

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

The Tight Bind

The tight bind on energy is here. There is no advantage to be gained from finger pointing at suspected culprits . . . we have an energy shortage; it is real and it is going to last quite a while.

A number of people in the area have responded by turning thermostats down to 68 degrees in their homes and draping afghans and blankets over their knees to keep warm in their living rooms. A new courtesy toward guests is to offer them a lap cover so they may be comfortable.

Most drivers are cutting auto speeds to 50 miles per hour which is noticeable as one drives the roads in the area.

Will the energy crisis hurt us as human beings? I think not. It will be an uncomfortable affair, but will not cause human disaster in this country. In fact, it may do something very beneficial to many backbones.

American people are compassionate people; they believe that all citizens should enjoy the 'good life' on our 'good earth.' They not only believe it, they demand it. But they are not always willing to pay the price . . .

They looked on their environment and said: "There shall be no more pollution." Pipelines, offshore drilling, new refineries and nuclear generating plants were blocked and delayed. The use of coal was banned and emission control standards were placed on auto manufacturers and on other industries strict pesticide rules were imposed, and zero discharge orders were issued to farmers.

They looked at their slums and said: "There shall be no poor people in America." Welfare programs and food stamps were instituted and higher minimum wages were set.

They looked at their country and said: "There shall be no more inflation." And so there were price and wage controls, a freeze on meat and consumer boycotts.

Their demands considered and in the process of being met, the American people looked at the government's share of their paychecks, at the increases in food and gas prices, at the very real threat of an energy shortage and declared "It is not good."

A very wise man once said: "Be careful what you ask for—you might get it." The compassionate American people have forgotten the basic economic law: Tinstaafl—there's no such thing as a 'free lunch.'

Small wonder they have forgotten. When the idea that there can be something for nothing is instilled at early childhood with Santa, the tooth fairy, the Easter rabbit, and the golden eggs from the magic goose.

How's your backbone? A little saggy, cracked from the weight of a pending problem, or straight and erect because you, as a concerned citizen, are doing your utmost to conserve energy?

With each one doing their share—we, as compassionate Americans, will rise to the cause and roar victorious in defeat of our man-made crisis. Be one of the victors!

Lights out!

Sam . . .

City Adopts Higher Water Sewer Rates

Sometime after the first of January, subscribers of Lowell water and sewer services will be paying, on the average, from one third to 50% more for those services depending on usage. The increase will be the result of Lowell City Council's implementation of a new water and sewer rate schedule, adopted by ordinance at their regular meeting Monday night.

The City is slated to go to computerized billing the first of January but City Manager Blaine Bacon said it will take some time to make the transition to the monthly computerized billing. Data Processing will be the servicing agent.

Ken Andersen, engineer for Williams and Works, present at the meeting, stated he would have his office prepare a detailed rate schedule for publication in this paper next week.

It is more than a decade now since Lowell became the beneficiary of the trust fund established by Philip and Jennie Schneider to benefit the City of Lowell through the "alleviation of suffering." An advisory board consisting of one representative from the City, one from Lowell Township and one from Old Kent Bank were appointed to serve an undetermined number of years.

Councilman Harold Jefferies moved, and the Council adopted the motion, to keep more current by appointing a representative to the Schneider Fund Advisory Board every two years, thereby having a representative from each succeeding administration. A representative of the City will be named at the first meeting in January.

After months of deliberation, Council approved the contract agreement between the City and Lowell Township for the inclusion of the township in the proposed Sanitary Sewage Disposal System.

Street decorations are up along Main Street but will not be lit this year in observance of the energy crisis. The City is in receipt of a communication from the State Water Resources Commission stating permission has been granted Key Heights Mobile Home Park to discharge treated waste water effluents into the Grand River.

Chief of Police Barry Emmons, in answer to Councilman Jefferies question concerning the status of the parking ban, said they are gradually resolving most of the troublesome spots with some yet to be reviewed. Jefferies stated it had been reported to him that 22 cars had been observed during the early morning hours parked on City Streets.



