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## Policy Set

### Bad Weather School Closing

This is the time of year to keep tuned to radio stations early in the morning since information will always be broadcast if Lowell Area Schools are called off due to bad weather conditions or if there is any change at all in the regular school schedule.

This is true for either calling school off, delaying starting, or early dismissal. Parents are requested not to call the school offices since, in any emergency, the phones are already in use. Radio and TV stations WION, WYON, WOOD, WZZM, WLAV and WGRD will all carry emergency school information.

In addition, if school is dismissed early, due to a weather emergency, it is the parent's responsibility to see that their children know the proper safety procedures to follow once they arrive home. In homes where no adult is present, under an emergency dismissal, arrangements should be made well in advance with neighbors to house students safely until parents can arrive home.

When there are emergency situations (such as a tornado) which prevent sending the students home, the school authorities will take appropriate measures within their respective buildings to assure the best possible safety of the students.

Under severe weather conditions, bus students should follow these procedures:

1. Students are not expected to wait more than twenty (20) minutes at their bus pick-up point. (We normally expect them at the stop five (5) minutes ahead of time). In the event the bus is more than fifteen (15) minutes late and the student waited and missed it, he will receive an excused absence. It is required that the parent call the principal's office to notify the school of the reason for the absence if school was not called off.

2. Bus drivers will only travel roads that are safe in their judgment. This is true whether or not the local station has indicated a change of bus route due to poor conditions; the student will receive an excused absence; the principal's office should be notified.

3. Parents are not expected to permit their children to ride a bus if, in their judgment, it is unsafe to do so. Again, the principal's office should be notified so that the student will receive an excused absence.

## Operation Santa

The Lowell Moose Civic Affairs Committee is busy with their annual Operation Santa Claus program.

Under the chairmanship of Red Baker, the Moose men are collecting good used and new toys to be sorted this week for Christmas packages.

On December 23, truck and manpower will deliver the finished products to needy families in the Lowell area.

Anyone who still wishes to donate toys may do so by contacting Mr. Baker at 897-8279.

## Christmas Concert

On Wednesday, December 20, the High School Music Department will present their annual Christmas Concert. The Girl's Choir and the Concert Choir will open the program, and the Concert and Symphonic Bands will conclude.

Music of all types will be performed, with the emphasis on the seasonal Christmas tunes.

The Concert starts at 7:30 in the High School Gymnasium and admission is free. Donations will be accepted however.



## Are You In This Photo?

Bud Myers, 704 North Hudson Street, Lowell, was the first person to correctly identify last week's mystery picture—Janice Potter, Gladys Kinyon DeKok, Louise Ellis, Marian Reed Baker, Betty Harter, Elaine Mike Miller, Betty Hill, Lena Swanson, Stella Ritsema Sherman, Elsie Maloney, Boulaine (Betty) Miller, Clara Ritsema Blazo.

This week's mystery picture brings many faces—a subscription will go to the first person who calls 897-9261 Friday at noon and correctly identifies the MOST of them.

Our supply of mystery pictures is running short, so if you have some photographs that we could borrow to keep our readers guessing, we'd like to have them. All cooperation received is greatly appreciated.

## Beware of Filed Pennies



Pennies filed down to the weight and size of a dime are being circulated in the Lowell area, among business places. Found most currently in coin changers, the copper coins have also been found in coin-operated dryers, candy machines, and some pop machines.

Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons has issued a warning to businessmen to beware, and pay particular attention, if possible, to people who suspiciously use coin-operated machines, using dimes.

## It's Free!

### Sponsoring Children's Matinee



Lowell Jaycette Betty Hockenberry presents the first set of FREE matinee tickets to be given away by Lowell merchants to Hazel Hoag, a Main Street businesswoman for more than 65 years.

The Lowell Area Jaycees and their auxiliary, the Jaycettes, will hold a free children's matinee Saturday December 23, at the Lowell High School auditorium. There will be two showings—one at 10 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

The matinee will consist of cartoons and animated movies, plus a special visit from Santa Claus. It will be limited to children under the age of 13 years, but the Jaycees recommend that any child five-years-old or under, should be accompanied by an older child.

Parents may pick up their Free matinee tickets at any of the following participating Lowell merchants—Art's TV, American Legion Lanes, Annie's Knit Shop, Ball Floral, Bedell Jewelers, Beachum's Furniture, Buyer's Guide, Cary's, Clark's Plumbing, Coon's Clothing, Curtis Dry Cleaners.

Debonaire Shop, Erb Lumber, Eberhard's, Eleanor's Fabrics, Frank's 5¢ to \$1.00, Gee's Hardware, Hahn's Hardware, Hazel's, Home Center, House of Townsend, Imperial Motors, Jackson Motor Sales, Keiser's Kitchen, King Milling, Levee Restaurant, Kroger, Lippert's Pharmacy, Lowell Automotive, Snider's Lowell Bakery, Lowell Beer Store.

Lowell Cut Rate Market, Lowell Ledger, Northern Propane, Rosie Drive Inn, Roth L. P. Gas, Royce Ford, Showboat Restaurant, Smith and Clemenz, Thomet's, Tiny Giant, Valley Vista Inn, Wepman's, Western Auto, Wheel Cycle Shop, Wittenbach's, Zzano's Pizza.

Lasting approximately two hours, the matinee will give parents adequate time to do their last minute Christmas shopping with Lowell merchants.

## One Killed

### Slippery Roads Treacherous

Slippery road conditions were blamed for many traffic accidents that occurred Friday. In one mishap, Alvin D. Davis, 75, of Route 1, Five Mile Road, Belding, lost his life as he attempted to cross the C & O Railroad tracks on Ashley Avenue north of Lowell.

Apparently Davis attempted to stop at the tracks located between Four and Five Mile Roads on Ashley Avenue. According to the engineer, Harry Weimer of Rockford, Davis' vehicle was struck by the train as Davis suddenly accelerated in an effort to make it across the tracks.

The train consisted of an engine and caboose and was traveling approximately 30 MPH at the time of the collision.

The Davis vehicle was pushed 450 feet down the tracks before finally coming to rest. Mr. Davis, a retired farmer, was dead at the scene.

Funeral services for Mr. Davis were held Monday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. The Rev. Elton Mills officiated and burial was made in Alton Cemetery.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Emily Davis of Belding and several cousins.

#### Hits Icy Patch

In another incident, John Slusser II, of 6117 Del-Cane, lost control of his eastbound car on Cascade Road on the I-96 overpass. The Slusser vehicle hit an icy patch on the overpass and swerved into the path of another car driven by Barbara Crothers, of 6269 Dunbarton.

Although the afternoon accident was head-on, Mrs. C Crothers suffered only minor injuries.

#### Two Hospitalized

A mishap on I-96 just east of the Whitneyville overpass sent two people to the hospital Friday night. Evidently Bradford Bockstanz, of Dearborn, had stopped on the highway to pull a car belonging to Charles Stevenson, of Lansing, out of the median.

Both vehicles were off the roadway and the men were beneath the Stevenson car attaching a cable. A semi-trailer driven by Jack Green, of Dunlap, Tennessee, collided with the two vehicles after the driver lost control on an icy patch.

Stevenson's wife, Chrysis, was taken to Blodgett Hospital for treatment of injuries she received in the collision. Bockstanz was rushed to Butterworth Hospital where he remained in good condition with a severe head injury.



Though roles were reversed during Tuesday's 'yukky' weather, chivairy was shown to be very much alive when editor, Carol, and advertising gal, Karen, practiced women's libbing to the nth degree by pushing a vehicle stuck in the snow, driven by a member of the opposite sex.

Most of the Main Street businesses will remain open evenings from now until Christmas . . . so you can do your shopping at home!

Lowell V.F.W. Post 8303 on East Main Street will give away ten (10) Christmas turkeys Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Leonard Murphy of Alden Nash Avenue, Lowell, was arrested December 6, for driving under the influence and was lodged in the Kent County Jail. Appearing before the Hon. Judge Joseph B. White, Murphy stood mute on the charge and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf.

Involved in accidents December 8 causing property damages were—Curtis Hodge, James Street, Lowell, hitting a parked car on Riverside Drive; Leonora Tower and Janet Lee Bieri, both of Lowell. Mrs. Bieri was cited for inability to stop in the assured clear distance ahead. Cio Smith of rural Lowell was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way to Kathie Ann Barger.

