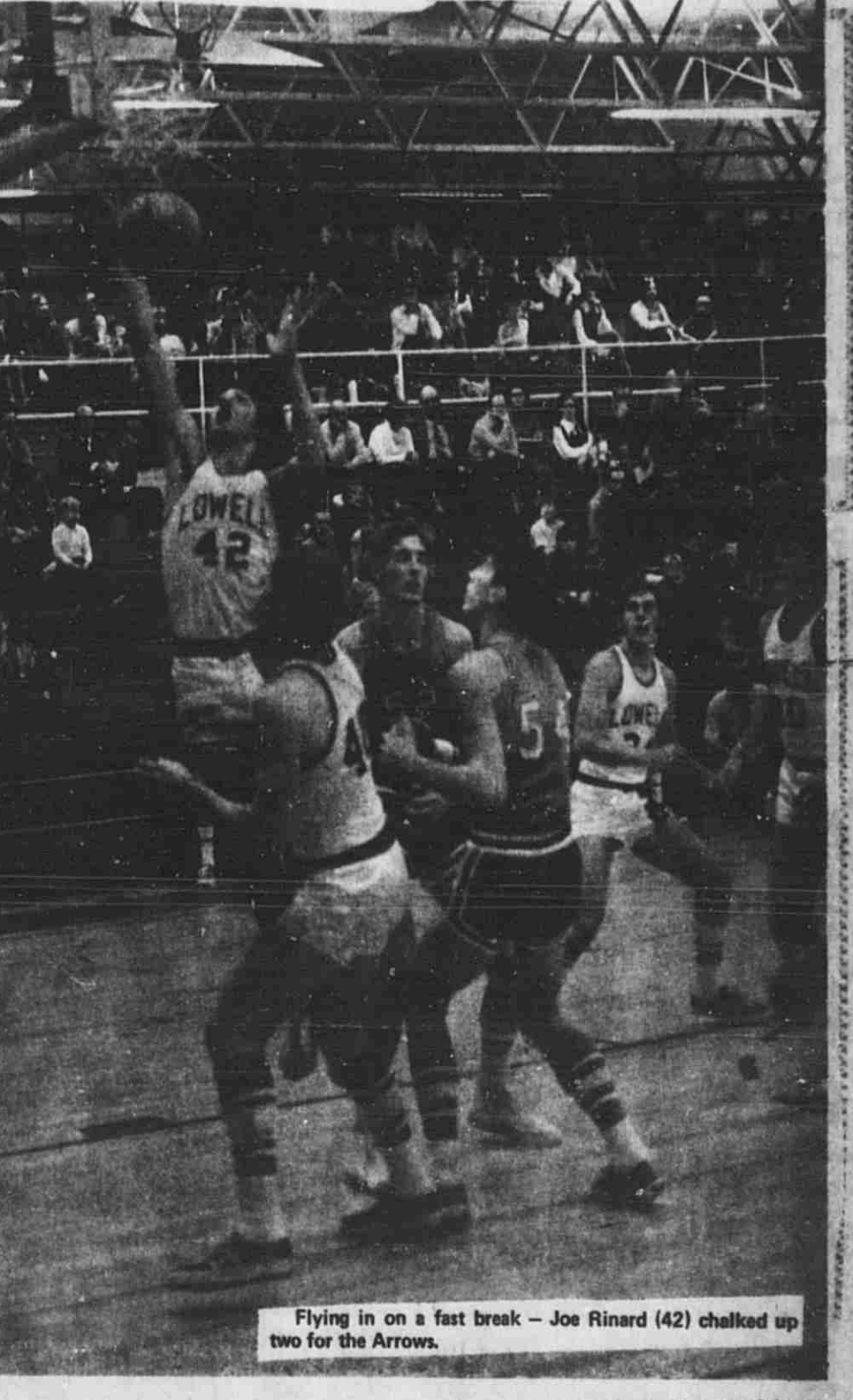
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Junior Varsity Nips Belding

The Lowell Junior Varsity Basketball team opened their Tri-River Conference play by beating Belding 60-53 at Lowell. Lowell shot 38 percent from the floor and 46.2 percent from the free throw line. Lowell scored 21 field goals to 16 for Belding and hit on 18 of 39 free throws. Lowell dominated the game and a cold second and fourth quarter forced the Arrows to fight hard for the victory. Lowell is now 1 and 0 in league-play and 2 and 1 on the year.