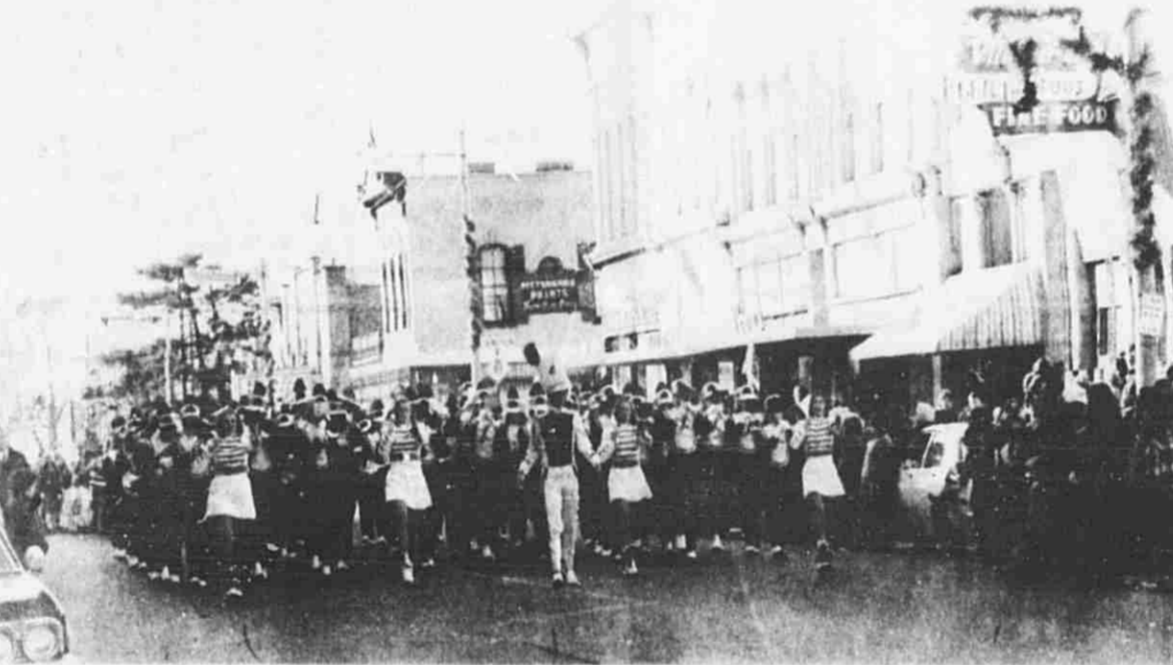
Tucked all snug and warm in their beds their visions of sugar plums soon danced out of their heads, when suddenly into the bedroom came crashing—not Santa and his reindeer—but a monstrous automobile.

This tragic accident occurred about 3 a.m. Saturday morning at the Bruce Walter home at 606 Riverside Drive when a car driven by Thomas Patrick Hemingsen of Lowell allegedly went out of control when his accelerator stuck.

The car went through a spare bedroom and into the master bedroom of the Walter home before coming to a stop.

Mrs. Walter was taken by ambulance to the hospital but released after being treated for a fractured arm, broken nose and facial lacerations. Mr. Walter was uninjured.

Hemingsen was indicated at fault for careless driving.



The start of Lowell's annual Christmas parade is led by the Lowell High School Band.

Welcome Santa

A large crowd turned out on a bright sunny Saturday afternoon to welcome Santa Claus to Lowell and officially open the Christmas season.

Special commendation goes to the Flat River Snowmobile Club for their float from outer space. Lippert's Pharmacy float, depicting an old fashioned drug store, was outstanding. The Campfire Girls, under the leadership of Jean Shores and Mary Ellen Rivers did a marvelous job on Santa's workshop float. All toys were collected by local Bluebirds and Campfire girls for donation to the Lowell Moose Lodge for distribution.