Leon Albert Rosenberger of Lowell drove left of the center line on Main Street, December 9, and collided with a car driven by Michael Dean Shalander of Lowell. Lowell police investigated the property damage crash.

Don't forget—Santa will be at Lippert's Pharmacy on December 16 and 20 and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office on December 14, 18 and 21. Bring the kids in and have their pictures taken with Santa!

Thanks to faithful Jim Ryder who has been keeping the majority of Main Street sidewalks clear for pedestrian traffic.

With the heavy snow and freezing sleet that fell Tuesday morning came the early closing of Lowell Area Schools. Braving the earlier runs, the bus drivers were brought back after conditions got worse, and the students were sent home.

A giant Christmas wreath greets shoppers as they visit Cary's store on West Main Street.

The Lowell Moose Lodge will hold their Christmas Party December 17 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lodge on East Main Street. All members are welcome.

## Cubs Reach Around World

The highlight of Thursday's December meeting of Cub Pack 3188 will be the opportunity to share in scouting's World Friendship Fund.

Each family will contribute a gift that will help provide a Scouting School for the Blind in Pakistan, rebuild Scout Camps in war-torn Nigeria, build an international campsite in Kenya as a memorial to Lord Braden-Powell, Scouting's founder; and help provide the means for extending scouting throughout the world, particularly in underdeveloped nations.

This fund originally started at the end of World War II to assist European Scout Associations and now extends around the world. Handbooks, camping gear, uniforms, and program materials sent overseas help scouting survive and grow where it might otherwise die. Thanks to the fund, special training has been most effective in rebuilding scouting strength abroad.

Awards, carols, and refreshments will be other features of Thursday's meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

## Paper Drive

This weekend, the Lowell Area Jaycees will be conducting another paper drive. Newspapers only can be taken.

A truck will be spotted in the parking lot of Eberhard's (WEM) on West Main Street, and a Jaycee member will be on hand to take the newspapers from 9:30 a.m. until closing on Friday and Saturday.

Anyone needing more information can call 897-8853.

MAN'S WORLD HAIR STYLING—Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. c35-36

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special: Turkey Burgers, 39¢. \$1.00 off on any Chicken Basket, 20 pieces or over. Don't forget to buy a Christmas Tree from Rosies. c36

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MATINEE—December 16 and 17, 3 p.m. "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory" at the Strand Theatre, Lowell. p36



### Above The Board

## Stiffens Policies On Student Conduct

As a result of a school board decision Monday night, elementary students (fifth grade and under) may attend variety athletic events only if they are accompanied by their parents.

"We certainly want these students to attend and enjoy it," Board President Robert Reagan said, "but when they are simply dropped off alone and run wild they don't get what they should out of it and they interfere with other spectators who are trying to watch the game."

Student conduct at athletic events has resulted in increased scrutiny by the board. Referring to the past football season, one board member opined, "being hit in the head with popcorn you can kind of put up with, but not eggs."

Other suggestions were also made at the meeting. It was generally agreed that no one should be allowed to return to a ball game once they have left; this applies to adults as well as students. High School Principal Dennis McMahon said he was looking into the possibility of opening up the cafeteria at half-time during basketball games to serve refreshments and aid in crowd control.

It was also suggested that buses not be chartered for junior high school students on Tuesday night away games since it made them stay up too late on school nights.

In addition to auxiliary police, the board felt that two teachers should be on duty during athletic events and that all teachers in attendance should feel a responsibility toward taking action themselves if they see a student behaving in an irresponsible manner.

It was further suggested that the Athletic Director make a point of going to all buildings in the system and speaking to the students on how they should conduct themselves at sporting events.

**Field Lighting**  
The problem of lighting the football field was discussed briefly again and the suggestion again made that Lowell consider playing their home games on Saturday afternoons rather than spending the \$25,000 to \$30,000 to replace the lights.

While the board did not agree on this, there did not seem to be as much opposition to the proposal as before and Dennis McMahon said that although we have a two-year lease contract, it might be possible to renegotiate with the other schools to play our home games in the afternoon.

No decision was even close to being made but the board did request that a meeting of all athletic coaches, physical education teachers and intermural program personnel be set up in January to go over the entire physical education program.

**Seek Drug Report**  
Another phase of student well-being was mentioned when board members decided that they would like to have a report by School Nurse Helen Noah on her observations as far as drugs, social diseases and general physical condition of the student body is concerned.

**Redesign Roadway**  
The new construction came in for its share of the meeting and the board voted to redesign the roadway

in front of the high school so that buses picking up students can angle park into the curb rather than form double side by side lines where students have to pass between buses to board. There is far less chance of running over a student that way and it would also increase the front parking area.

**Accept Tentative Plans**  
Following a report by Assistant Superintendent Don Kelly and Board Member Harold Metterrick concerning the proposed bus garage, the board voted to accept the tentative plans and location and will seek bids to determine the price.

The board will seek prices on three types of construction: pole, steel and concrete block.

**Hire Teachers**  
The board agreed to hire James White to teach in the emotionally disturbed classroom in junior high and Gary Griffin to teach social studies and science in the same building.

The resignation of Carol Evans, half-time senior high French teacher, was accepted since Mrs. Evans' husband has been transferred to Denver, Colorado.

**Agreement Ratified**  
The agreement between the school board and the Lowell Area Maintenance and Custodial Association was ratified and will be retroactive to last July. The agreement does, however, depend on the approval of the wage-price board.

**Testing Program**  
Gordon Gould, high school counselor, reported to the board on the Michigan Educational Needs Assessment results.

Explaining to the board that the purpose of this testing program is to determine four things: what the school wants to accomplish; what it took to accomplish it; and how it can do better, Gould said that the results of next year's tests will produce a better picture since only the fourth and seventh grades are tested and next year's seventh grade will be comprised of students who were in the fourth grade when the tests first began three years ago.

After viewing the graphs and hearing the percentiles, Board members still wanted only one question answered, "how do we, as board members, know how our program compares with others, not only in similar school systems but in larger school systems, as far as benefiting students and how can we upgrade our own program to give our students the very best chance with the money we have to spend?"

**CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION AT GRAND VALLEY STATE**  
One hundred eleven Grand Valley State College seniors are candidates for graduation at the end of the Fall term, 1972.

Among the candidates for graduation at the end of the term were Herbert C. Fisher, 4724 Ada Drive, Bachelor of Science degree, general science major, physics emphasis, and Max E. Howe, Jr., 456 Briarlane, Bachelor of Science degree, Sociology major.

## Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Bushnell Mother's Club will hold a potluck dinner on Wednesday, December 13. More details later.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
The Martha Hall group of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will meet Thursday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Jan Johnson.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
The Esther group of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will have their Christmas Party Friday, December 15 at 2 p.m.

South Boston Extension Club will hold their Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Stanley Gardner on Friday, December 15, at 1:30 p.m. Those who have a secret pal, if it is not possible to be present, please send your gift.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
The Chancel Choir of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will sing "Shepherds, Rejoice" by John E. Wilson at the 10:30 a.m. service.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 will hold its annual Christmas Dinner and Party Tuesday, December 19, at the home of Mrs. William Wood at 409 N. Division Avenue, Lowell. Punch at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Please bring a \$3 gift to exchange.

Island City Rebekah Lodge No. 282 of Lowell will meet Tuesday, December 19 at the IOOF Hall at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
The Garden Lore Club will meet December 20 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Club rooms. Program will be "Christmas Bingo." Bring \$1 gift for a gift exchange.

Hostesses will be Zilpha Ketchum and Rose Tallant.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
A Candlelight Communion Service and Festival of Lights will be held on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

**Vernon E. Stanley Passes; Rites Held**

Vernon Edward Stanley, aged 62, of 5421 Cascade Road, SE, passed away at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, December 8, and was taken to the O'Brien-Gest Chapel.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the chapel with the Rev. Lawrence R. Taylor of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Grace-Land Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife, Ethel; nine children, Mrs. Betty Rodgers of Paris, Mich., Mrs. Juanita Shanks of Ludington, Mrs. Virginia Vermeer of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Nancy Aldrich of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Patricia Bloodgood of Bloomington, Illinois, Mrs. Caroline Norton of Sparta, Joseph of Sparta, Richard of Grand Rapids, Victor of Grand Rapids; a brother, Clifford Hice of Hopkins; 33 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

**Estimating Your Retirement Check**

Workers approaching retirement will be able to estimate the amount of their social security checks by using a new, do-it-yourself leaflet, Raymond C. Backus, social security manager, said today.