High point man for Lowell and the game was Bob Chapman with 19 points, followed by Tony Malcolm with 16 and Jeff Pierce with 10 points. Lowell will travel to Greenville on Friday for a Tri-River game starting at 6:30 p.m. Lowell will entertain Sparta next Tuesday at Lowell, game time is 6:30 p.m.

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Above The Board

At this week's school board meeting Supt. Leonard Sinke warned board members to keep a sharp eye on the progress of the current integration court case involving Grand Rapids and several suburban schools.

"There are ramifications here most of us are not aware of," he cautioned. "If the suburban districts lose their suit then Lowell would most certainly be included in the master plan."

"If the case is lost and we are drawn in, we will have absolutely no say in determining how, what or when we are involved in cross busing our students with those of the inner city. It is not only my personal opinion but the opinion of others, including the attorneys involved, that if the case is lost it will be at least county-wide."

"I don't think we should get involved in the suit at this point," Sinke added, "but I think we should be ready to jump in if necessary. This is a crucial issue and the attorneys of the suburban districts will let us know if we can help them... and they'll let us know quickly."

Supt. Sinke also informed the board that they now have a clear title to the new Middle School property, including the oil rights. A letter of appreciation was written to the individuals who owned the oil rights thanking them for relinquishing them, he stated.

Also regarding the new Middle School, Architect Donn Palmer requested a meeting with the board to go over the building plans to iron out several items including the kitchen facilities. The meeting was set for January 4.

It was agreed to build the new elementary school in Eastgate and to accept Ladd's offer of a building site if he will donate 12 acres and if he continues with his proposal to build 500 homes in the development.

Board members were informed that the City of Lowell will give the school a 10-year renewable lease on property joining the Middle School for use as a school parking lot. The lease will be in exchange for the right of the city to drill a well on the Middle School property.

Phil Kropf asked why the lease would only be for 10 years. He was told by Sinke that the city charter prohibits assigning a lease for more than a 10-year period each time. "Well, I guess there really shouldn't be any problem with it because if they refused to renew the lease they'd lose a well... unless, of course, the well runs dry," he mused.

Bids were opened on a new Special Ed bus class, although the board has not yet finally decided to purchase one. If purchased, the bus is scheduled to be used both for Special Ed and to transport food containers for the hot lunch program.

Phil Kropf spoke up saying, "The question that comes to my mind is if we did use it for food, how do we stand with the health department?" "It depends on how it is handled," Sinke answered, "if I had my choice I would buy two small buses, one for each purpose, but of course that is out of the question at this point." Bids were received from Royce Ford, Wittenbach, and Jackson. It was decided to turn the issue over to the transportation committee for further study.

Next, the matter of suspension and expulsion for reasons ranging from excessive tardiness and skipping school to the use of alcohol, narcotics and tobacco and bomb threats came up for action by the board.

As the result of questions raised by several parents in recent disciplinary cases, a committee of both educators and local citizens was formed to review the suspension and expulsion code and achieve a firm written policy.

"It is now down for all to know," President Robert Reagan said following the policy's unanimous acceptance by the board, "and on behalf of the board I would like to extend our public thanks to the committee members for the many hours they put in on this."

Several parents, students, clergymen and teacher representatives attended Monday night's meeting with discipline the focal point of their interest. For the most part the views on both sides were well expressed and each contained merit. However, for the protection of the students most directly involved, this column has decided not to use any of the direct quotes with the exception of one by local businessman Art Warning which seemed to sum up the majority feeling of both the visitors and the board when he said, "From looking at colleges and the world in general today, I can't see how being more lenient is going to help."

A small group of Junior High mothers also expressed concern regarding the rumors of drug use by Junior High students. They were assured by John Gabrion, Junior High principal, that to the very best of his knowledge there has been only one recent incident which was taken care of immediately and the unfortunate student is no longer in school by board action.

The parents only request seemed to be that they be kept informed of what is going on in the Junior High regarding this grave problem to which Gabrion replied that a committee had been formed last week for just such purpose and that a public meeting will be held Tuesday, December 28, at 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

The Carl Hagen Memorial Committee has suggested that when the new addition to the High School is complete, the enlarged library-media center be named in honor of the late superintendent with a portrait and plaque placed in a display area.



Nixon Sends Wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens of Lowell hold the message they received last week from the President of the United States, Richard Nixon.

To the Stephens, he wrote, "I want to extend my warm congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your 50th wedding anniversary. May you enjoy many more years of happiness together."