All standing watching agreed unanimously that the Alto and Lowell firetrucks, Jayettes, 4-H Club and Caliope, along with the smart stepping and playing of both bands, topped off by Mickey & Minnie Mouse really made it a "nice parade for a small town."

Special recognition should be given to the Lowell Light & Power crew who worked with Tony Sciliano's men from the Department of P.W. to have all the decorations up and the streets so clean in time for the parade. Great job well done!

To Arnie DeLoof, Art Warning, George Dey and Duke Thomet, a great big hand—without you there wouldn't have been anything—to those who were "too busy to help—too bad!"

Legion And Auxiliary Annual Christmas Party

Clark Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary, and their families, will have their annual Christmas party and potluck dinner on Sunday, December 16, at the Club room at 1 p.m.

There'll be skating for the young 'uns, as well as milk and treats. Coffee for adults.

Please bring your own table service—and your dish to pass.

Feast and Play

There will be a Christmas "feast" and play presented Tuesday, December 11, by the first and fourth grade students of Bushnell School for their parents.

To be held in the Cafetorium of the new Middle School, the beautifully costumed play, "Cinderella" will be presented first at 6:30 p.m., with the wedding feast for Cinderella and Prince immediately following in the form of a potluck supper for all families present.

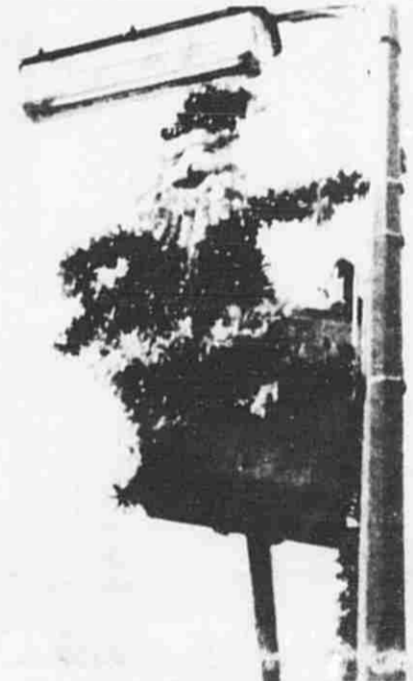
ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special: Fish-wich, 45¢. Chicken dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. \$1.25 every night. We have Christmas trees while they last!

School Reduces Energy Levels

In cooperation with the energy crisis, Lowell Senior High School has reduced heating levels to the national recommendation of 68 degrees. Also the energy consumption of electricity in the halls and bathrooms has been reduced by 50 percent, and a plan is under study to voluntarily reduce classroom lighting by 28 percent.

The energy conservation measures grew out of the decisions reached by Dennis McMahon, the high school principal, with the help of an attitude questionnaire formulated by Jerry Biernacki's, "Decision Making" class.

The ninth and tenth grade students made up the questions, conducted the survey, tabulated the results, and reached the conclusions which they reported to Mr. McMahon. Seventy-nine percent of the 258 students surveyed felt lighting in the halls and bathrooms should be reduced while 60 percent said yes to reductions in classrooms, 70 percent thought heating in the school should be reduced to 68 degrees.



Light and Power crewman Jack Ryan high in the bucket, puts a finishing touch on the Main Street decorations . . . Up in time for Santa's arrival last Saturday.



EXTEND HOURS . . .

The Lowell Post Office will be open December 8 and 15 and the following two Saturdays until 5 p.m. for the convenience of area residents mailing Christmas cards and packages.

During the week of December 10, the Lowell office will be open daily until 6 p.m., one hour longer.

Announcing that Christmas stamps are selling briskly, Postmaster Charlie Doyle reminds all residents to get their cards in the mail early!

HEY KIDS! . . .

Did you know you can listen to, or talk to Santa? He'll be at WOOD radio between 7 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. The number to call is 458-1261.