The leaflet, "Estimating Your Social Security Retirement Check," provides an easy step-by-step method to make a rough estimate, Mr. Backus said. Free copies can be obtained at the Grand Rapids social security office at 60 N. Division Avenue, or workers can have a copy mailed to them by phoning 616-456-2241.

The table of benefits shows how much retired workers can get at 65, 64, 63 and 62. Also, it lists benefit amounts for a wife at 65, 64, 63 and 62, as well as children's benefits.

The biggest check social security can pay to a worker retiring at 65 in 1972 is \$259.40 a month. Under present law, this maximum will rise to \$323.40 in 1980. Many workers will draw smaller checks, however, because their average earnings over the years were lower than the social security maximum.

**WESTERN CHAPTER CPAs TO MEET**

The next meeting of the members of the Western Chapter of The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will be held on Thursday, December 14, 1972 at The Finial, in Grand Rapids. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception for the speaker, John J. Spinetto, CPA of Grand Rapids.

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**Merry Christmas**  
Steve Sharporn, YMCA Swim Coach, sends a note wishing all the members of the YMCA Swim Team a Merry Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year.

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- One-Size Gloves
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- Hangers
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- Shoe Polishers
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- Manicure Sets
- Lighters
- Auto Organizers
- Lint Removers
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**Short Man?**

- Suits in Short Models
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- Sport Coats in Short Models
- Shirts in 32 Sleeve

**Big Man?**

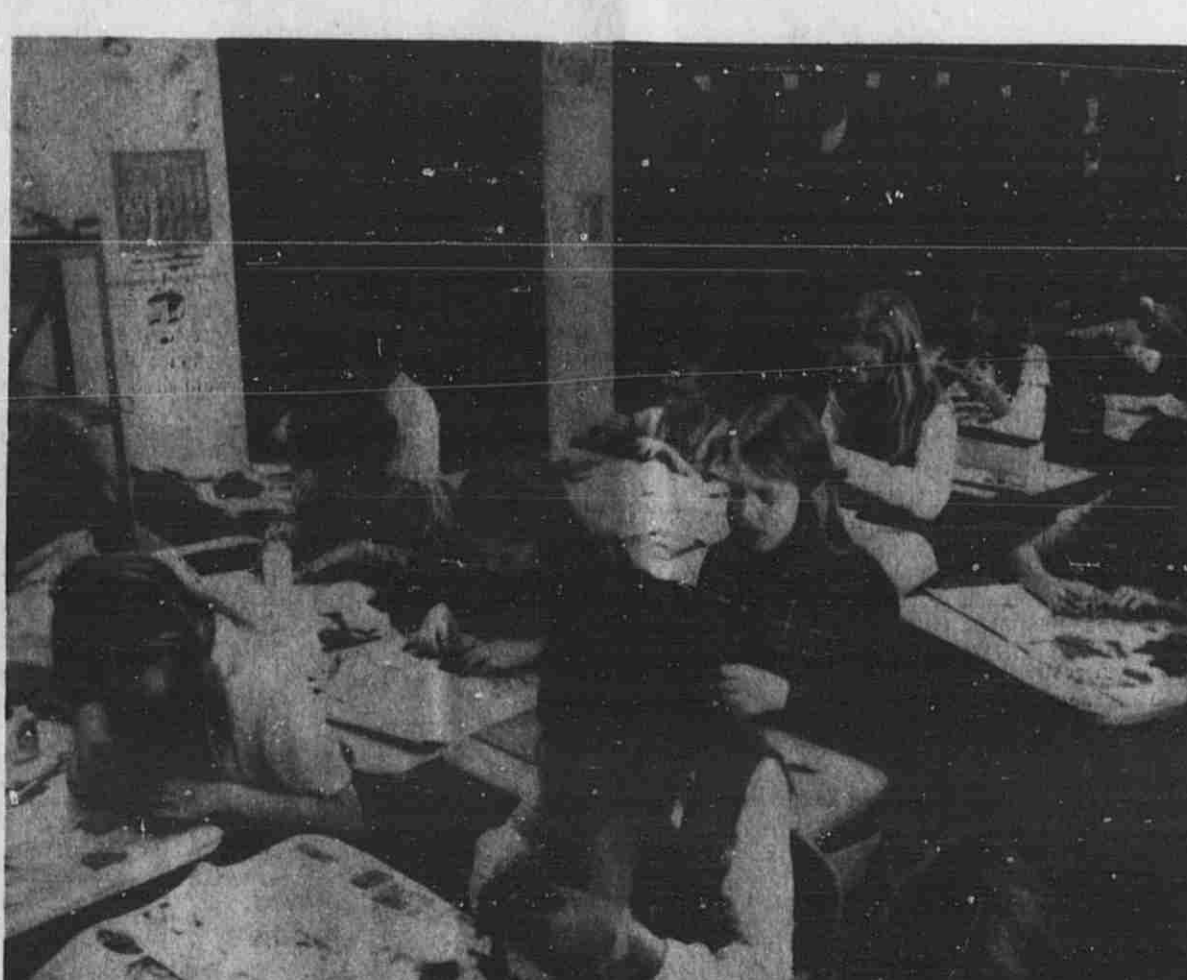
- Shirts to size 17 1/2-36
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**Santa's Workshop**  
Working in Santa's Workshop are Gen McWhinney, Kathy Richmond, Kathy Kroft, Sherri VanBelkum, Randy Heemstra, Jim Kimball, Randy Phillips, Elaine Blasher, Ann Smith and Sharon Johnson.  
The 30 students in Mrs. Cora Troy's fifth grade class in the Lowell Intermediate Building, turned this room into a Santa's Workshop for a few days recently. Working together and following instructions, they played a role in the successful completion of over 25 felt Santas and 15 assorted felt owls, frogs, styrofoam candle holders, trees and angels decorated with sequins and glitter.  
By mid-week, the finished gifts were proudly carried home to parents, relatives or friends.

## WOW Program Is Rewarding

"Anyway you go about it, it's still a dirty mess, but because of WOW, I changed my first tire, unassisted while stranded on a country road last week."  
WOW, Women on Wheels, a class offered to the ladies of the W. A. by Imperial Motors of Lowell in four weekly sessions, proved more than rewarding to Mrs. Douglas Mills of Alto.

Before enrolling in the class, "I couldn't recognize the carburetor from the voltage regulator, and didn't know the first thing about or any procedure involved in changing a tire."  
Through the precise instruction of Clare Wingerler, Mrs. Mills became familiar with the basic parts of her car, learned how to make minor repairs, recognize the symptoms of trouble, change a tire, and become aware of the mechanical involvements.

One of 35 area women enrolled in the class, hosted by Imperial manager Frank Cudihy, Mrs. Mills revealed, "I joined the class on an impulse. Lately I heard some humorous stories about girls being stranded, the funny situations they found themselves in, and the trouble they had in getting assistance."

"Doing a lot of weekly traveling to the store and back and forth to work, I was told about Imp-wal's free offer to show me how, so I enrolled, and can truthfully say it was one of the best decisions I made."

"Butterflies entered my stomach when I heard that thump-thump on a dark road—and inwardly hoped someone would come along. I carefully followed Clare's instructions, trying nervously to remember everything. When the job was done, I sped home, hoping the wheel wouldn't fall off."

Arriving safely and asking my husband to strengthen my attempt, he gave his hearty congratulations, sheepishly adding that's "Women's Lib!"

**Ida Freeman Passes After Lingering Illness**

Mrs. Ida E. L. Freeman, 81, of 504 North Monroe Street, Lowell, passed away Thursday evening, December 7, at Springbrook Rest Home after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Freeman was the wife of the late Frank P. Freeman. She is survived by one niece, Mrs. A. G. McHugh, and five nephews, Allen Sear, Fred Sear, Warren Sear, Lyons Allen and Thomas Scott, all of Ontario, Canada.

Services were held Monday, December 11, in Ottawa, Ontario, at the Central Chapel of the Hulise and Playfair Funeral Home.



Assembling Felt Santas are Lisa Thomas, Demetria Johnson, Diane Kooiman, Bill Chrysler, Ken Cook and Todd Thuston.