Lowell Jaycees Offer Fire-proof Formula

A safe Christmas means a Merry Christmas, and in order to keep it that way, the Lowell Area Jaycees are offering these tips of safety:

1. Keep your Christmas tree in water before and during the time it is up.
2. Cut one-half inch off bottom of tree before placing in tree stand.
3. Place your tree away from any fireplace or stove.
4. Don't use light fixtures that have worn insulation.
5. Keep metallic tinsel from contact with light sockets.
6. Disconnect the tree lights when you are leaving home or going to bed.
7. Don't leave your tree up too long. It will become dry and easy prey for fire.
8. Do not use electric lights or any electrical wiring on any metallic tree.

Continuing their drive to make it a safe and Merry Christmas, the Jaycees offer this fire-proof formula:

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Buth Reports On New Drug Law

State Representative Martin D. Butch (R-Comstock Park) today reported on details of a new drug law reform bill. House-Senate compromises were completed last week. The bill now goes to Governor Milliken for his signature.

"Passage of this bill is a major accomplishment of this legislature to date. Reform of Michigan's drug laws has long been advocated from many corners, and was one of the areas that the Governor has been urging the legislature to act on.

"Many people objected to the bill because, in most instances, it lessens the penalties for drug use and possession. The fact is, however, that the passage of this legislation will undoubtedly bring many more convictions for drug possession. Courts have in many cases been hesitant to convict persons under our present laws because of their severity, and chose instead to release the offender with a warning. Under our present law, a one time drug user stood the chance of serving a stiffer penalty than a person who committed murder," Butch said.

The bill as it was passed is a compromise measure between the House and Senate versions.

One of the most controversial portions of the bill was that which regulates the possession of marijuana. The compromise measure will reduce the possession of marijuana from its present status as a felony with the penalty of up to 10-years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, to a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

With Governor Milliken's signature, Michigan will become the 27th state to pass legislation conforming with the United States Substance Control Act of 1970.

Consult Phone Books Before Dialing '411'

Michigan Bell says it could reduce operating costs by at least \$1.5 million a year across the state if more customers would consult their phone books before dialing "411" for directory assistance.

The problem, according to local Bell manager Robert I. Thole, is excessive use of "411" service. He said the service is growing at a rate of 10 percent a year.

"Of the some 637,000 calls a day now handled by our '411' operators around the state, about half are for numbers which can be found in current directories," Thole explained.

In an effort to contain this growth and encourage customers to check their directories, he stated that Michigan Bell's "411" service concept will now be aimed primarily at providing new numbers not listed in current directories.

"Our operators will answer '411' calls with the phrase 'New Number Information.' In addition, operators will clearly tell callers when the numbers they've requested are already listed in the phone books," he said.

"Recent surveys show that about 10 percent of telephone customers make about 50 percent of all directory assistance calls. That means a majority of customers is bearing the burden of cost for the small percent who regularly make excessive use of the service," he added.

"Michigan Bell spends about \$6 million a year to publish the directories and over \$10 million a year on directory assistance. Obviously, a significant portion of the cost of '411' service is used to supplement the service already provided by the directory."

"What we are attempting to do," he explained, "is to bring the 10 percent growth rate of '411' more closely in line with our annual three percent average rate of growth in basic telephone service."

"In other words, our '411' service has grown about three times faster than our basic service. This realignment could save us at least \$1.5 million a year."

He noted that a test of the "New Number Information" concept was recently conducted in Kalamazoo, and it reduced "411" volume by more than seven percent in the first week.

Thole pointed out that there are occasions when "411" service would be needed for something other than new numbers. "There are times, for example, when no directory is available or when customers simply can't find the numbers in the book."

"By attempting to make better use of directory service and encouraging customers to check first before dialing '411,' we feel there can be a significant savings—a savings which will ultimately benefit everyone."

Property Tax Growing Burden

The growing burden of the local property tax has led to a spreading taxpayers' revolt and discussion of alternatives.

Year by year the tax on real estate has become more crushing for the working man and woman who own modest homes, the elderly and others who live on fixed incomes.

Local property taxes have swelled as they have been used to pay greater and greater costs for health, welfare and other poverty expenses as well as education, which usually accounts for the biggest bite.

Many homeowners have seen these taxes quadruple in the past 20 years. These taxpayers now face the question of whether they'll be able to afford to live in their homes, even if they're owned outright, after retirement.

Statistics tell the story of a growing taxpayer revolt: In 1960 about 89 percent of bond referendums for education were passed. By 1970 only 48 percent of such referendums were adopted. The voters knew that approval of the bond issues would mean another boost in their property taxes.

In a number of states lawsuits have been filed against the property tax. A movement is growing to place heavier reliance on state and local income taxes and less on real estate taxes.

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