. . . On Saturday, December 15, Santa will be at Station WYGR at 11 a.m. Telephone No. 538-0800 . . . Or on Sunday, December 16, at 2:30 p.m. the jolly gentleman will be on WJPW. Give him a jingle at 866-1501.

POLICE REPORT . . .

Lowell Police investigated a Property Damage accident on W. Main Street near Valley Vista Drive. A car driven by Ronald Jay Everitt of Lowell hit a speed limit sign causing damage to the side of the car and a little damage to the speed limit sign. Ronald Everitt was indicated at fault for Failure to Stop in the Assured Clear Distance Ahead.

Lowell Police are investigating the Larceny of Fuel oil at the Lowell Home Center on West Main Street. Terry Raab, who works at the Home Center reports that he is missing approximately 300 gallons of fuel oil. The complaint remains under investigation.

Lowell Police are investigating the Breaking & Entering of the Cliff Whittaker residence at 911 N. Hudson Street. Taken in the break-in were 3 shotguns and 1 rifle from a gun cabinet in the house. The guns were taken while the Whittaker's were away from home on a vacation. The complaint remains under investigation.

Two juveniles have been referred to Juvenile Court for illegal entry, check theft and forgery. The entry and theft occurred at the home of Niel Hillard on Abrahams Dr., Lowell. Three of the checks were cashed at the House of Townsend, Radio Service and the Zephyr Station for \$30 each. Through joint efforts of the Kent County Sheriff Department and Lowell Police, two of the items purchased were recovered.

Police Chief Barry Emmons reminds residents that overtime parking on City streets is now being enforced.

NEW BUSINESS . . .

C & M Auto, an auto repair shop at 9590 Bluewater Highway (M-21) is now open for business. Joe and Mac will be glad to serve you.



Before donating toys from their parade float to the Lowell Moose's Operation Santa Claus project, Lowell Campfire girls and Blue Birds were busy mailing letters to Santa Claus.



It's hard to think of anyone who would be more popular than Santa Claus unless it's Santa Claus passing out Christmas treats.

The jolly bearded fellow caused quite a sensation when he appeared in Lowell Saturday.

School Board

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting, November 12.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll Call—Members Present: Reagan, Siegle, Metternick, Wingeier, Kropf, Miller, Mullen. Members Absent: None.

Motion by Wingeier, seconded by Siegle, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 23, 1973, with correction on Item 17 to read "Mark Blough."

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Siegle, seconded by Kropf, to approve the agenda as amended (addition of item—Y.M.C.A. Program).

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wingeier, seconded by Siegle, to approve General Fund bills as listed.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Siegle, seconded by Kropf, to approve Building and Site bills as listed.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wingeier, seconded by Siegle, to approve school board policy on business and non-instructional operations (series 3,000) as presented with the exception of No. 3323 page one and two which are deleted.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mullen, seconded by Miller, to approve school board policy on personnel, certified (series 4-100) as presented with the exception of 4152.3—delete last sentence.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

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6. Secretary Metternick gave a report on the Kent Intermediate School District School Board's meeting held on November 8. He related some of the ideas presented by an excellent speaker on public relations.

7. Discussion was held regarding the razing of the old junior high school building. Mr. Sinke was directed to contact Mr. Rickett regarding the electrical work and Mr. Clark regarding the water. The proposal for completion is that it be razed to the level of the basement floor.

8. A trip proposal for the Class of 1975 was presented by the class president Kurt Yost, Richard Loughlin, Robin Childs, and Rick Thomson. This is a well organized plan, and the board agreed to give the class an answer to the next meeting.

9. A proposal by the Student Council on vending machines was presented by Mark Blough, Tom Heintzleman, and Ken Thromet. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

10. A report on elementary building plans was tabled until the next meeting.

11. A discussion on St. Mary's property was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The county proposal on delinquent taxes was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Motion by Metternick, seconded by Siegle, to adopt the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education accept the State of Michigan warrant for \$138,600, from the School Bond Loan Fund.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

3. Presentation of school board policy on personnel, non-certified (series 4200).

4. Presentation of school board policy on students (series 5000).

5. Board members were presented with copies of the 1973-74 audit report from DenBraber, Helmholdt, and Lyzenga, the school auditors.