## Recipe Corner

### Blueberry Buckle

Old-fashioned country-style desserts certainly had picturesque names! Like "slumps" and "grunts" and "buckles." All fruited desserts, each was quite distinctive.  
Grunts are made of rich biscuit dough, which is dropped, dumpling-style over stewed fruit, then covered tightly and steamed. Slumps are dumplings of baking powder biscuit dough dropped on the fruit which is cooked on top of the range.  
Buckles are more like coffeecakes, being made from cake batter over which the fruits are scattered, then topped with spiced crumbs.

This is perfect to serve your family on a cold winter evening. Try it!

**Blueberry Buckle**  
3/4 cup unsifted flour 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) Margarine  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt 1 egg  
1/3 cup unsifted flour 1/3 cup milk  
2 tablespoons sugar 1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon cinnamon 2 cups fresh blueberries or 1 can (15-ounce) blueberries, well drained.

Sift together 3/4 cup flour, 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Cut in 2 tablespoons Margarine until mixture resembles coarse meal; set aside.

In a small mixer bowl cream remaining 1/4 cup Margarine and remaining 1/2 cup sugar until mixture is light and fluffy. Add egg; beat well. Alternately blend in sifted dry ingredients and combined milk and vanilla extract, beginning and ending with dry ingredients.

Spread mixture into a greased 8-inch square pan. Scatter blueberries over top of batter; sprinkle with cinnamon mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for about 45 to 50 minutes, or until done. Cool in pan on wire rack. Best when served warm. Makes one 8-inch cake.

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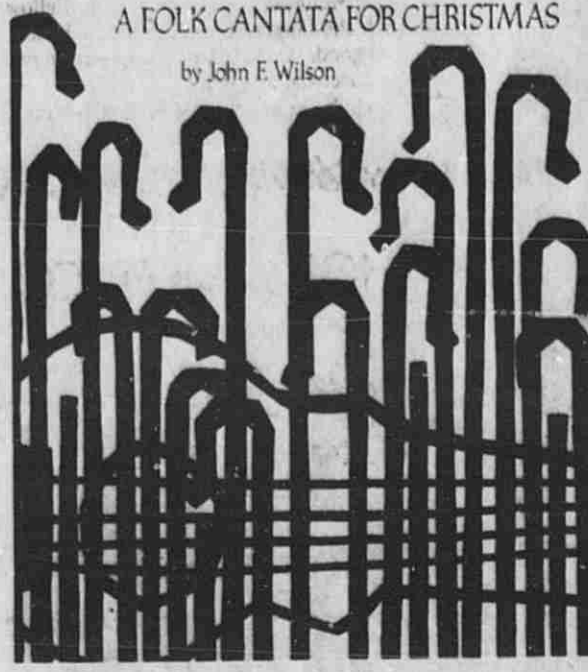
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# SHEPHERDS, REJOICE

A FOLK CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS  
by John E. Wilson



Sunday, December 17th, at the 10:30 a.m. service the Chancel Choir of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will present the folk cantata "Shepherds, Rejoice."

Directing and accompanying the choir will be Lowell Congregational's musical director and organist Vern Bultema. Also accompanying portions of the program will be guest pianist Denzel Tey of Grand Rapids.

## Choirs To Sing Christmas Eve

Providing special music at the 7 o'clock Christmas Eve service at the Cascade Christian Church on December 24 will be the Cherub, Junior Hi Folk and Children's Choirs.

## 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Neef of Clarksville will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 16 with an open house at the Pleasant Valley Church parsonage on M-50 and Bell Road.

## Children's Christmas Program Sunday

The Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will come to life Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. as all the children of the church school, nursery through sixth grade, will present their Christmas program.

## Community-Wide Project



Mrs. Elma Geib, center, along with Mike and Kathy Simonson look over some of the Operation Santa Claus requests for help. Now in its 14th year, Operation Santa, sponsored by Cascade Christian Church, has grown from a tiny project of the Post-Hi to a community-wide charity, with over 50 families and 200 children serving last year.

Mrs. Geib is serving her third consecutive year as the chairman, giving the finest leadership possible to the cause.

## Sunday School Program

The traditional Sunday School Christmas program at Cascade Christian Church, will be held Sunday, December 17, at 5 p.m.

## Candy, Bake Sale

The C.Y.F., 11th grades of Cascade Christian Church, will have a candy and bake sale at the Cascade D & W Shopping Center on Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



The Rev. Carter Miller, Alto United Methodist Church; The Rev. Bernard Fynaardt, Calvary Christian Reformed Church; The Rev. Dean Bailey, First United Methodist Church of Lowell; The Rev. F. Ervin Hyde, First Congregational Church of Lowell.

## Ministers Plan Two Special Projects

Pastors of the Lowell Area Churches began conducting religious services at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home December 10. A different pastor will be in charge each Sunday afternoon. This ministry is sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, and is being coordinated by the Rev. Carter Miller.

## Annual Christmas Program At Eastmont Baptist

Eastmont Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 17, at 7 p.m. Donald Laven, Sunday school superintendent, announces the cast for the play "The Sacrifice Christmas" will include: Hebrew mother, Karen Stevens; Hebrew father, Herman Boes; the two daughters, Sally Barretto and Mary Mackey and Hebrew son, Mike Walwood.

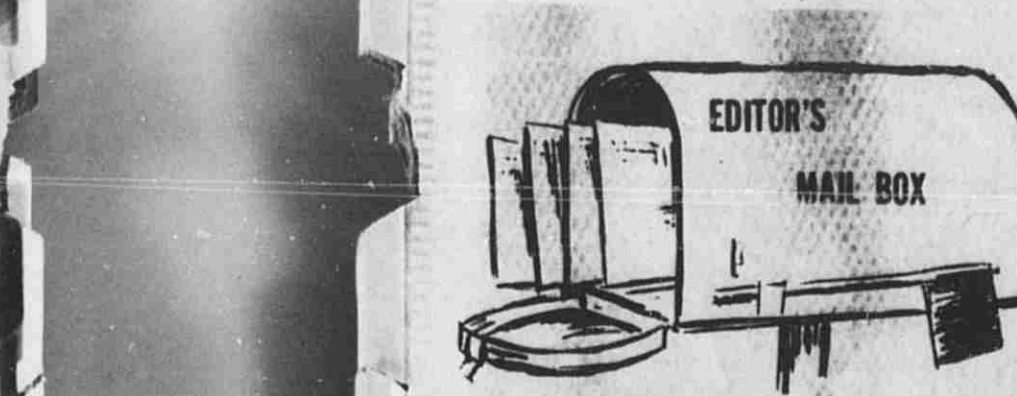
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Other characters are: Eve, Mary Ellen Carpenter; Adam, Barry Walwood; Cain, Roger Siebert; Abel, Mike Corpe; Abraham, Si Leon, Jr.; daughter, Joyce Stevens; and the Ancient Hebrew mother, Sue Barretto; Mary, Beth Mackey; Joseph, Bob Stevens; the three Shepherds, Tim St. Johns, Bob Heidtke, Tim Johnson.

The entire junior department of the Sunday school will form the speaking choir. The adult choir, under the direction of Louis VanderKamp, will furnish special musical numbers for the program.

Mrs. Jerry Stevens, Mrs. Russ Huyser and Mrs. Ron Foote are in charge of costumes.

The Rev. Robert D. McCarthy, will serve as the narrator. The public is cordially invited to attend this special Christmas service.



Dear Editor:  
I am writing this letter to warn housewives on the so-called savings with coupons.  
Last Tuesday evening I was out of coffee and sent my husband to a local store for a leading brand. He returned with it and it was marked 29¢ higher than when I had purchased it two weeks previously.

In looking at their weekly ad on Thursday I found a coupon for 32¢ off on that brand of coffee.  
Is this a bargain? How long before they lower the price and how many times has the public been hoodwinked by the many coupons issued each week? To be sure, from now on I will check on the items with coupons and refuse to buy them.

I feel without the coupons, the merchants could actually cut the price of many things they sell. Certainly it must take a lot of bookkeeping to keep track of them. I have even heard the check-out girls complain about the handling of them.  
Housewives beware!

An irate customer  
Dear Editor:  
The writer of the letter concerning the guarding of the Lowell Rix Robinson rock (December 7) furnished me with great amusement in this otherwise sordid matter. The Robinson episode has uncovered a great local wit.

If the writer of that letter will present himself at your office he will be presented with a dossier of "Amway vs. the People," in which his letter is published.  
Sincerely,  
Dick DeVries  
7831 E. Pettis  
Ada, Mich. 49301

## Annual Christmas Program Zioneers Will Visit Planetarium

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., the Zioneers will meet at the home of Don Josum. From there they will go to the Planetarium. The price will be 25¢.