6. Discussion of the Y.M.C.A. program was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Motion by Siegle, seconded by Kropf, to go into executive session to consider suspension and expulsion of students.

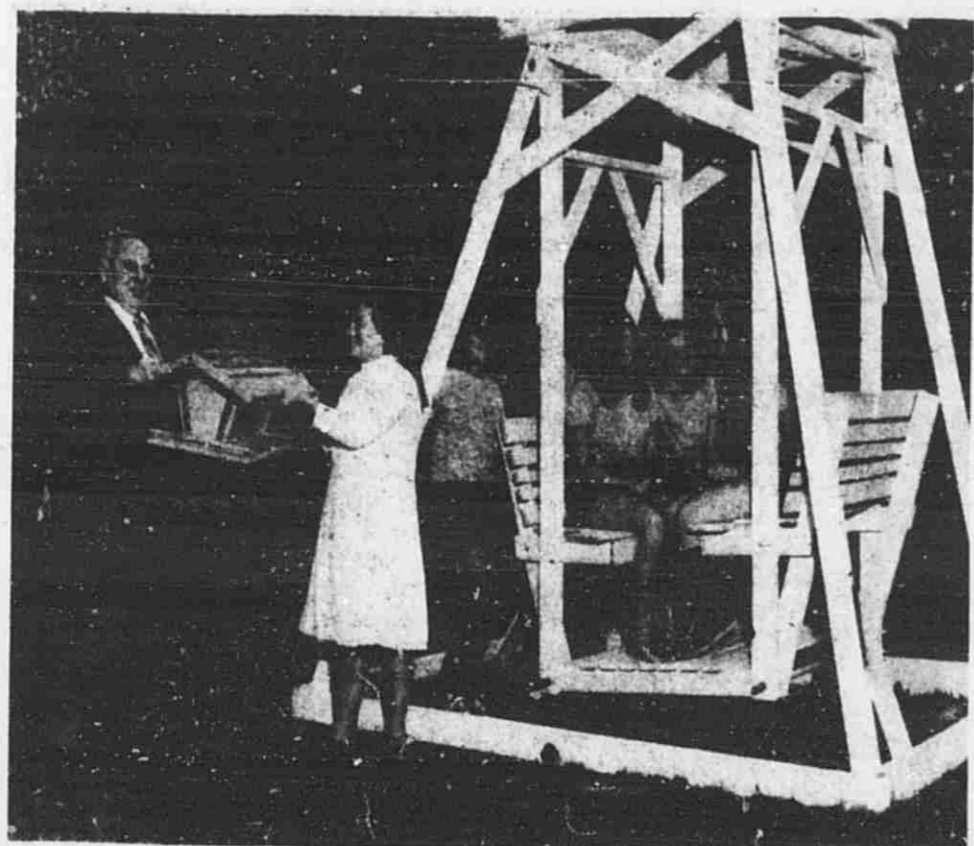
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Mullen, to expel Scott Lierman.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Siegle, seconded by Mullen, to adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Metternick, Secretary



Sister Monica accepts gifts from 'Uncle Bink,' the man with the golden heart. The feeder is for the birds, but the swing is for the kids.

'Uncle Bink' Has Santa Claus Complex

Carl Behnke celebrated a birthday about a month ago, his 70th. Back in 1968, after 25 years of working out of the Hartford Group Insurance offices in the Keeler Building, he "retired." He's been a busy man since, especially around Christmas time.

Among his activities for this Christmas season, "Uncle Bink" (as he is sometimes called) is planning to sponsor a Christmas party for the girls at Villa Maria, 1315 Walker, N.W.