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., the women's department will have a special dedication candle lighting service at church. The special speaker will be Betty Pelletier, from Union Avenue Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Betty is the District Director of Women's Services.  
Griffin To Speak  
Sunday, December 17, Elder Bill Griffin from the Northview Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. morning worship.

Sunday evening, 7 p.m., the older youth will present on a Christmas Program entitled "The True Spirit of Christmas." There will be a social hour after the Christmas program which will be performed by the older youth.  
Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 p.m., Midweek Fellowship service with Elder Ivan Stark giving us thoughts for consideration, with his theme, "The Joy of Giving."

In one article that was published, the Ada Churches have said nothing about the marker, I think the only church who should speak out is the one where Mr. DeVos, Mr. VanAbdel and Mr. Dan Vos belong, and they don't want to speak out against three well-to-do members. Also, the church, no doubt, doesn't approve of their members' stealing a marker. I'm sure they teach the Ten Commandments, but some members don't live by them and it's not the fault of the church of which it has many good, honest members.

Mr. Halliday of Amway has the opinion he has the right to say what and when this marker is to be placed, and it's about time these people who don't know the history of Ada and Rix Robinson and are not residents or taxpayers in our township, quit trying to take over by stealing, telling lies about not polluting Grand River and let the residents have something to say.

Most of our local papers seem to think it's an honor to have Amway in the vicinity but they don't have to put up with the horrible stink and odors that we do. True, the buildings are nice to look at, but less than one-third of the employees live or own property in Ada Township and not their concern.

I have never met Mr. Benjamin Smith, who has done lots for trying to get Rix Robinson's marker back for us, and I think the concerned residents are thankful to him for the time and effort he has put forth.  
There are still lots of people in Ada who remember the naming of Rix's Trading Post, the dedication, the writing of the history all as a contest by the Ada Oil Company and the Svoboda Brothers, who sponsored it.

This property is an acre or less in size and with this historical marker, and Amway's money if they want a museum it seems that would be the proper place for it, built on the foundation of the Rix Robinson home, where Rix's Trading Post now stands.

In the December 4 Grand Rapids Press Mr. Halliday said less than six people were objecting to the relocation of the marker. I think it would be nice if all interested call Mr. Halliday at Amway and let him know what we think. He probably won't accept the call or will be "out of town" but let's try anyway.  
A Concerned Ada Resident

## Around The Area

Aaron Bless Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper was baptized Sunday, December 3, at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

In the hospital—Mrs. Sam (Ida) Yeiter, Blodgett, Mrs. Art (Joyce) Gross, Butterworth. Recently released from the hospital, Bruce Barnes.

Mrs. Earl Dowling, formerly of Lowell and Saranac has moved to Six Lakes. Her new address is Route 1, Box 188, Six Lakes, Michigan 48886.

Let's say Happy Birthday to—Greg Yurkinas, December 12; Kris Kropf, December 13; Missy LaBine, December 16; Grace Neubecker, December 17; Lydia Winger, December 18; Kathy Kropf, December 21; Ken Kropf, December 29.

There's good news from the Gerald Smith household—Daddy is home from the hospital in time to recuperate for a little "Santa Clausing."  
Mrs. Judy Malecki, 6630 Burger Drive, S.E., recently injured in an automobile accident, is presently hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Gary, Indiana.  
Dean Overholt of Cascade, is a patient at the University of Michigan Medical Center, 9 West, in Ann Arbor.

## Rotary Notes Honor Champs

Lowell Rotary honored the Tri-River league champion Lowell football team at a noon luncheon December 6.

The team and head coach Al Rowe and assistant coach Dick Brennan and Al Eckman and 29 players were in attendance.  
The team and coaches were awarded a beautiful tall metal and wood trophy. This was only the second championship football team in the last 20 years according to Rotary President Charles Doyle.

Next week, on December 13, Rotary will have as its speaker David Osborne, Managing Editor of the Grand Rapids Press. Mr. Osborne's subject will be the news media.

## New Year's Dance

The Home and School Association of St. Patrick's School of Parnell will hold a New Year's Eve dance Sunday, December 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at St. Patrick's Hall, Parnell.

The cost will be \$10 per couple which includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, lunch and live music.  
For reservations phone 691-8961 or 676-9450.

## Robert Harden Passes

Robert G. Harden, aged 52, of 1735 Center NE, Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday morning, December 9.  
Surviving are his wife, Louise; two sons, Gary Lynn of Lowell and Terry Lee of Grand Rapids; two grandsons; his mother, Mrs. Robert H. (Glady) Harden of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Markle of Rockford, Mrs. Earle (Pat) Morse of Wyoming; four brothers, Edwin and Richard, both of Lake Park, Florida; Russell of S. Miami Heights, Florida; and Jack of Miami, Florida; several nieces and nephews.  
Services for Mr. Harden were held at the Creston Mortuary, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Interment Kent Memorial Park.

## Mall To Feature Christmas Singers

North Kent Mall will celebrate the "Twelve Days of Christmas" through December 21 with the presentation of local choirs and singing groups each evening.  
The Lowell Senior High School carolers will be featured, and the Forest Hills Northern Senior Choir will perform on subsequent evenings.

## Are You Getting Married? Engaged?

Are you planning a wedding or getting engaged? The Ledger-Suburban Life will be happy to print your wedding and engagement announcements in our weekly edition.  
Wedding stories and pictures should be in our office at least one week prior to the event. Engagement announcements must be submitted on the Friday before the publication date.  
All photographs should be black and white, however, colored prints will be acceptable if the background is not defaced.

## Servicemen's Cookies

The Doerr Guild of Cascade Christian Church never forgets the boys in service, and this Christmas will be no exception.  
The ladies met Wednesday, December 6, in Fellowship Hall to pack the Christmas packages. The ladies furnished baked goods, while others provided the necessary funds to cover the postage.  
The Guild is chairmanned by Mrs. Kenneth Wilcox.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
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In addition, the shoveler often tackles the job in frustration or anger. This releases a stimulant into his blood stream which causes his heart to work even harder.

Snow shoveling victims are usually men in their forties or early fifties who have heart or circulatory defects which may have been undetected by physical examinations.

How can such heart attacks be prevented? The simplest solution: If you are forty or over, don't shovel snow. Get someone else to do it or use a mechanical snow remover.

If you must shovel, take it easy. Should you tire, finish the job later. If you develop a chest pain, call a doctor, then lie down, cautious Acta.

And always tackle snow shoveling in the right frame of mind. Don't let yourself become anxious or angry. You may be a few minutes late for work, but at least you'll get there.

### Christmas Get-together

The tree has been decorated, the gifts wrapped and the refreshments planned—all for the second annual Christmas party for the families of the Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell.

Being held this Sunday, December 17, at their clubhouse on Burroughs Road, the snowmobilers will open their Christmas get-together with a potluck dinner.

Following, Miss Cindy Ball, Snow-queen will draw the winning ticket for the Evinrude Snowmobile, being given away by the club.

The children's Christmas party is next, sparked by a visit from Santa Claus, and treats for everyone.

**new ARRIVALS**

Mr. and Mrs. James Shade, 4706 Segwin, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jimmi Jo, born December 10, at Bledgett Hospital at 7:49. She weighed eight pounds and four ounces and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shade of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thiesen of Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Briggs (Carol) are the proud parents of a son, Travis Heath, born December 1 at Bledgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

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If purchasing through the mail, a self-addressed stamped envelope and rabies certificate should be included, so they can be returned.

A proof of rabies vaccination must be shown at the time of purchase.

### Services Monday For Martha Van Prooyen

Mrs. Martha T. Van Prooyen, aged 79, of 4385 Chauncey Drive, Belmont, passed away early Saturday morning, December 9, at Grand Valley Nursing Centre.

Surviving are one son, John F. of Rockford, three daughters, Mrs. George (Frances) Hartwell and Mrs. Robert (Ann) Parker both of Belmont, Mrs. Robert (Cora) Reynolds of Rockford, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one brother, Neil Vandepoerle, two sisters, Miss Nellie Vandepoerle and Mrs. Maud Fase of Ada, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Pierce Mortuary with the Rev. Ron L. Keller officiating. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens.

### 45th Open House

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Huver of Lowell request the presence of friends, neighbors and relatives at an open house in honor of their parents' 45th wedding anniversary, Saturday, December 23.

The open house, from 2 to 6 p.m., will be held at the Huver's home, 10939-36th Street, Lowell.

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**BITS O' BUSINESS**

World arms spending has reached \$200 billion a year, a UN study recently reported. The study termed the discrepancy between arms spending and the \$8 billion aid to populations "shocking." The study said agreement on a world disarmament strategy would release massive resources for peaceful uses.

### New Deadlines

The following "new" deadlines will be used by the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life in accepting news stories, photographs, advertisements, etc.

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## 'Welcome To Saranac' City-Wide Sing

Sunday, December 3, twenty young people from the Saranac Community Church's Christian Fellowship (C.F.) group took to the road and went to Burton Heights Reformed Church for participation in a city wide Hymn Sing.

Four car loads of young people and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chadwick, sponsors of the group, left for Grand Rapids at 7 o'clock Sunday evening with hopes of seeing The Power Company, a group of 75 who 'Sing For Christ'.

The Hymn Sing lasted an hour and a half with the Power Company singing approximately ten songs and joining in with the congregation with other various hymns and songs.

After the Hymn Sing, the CF left for Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor to help Mrs. Chadwick (Margaret) celebrate her birthday.

The C.F. plans to do the Christmas Eve service held at the Community Church and hope that all young people who want some Christian Fellowship will look them up on Sunday nights.

Nora Chadwick

## St. Anthony's Church

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Rev. Harold Fellman 642-2551

Mass Schedule - Saturday, 5:15 p.m.  
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Student participants include Nancy Hale, Jan Cornelisse, Georgette Hammer, Chris Sprague, Pat Kelly, Gary Longwell, Toni Minard, Steve Sprague, Sherry Myers, Patty Andros, Bob Hunter, Rick Frazer, Marge Masch and Matt Brooks.

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## Players Perform At Saranac

"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," was one of the songs that could be heard Monday, December 4, at an assembly in the Saranac High School.

While grades 9 through 12 watched, the Kaleidoscope players presented "Broadway in Sight." The players consisted of two people, Rene Handren and Chris Schoon, who tour the entire U.S. and Canada, performing for high school groups.

The Kaleidoscope Players, Chris and Rene, presented excerpts from "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." Rene played the role of Lucy and Chris played Charlie Brown.

Chris then sang a song from "Hair." Chris and Rene sang together and did an excerpt from "My Fair Lady," which was acted out with Rene wearing a long dress and big hat, which really made the performance come alive.

"A Wilderness," another excerpt, was a play about a couple of 16 year olds, named Muriel and Richard. They had to sneak away to meet each other. This excerpt was made especially funny by Rene, who played Muriel. She made expressions with her face that made everyone in the audience giggle.

Chris then sang a song from the play "1776" and accompanied with his guitar.

Together, the Kaleidoscope players did a song and dance number from the longest running show on "Broadway," "The Fantasticks."

To wind up the fast moving performance the players sang a medley from "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

The assembly was very exciting and everyone applauded with appreciation after the great performances from the Kaleidoscope players.

Theresa Pash

## Redskins Lose

The Saranac Redskins lost their season basketball opener Friday, December 1 to Carson City, 88-84 on the Saranac floor.

The game was relatively close throughout the contest, but the Carson City Eagles held the edge at the end of each quarter, 23-16, 40-38, 58-57, and at the end of the game 88-84.

Carson City was led by Tim Belt as he pumped in 27 points with teammate Bob Hicks, adding 16.

Randy Butcher led Saranac's balanced attack as he scored 22 points and grabbed 23 rebounds. Dave Vroman added 20 points while Mark Mason, Mark Miller and Burdette Gunden added 15, 12, and 11 points respectively.

The game was won at the free throw line as Carson made good on 20 of 29 shots, while Saranac hit only 22 out of 48 attempts.

Randy Butcher

## LaVern D. Essington Passes at Belding

LaVern D. Essington, 56, of Route 2, Saranac, died Wednesday, December 6 at Belding Community Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 27, 1915, at Cabery, Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Essington.

He attended Ionia public schools and was employed at Ionia Daily Sentinel-Standard composing room previous to serving during World War II.

He was a member of Ionia Moose Lodge and employed in the power plant at Ionia State Hospital the past 12 years.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; three sons, James of Saranac, John at home, Phillip Hilliker of Hastings; two daughters, Mrs. Sheila Moore of Hastings, Marcia Hilliker of Florida; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Essington of Pewamo; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn McCrumb of Pewamo, Mrs. Arvilla Kissane of Portland; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday afternoon, 1 p.m. at the Morris-Roetman Funeral Home in Saranac with burial at Balcom Cemetery.

## Tough Montebella Defeats Redskins

The Saranac Freshman Basketball team went down to defeat Monday night, December 4, at the hands of a tough Montebella squad by the score of 58 to 21.

The defeat marked the second loss in the two league games played by Saranac, thus far.

Montebella was led by Mike Delamater with 12 points, with Mert Hansen, Scott Foster and Phil Kohn, totaling 10, 9, and 6 points, respectively.

The score by quarters, shows Montebella on top each time with a first quarter score of 13-6, followed by the remaining three with scores of 34-12, 48-15, at the buzzer, 58-21.

## South Boston Happenings

Mrs. Myrtle Klahn entertained 17 guests at a bridal shower for Mrs. JoAnn Leazenby Wednesday evening at her home.

The Russell Cona'n family were recent visitors at the Philip Johnson home. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson plan to leave soon for Florida to spend the winter.

Scott O'Berne, who was employed by the United Air Lines for many years, is reported ill and in a California Hospital.

Mary Ann Geiger of Detroit became the bride of David Nelson December 1, in a church ceremony in Detroit. The newlyweds are living in Norfolk, Virginia, where the groom is stationed in the U. S. service.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardner of Ware Road who attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fahmi, Mrs. June Fahmi and Miss Carol Fahmi were also among the guests.

Paul Wittenbach and Harvey McClure are vacationing in Florida.

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## New Policy Lets Seniors Graduate In January

Some Saranac High School seniors will leave school at the beginning of 1973. The Saranac school board passed a new policy allowing senior students with the required credits to graduate in January after the first semester.

The new policy would enable those seniors with jobs or plans for attending college to begin in January.

The administration stated that at the present time there are 29 seniors who will be leaving in January, which is nearly one-third of the graduating class.

Over all, the students seem to like this policy. They feel they are getting the better end of it because they are "getting out of here!" This information was learned through short interviews. The other main comment was that they liked it because they could get out and work full time and earn some money.

The main subjects the early graduates are taking are Government, which is required by the state, and some sort of Language, examples: accelerated reading, Spanish, Journalism, World Literature, or American Literature.

## Pre-School Program

The Co-op hopes to start in January or February. They will be using the Saranac Community Church for their classes.

The main objective of the Pre-school Development Co-op is to prepare a child to get along socially with others, learn to share, to listen, and to participate in organized play. The Co-op will have an accredited teacher and the mothers will also be helping.

In the months ahead, the Co-op hopes to have a couple of fund raising projects for the purpose of raising money for the much needed equipment for the school.

The Co-op hopes to start by selling Christmas wrapping paper. The Co-op will need the community's support to get off to a good start, so we hope you will respond.

Coming events and projects are: Gift Wrap Sale, Christmas and all occasion paper, now being sold; Toy Drive, from now until January; Lumber Drive, from now until January.

We need good used toys, books, record player, records, iron and hot plate, puzzles and many, many other items.