St. Mary Monica Nowak, a Good Shepherd nun who is a certified child case worker, and states that Villa Maria is presently "home" to 50 girls, ages 12 to 18. Here they receive a fully accredited education.

St. Monica describes Villa Maria as a "residence for socially maladjusted girls," most of whom come from broken homes and are placed at the Villa by the courts. Sister tells us that they aren't orphans. "That isn't a very popular term these days," she said. "And in any case, they are probably too old to be adopted. They've come out of difficult backgrounds. They need to be stronger—and when they leave the

Villa they are much stronger and more ready to face life than when they came.

Thanks Due To Many

Behnke, of 4804 Cascade Rd., S.E., has promised that this Christmas each of the 50 girls will receive an individually wrapped gift of books and current magazines. Robert Darby and William Schaefer, owner and general manager, respectively, of Shaw News Company, have offered their cooperation with the project.

Earlier this fall Carl presented the Villa with two pieces of his own handiwork, a large glider swing and a bird feeder—carpentry projects hardly possible without the generosity of the Meekhof Lumber Company in Cascade. For years Meekhof has tossed lumber scraps into what is labeled "Uncle Bink's Bin." Carl turns the scrap pieces into bird feeders, swings, toys, doll houses and other good things.

Asked whether the glider swings are really well constructed, Carl bragged to us that they are "bolted, not nailed. Each piece of wood is painted. It takes a week's spare time to just cut them out."

Still Going Strong

How long do they last? "Well, I'm not sure," he laughs, "but the one I built for my granddaughter in 1952 is still going strong."

Uncle Bink says that if any of the Ledger readers have usable toys or games, he's got a line on some youngsters in institutions whose Christmases are in need of a little brightening. Barry County has opened a "Relaxation Center" for the holidays, and Carl is scrambling to find a way to sponsor their Christmas party this year too. He'll manage it somehow, you can bet.

If you want to help Uncle Bink out, why not give him a call. He lives in Cascade. The number is 949-0817.

You might make somebody happier at Christmas—like yourself, for example.

Gill Joins WOTV

WOTV News Director, Dick Cheverton, announced the appointment of Bill Gill as Managing Editor to the television news staff.

Prior to Gill's joining the station, he was employed three years at Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey, as Director of University Relations and assistant to the president. Gill was formerly Public Relations Director for the Union Bank and Trust Company in Grand Rapids from 1966 to 1970. From 1964 to 1965 he served as Public Relations Director for the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Gill originally began his broadcast career while attending Michigan State University, as a News Editor for WJLS AM-TV in Lansing.

Cheer up your home for the holidays.

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Above The Board

Board Giveth And Taketh Away

The Board giveth and the Board can taketh away... this seemed to be the general theme and concern at the last Lowell Board of Education meeting which dealt mostly with students and student requests.

Earlier in the year board members provided transportation to and from the High School and Middle School for students living on the east side of the river. However, it was reported by Asst. Supt. Don Kelly that bus drivers are complaining about the conduct of these students.

"These are not regular riders who have ridden buses all their school years and are not thoroughly versed in bus rules and etiquette," Kelly stated. "We apparently need a little extra help from home to reinforce the rules that pushing and shoving cannot be tolerated on the short hauls through the City anymore than on the country runs."

It seemed to the impartial observer that these students better shape up or they'll be shipped off just like any other bus student.

Parents might take note and caution their children or they may be walking during very cold and stormy weather.

Approve Trip . . .

Board members pleased an enterprising junior class by approving their proposed class trip to the Bahamas scheduled for Spring vacation, 1975. The approval was given, however, after much deliberation and with the understanding that several stipulations must be met.

Among these were that all participants must abide by the rules and regulations as presented to the board by the class representatives when the request was first made; the raising of funds must not conflict in any great extent with local business firms, and they must have an alternate plan in case the energy crisis makes it impossible to go.

Another wise stipulation upon which the board insisted is that all students undertake a planned study of the Bahamas under the supervision of High School Principal Dennis McMahon and the class sponsors. Board members felt that the trip would be worthwhile only if the students had a fair knowledge of the geography, history, culture and religion of the area.

Not only would the study add interest to the trip and help them to benefit by it, but the people of the Bahamas would undoubtedly be pleased that they took the time to really learn about their islands.

Veto Vending . . .

A second student request, that of the installation of vending machines in the study hall to dispense pop, candy and apples, was unanimously turned down by the board.

Far from feeling that the selling of these items would be conducive to study, as the students so stated, board members envisioned the rattling of pop cans, the long lines waiting to purchase and an added financial burden on parents of high school students.

Not the least of the board's consideration was the health factor. It was stated that a recent survey indicated that the highest rate of tooth decay in all of Kent County was right here in the Lowell area. . . . and this is because of diet. Carbonated beverages and candy are two of the prime reasons for decay and the board couldn't see sanctioning it, particularly since there would be some students who would undoubtedly spend their hot lunch money on it.

Another reason for the "no" vote was that a great deal of money would then be going out of the community and into the pockets of the vending machine company.

The board did, however, leave room for re-submission of the proposal if the students would like to make it a class project and sell things like milk and apples.

In the meantime, they were in complete agreement that the present proposal posed too many problems, problems that could be avoided . . . and they did.

Rough Surface . . .

With the blacktopping completed at the bus garage parking lot, some question was raised on the possibility of the surface being too rough. It was not meant to be smooth, in the first place, since the rougher method

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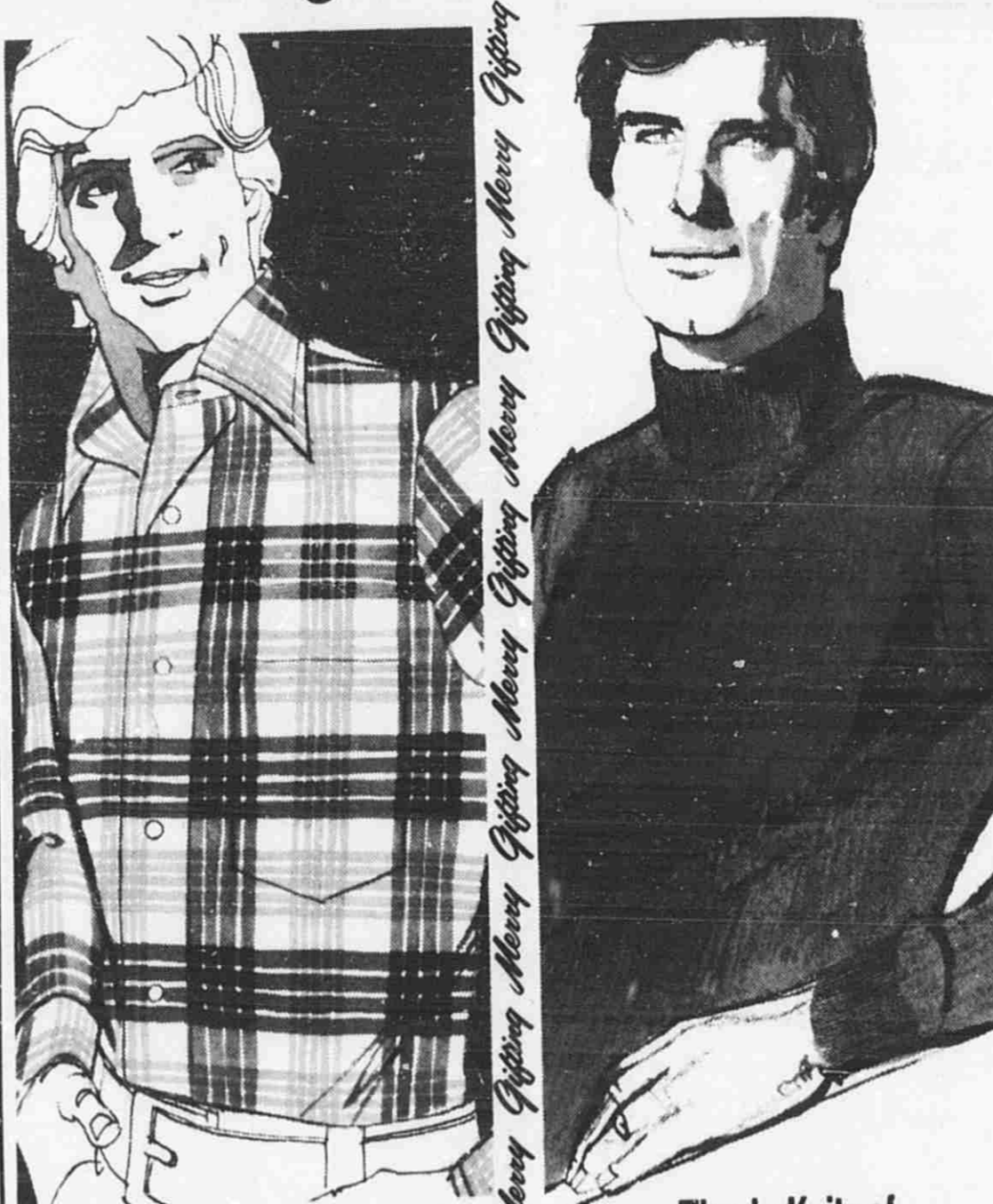
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Dave Miller was appointed to inspect the job to make certain that the specifications were met before final payment was made.