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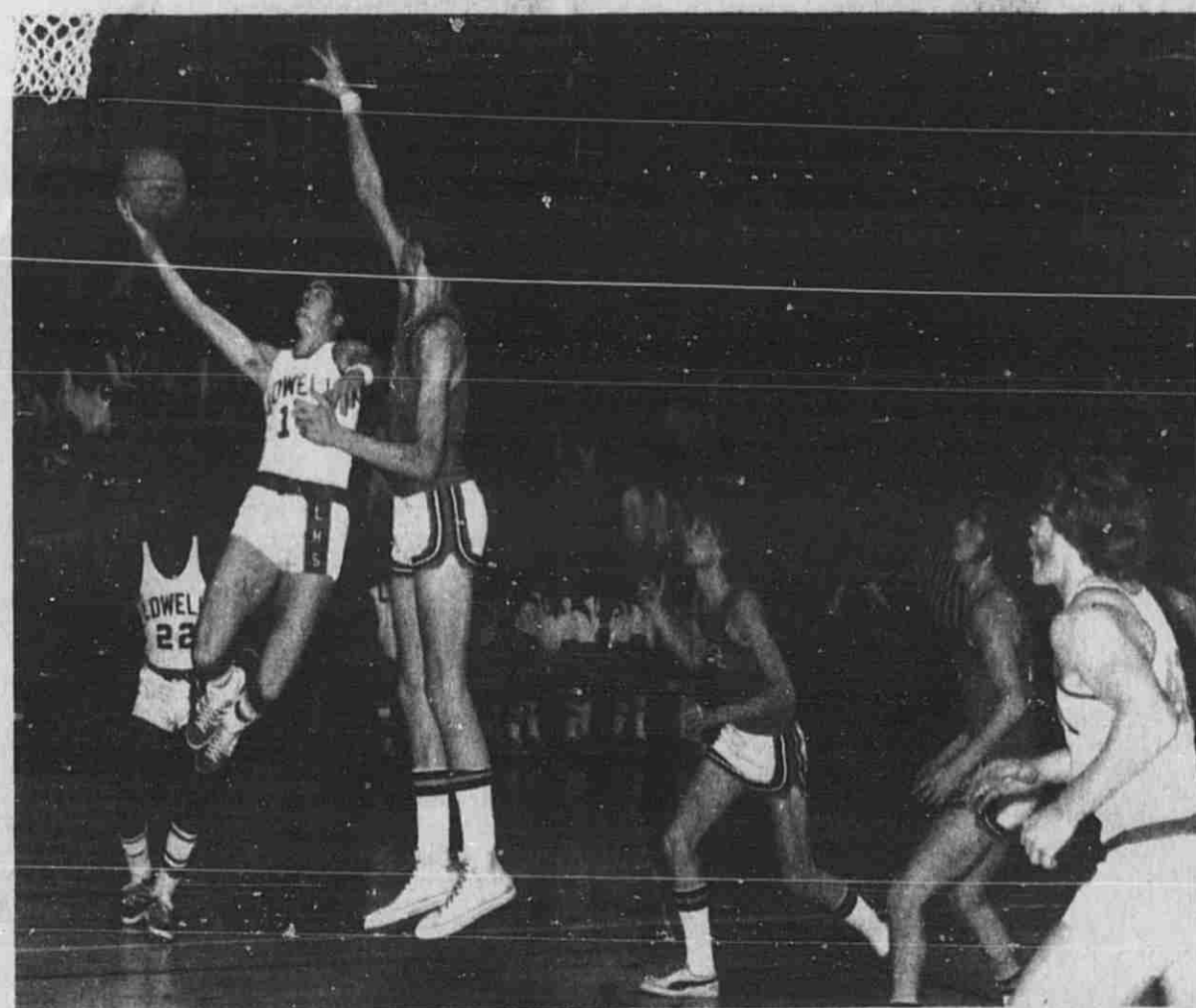
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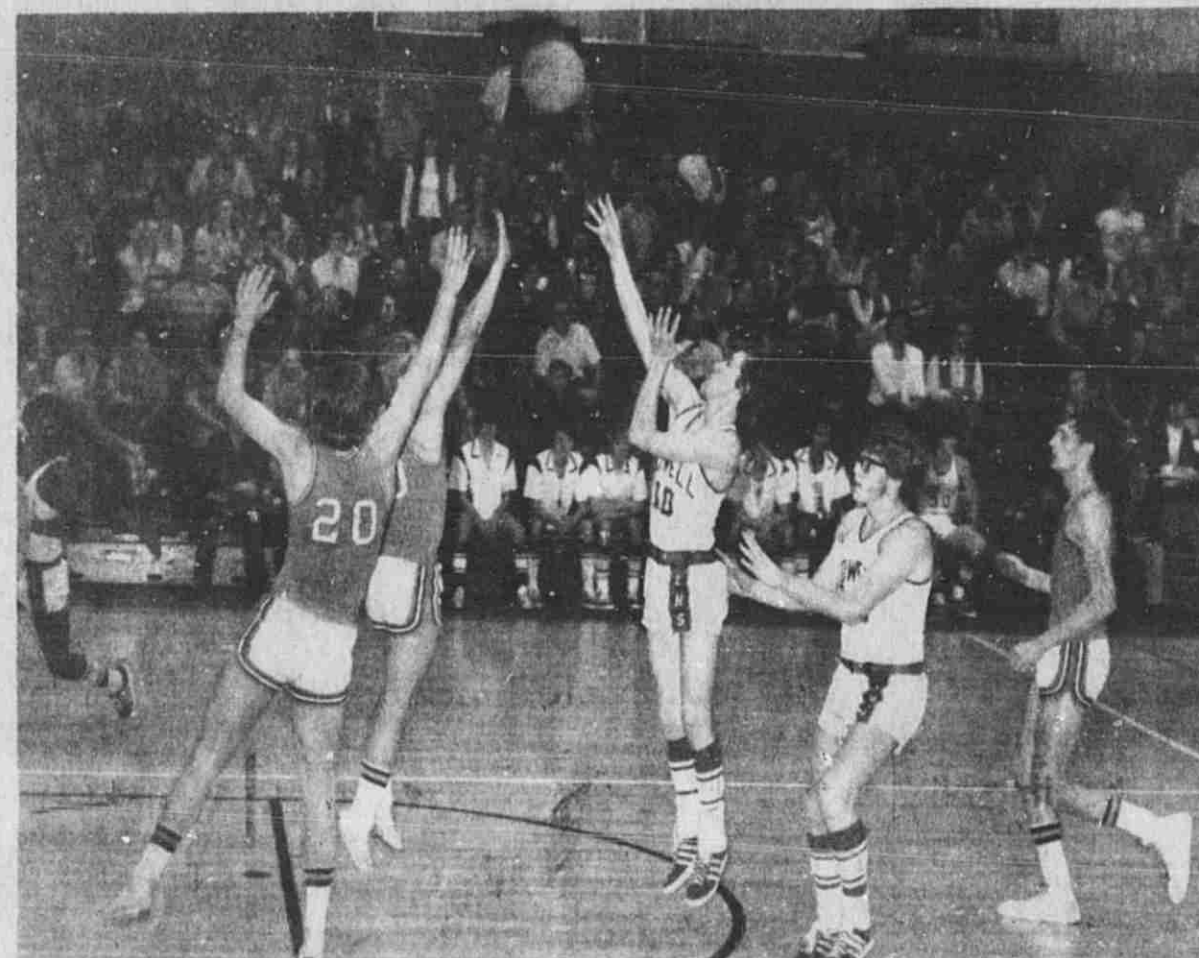
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## Arrows Down Belding



Kris Kropf drives in for the two points. Bernie Harden (22) looks on.



Dan Murphy (10) takes a jump shot from the top of the key for two points.

The Lowell Red Arrows opened their 1972-73 basketball conference schedule with a 60-53 win over the Belding Redskins.

After dropping two non-league games, the Arrows came on strong in the fourth quarter of Friday night's game to hand Belding its first Tri-River loss.

It was a close ball game which saw both teams tied at 23-23 at the half, with Lowell jumping out in front 41-35 at the end of the third quarter, only to fall behind again 53-50, with two minutes remaining in the game.

Using careful tactics and accurate shooting, the Red Arrows poured in six points to clinch the victory.

Hitting primarily on out-court shots, Dan Murphy from his guard position led the Lowell scores with 25, including 17 in the second half.

Rusty Steffens who added 18 points to the winner's score, did an outstanding job of rebounding.

This Friday night, Lowell will face Greenville, here. The junior varsity game will start at 6:30, with the varsity encounter getting underway at 8 p.m.

**Four Firsts For Dave Christenson**  
 Dave Christenson, swimming for the Grand Valley Swim Club took four firsts and was the total point winner for 12-and-under boys at the 13th annual Patton A.A.U. Swimming Invitational in Detroit December 10.

Dave won the 50-yd. Freestyle with a time of 26.3 seconds, the 200-yd. Freestyle in 2:09.0 minutes, the 100-yd. Butterfly in 1:03.3 and the 200-yd. Individual Medley in 2:27.0. He also took a third in the 100-yd. Backstroke with a 1:11.0.

## SPORTS

### Arrow Matmen Bounce Back

Red Arrow Grapplers bounced back into their traditional winning form last week, after losing to Wyoming Park the week before, with impressive victories over Grand Rapids Central and Ionia.

From the opening three matches of last Tuesday night it was Lowell all the way as Red Arrow wrestlers Jeff Rickert, Gary Weimer and Dale Dawson put the Arrows out in front to stay 11-2.

Central's 119-pounder then gained a third period pin and cut the score to 11-3.

In the next four matches Bob Helmer attained a third period pin, 132-lb. Jerry Gauger won a 4-1 decision, Jerry Kropf out-wrestled his opponent 13-3 and Ron Lyons won a tough decision 4-0. This opened Lowell's lead to 27-8.

The Bulldogs then retaliated with three consecutive wins over Ken Bryan, Bob Helmer and Jerry Gauger, only one of which was a pin, and brought the score up to 18-12.


Jerry Kropf then won a close 5-3 decision while Ron Lyons dropped a 1-4 decision and left the score 21-15.

Lowell went on to win the last four matches with 165-lb. John Curtis and heavyweight Glen Anderson gaining pins. The final score was Lowell 42, Ionia 15.

The late additions of 155-lb. Gary Barber, 165-lb. John Curtis and 185-lb. Mark Nauta to Lowell squad, according to coach Gary Rivers, gave it the experience in the heavyweights it needed to win the last two non-conference meets.

By Mark Blough

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"Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch condition, both at the beginning of the season and each time it's used," relates club president Jack Condon.

"When riding this year," Condon reminded, "be sure to keep the following safety tips foremost in your mind:

1. Wear a protective snowmobile suit, or adequate clothing, since traveling at snowmobile speeds, the chill factor can reach 30-40 degrees below zero and cause severe frostbite.
2. Also wear goggles and a helmet to protect against stones, hail, ice and flying debris.
3. Know the terrain over which you are traveling and always use the buddy system. Stranded in an unknown area by yourself could prove hazardous.
4. Check the weather forecast and know at all times the snow conditions in the area.
5. Know and abide by the snowmobiling laws set mainly for the safety of snowmobile riders.
6. Follow marked trails and respect the land you are allowed to run on.

"In our club," Condon added, "safe snowmobiling is our biggest concern. Having a lot of fun is our goal, but one careless miscue could mar a sport for winter enthusiasts."

**SNO-MOBILE ASSOCIATION TO MEET DECEMBER 14**

The Forest Hills Sno-Mobile Association will hold their regular membership meeting December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at their clubhouse on Ada Drive.

There will be important business to discuss, plus new machine stickers will be available. A refreshment period will follow the meeting.

## Bouwkamp Wins Machine



Ted Bouwkamp of 1814 East BelLine, S.E., selected the 1973 Ski-Doo Olympic as the winner of the Forest Hills Sno-Mobile Association snowmobile raffle. Club President Don Vander Hoff (right) presenting the keys to Bouwkamp. Looking on are John Sysma (left) and Lyman Wenger of Ada Hardware, who provided the machine.

## Central Wins League Opener

Forest Hills Central won its first league game of the season by scoring a 77-61 win over Godwin Heights Friday night.

Bill Wagner led Forest Hills with 27 points with Kraig Klynstra added 14 and Bill Heneveld 11. Paul Dieterle scored 15 and Jay VanDellen 12 to lead Godwin.

Forest Hills held quarter leads of 19-13, 34-37 and 58-39.

## Lanning Heads Northern Scoring

Kurt Bennett and Tom Kragt scored seven points between them in the last two minutes of play to help boost Zealand to a come-from-behind 60-56 win over Forest Hills Northern Friday night.

Northern, which had taken a 56-55 lead with two minutes to play, was led by Rod Lanning with 20 points, Tom Bean with 13, Dave Nanzig 11 and Doug Everse 10.

Bennett was tops for both teams with 21, followed by Steve Bassett with 12. Zealand hit at a 36 percent clip by sinking 26 of 73 shot floor shots while Forest Hills connected for 18 of 56 attempts for a 32 percent average.

Lanning led both teams in rebounds with 17.

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*Winter Wondering*

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And, darkly circled, gave at noon  
A sadder sight than waning moon.  
John Greenleaf Whittier

Winter—that monster child of Mother Nature—has wrapped her icy tentacles around us—holding us fast-warmed only now and then by a teasing sun.

Winter means many things to many people—depending upon how—and where—one views the scene.

To some, winter is a time for snow games, pursued with varying degrees of relish. To others, it is simply a time one must endure—like a chronically recurring back-ache.

But for all, there are certain familiar sights and sounds—some pertinaciously perverse—and some poignantly pleasurable.

... Freshly fallen snow covering the ground... everything around... softening the starkness of winter's blight... Trees, ice-covered and shimmering in the sun-light... a cardinal and bluejay perched on glistening branches... their beauty stirs the heart... and I wonder why I dislike winter so much.

... Horses, their coats grown thick for winter's blast—stand like statues—silent and still in the early morn—accepting winter's woes... wonder why I complain about the cold so much?

... The dogs, exhilarated by a romp through the woods, chase the cats in merry glee obviously enjoying the revelry... Wonder why I dislike winter, so?

... Cars, ice-covered—scraping windshields—relief at the sound of a purring motor—the whine of spinning wheels, trapped by icy snow... dirty, road-spattered piles of snow—beauty obliterated.

... People, heads bowed—hiding faces from the sharpness of the cold, hurry on their way, with memories of the 'wind-chill factor' boding ill for the day...

Oh, I wish I were a woolly bear  
I'd find me a hole in a tree somewhere.  
I surely would not hesitate—  
I'd hie me there and hibernate!  
A. Nony Mous

**Vermaire Gets Flying Cross**

Captain Peter J. Vermaire, son of Mrs. Selma F. Vermaire, 1454 Hope St. SE, Grand Rapids, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Southeast Asia.

Captain Vermaire earned the award as a forward air controller while assigned to the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron at Da Nang AB, Vietnam. Despite intense ground fire during a mission in support of a friendly patrol in conflict with the enemy, he remained in the area and directed airstrikes aircraft onto the hostile position. After the contact was broken, the captain then directed helicopters in the rescue operations of the friendly troops.

He was honored at the U. S. Air Force Academy where he now serves as an instructor.

He received his commission and B.S. degree in 1963 from the United States Naval Academy. He earned his M.S.E. degree in astronautical engineering in 1965 from the University of Michigan.

His wife is the former Joan L. TenHoor. They are the parents of two children, Karen and Alexander.



Too, Szekely and Behnke, looking at the model "swing of joy," pay no attention to the falling snow... only to the smile the finished project will bring.

**Retirement Short**  
*Behnke Back In Swing*

When you've done it for so long, it's hard to retire, but in the early summer months "Uncle" Carl Behnke of 4804 Cascade Road, S.E., decided that his life time goal of putting smiles on the faces of the mentally retarded must come to an end.

And so it did—temporarily that is. Behnke enjoying several months of catching up on things left undone by his dream of smiles, was brought back into the cycle by an appeal from the Coldwater Parent's Association.

Their request, build us a "swing of joy," just like the one you donated last Spring to the home. Making the appeal to Behnke was Robert Too, the Association's past-president and Nick Szekely, current program chairman.

Honoring their request, Uncle Carl, with the undying cooperation of Meekhof Lumber Company in Cascade, got the materials together and work began. Using bits and pieces of scrap materials, Behnke produced a multi-colored yard swing that will accommodate several youngsters at one time.

"But, I couldn't stop there, Behnke related. "I got to thinking how nice the swing that lasts for years, would be for places where old and young alike can get outdoors." In his planning—one for a nursing home, a veteran's facility, a Villa, and two more for children's units.

When asked how it felt to be back in the swing of things, Behnke remarked "Good! but, I'm going to need lots of help again, and I hope the good people of the surrounding area will lend a helping hand."

"I could use such things as odd pieces of lumber, 2 x 4's, 2 x 8's, or what have you; unused cans of paint—perhaps someone had a little left over in a can, this can all be utilized."

Volunteer help, pushing a paint brush or pounding a nail is hard to find these days, but perhaps some youth group or adult organization looking for a worthy project, could donate a little time... and maybe realize the endless rewards that are there."

Some twenty or more years ago, Behnke now a retired safety engineer, built a model swing in his backyard for his own children. Seeing the delight it brought them, and through his work with thousands of school children, an idea was instituted that has flourished for years.

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