Gas Heating . . .

Elementary building plans were discussed briefly with the main concern centering around the gas heating permit.

Supt. Leonard Sinke stated that it would probably be from two to three months before a ruling will be made by the Public Utilities Commission regarding the requested permit transfer from an Eastgate location to Bushnell and Alto. Sinke remained confident that the switch would be granted due to the unusualness of the situation.

In the meantime, it was suggested by one board member that they at least look into the possibility of heating with coal.

Get Money Now . . .

The board next gave support to a county treasurer proposal that the county assume the collection of all delinquent taxes for local school district. In this way, the school districts will get their money immediately, regardless of whether the taxpayer pays his taxes on time or not.

2,000 Lunches . . .

Mrs. Marilyn Bovee, hot lunch supervisor, headlined her annual report to the board by stating that the program is presently serving 2,000 lunches per day which is an increase of 500 over last year.

The program is, at the present time, operating at a deficit due to the tremendous increase in food cost and the loss of surplus commodities from the government. Mrs. Bovee, however, still recommended that the school hold the line and not increase the price of the meals to the students because, as she put it, "You can't teach a hungry child," and any price rise always cuts out a certain percentage of students. "At any rate," she added, "we are still anticipating increased federal support and I think we can swing it with that."

Meet December 10 . . .

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 10, in the Middle School cafeteria from 7:30 p.m. to the second meeting for the month of December has been cancelled since it falls on December 25th and nobody much wanted to come.

Inaugurate Dramatics Into Middle School



These eighth grade students from Quad II of the Lowell Middle School presented a series of short scenes from plays as a part of their Drama Exploratory Unit. Many long hours were spent on these productions which ranged from such favorites as "I'm Herbert" to "Sorry, Wrong Number."

This first set of play productions marked an inauguration of the Middle School stage for dramatics. These accomplished eighth grade actors and actresses hope their efforts will be continued in the future.

Pictured kneeling: Dick Beech, Peggy Keegan, Pam Craft, Tom Kemper, Seated: Brenda Hansen, Tom Starkweather, Greg Ball, Tony Singley, Ann McCormick; Standing: Phil Kronk (director) Bill Breuk, Sue Timpon, Tanya Kelley, Tim Hendrick, Michele Slanka, Norm Myers, Julie Ranburger, Steve Berrington, Kelley Crim, Dave Christenson, Laurie McMahon, Ed Laughlin, Amy Callier, and Ms. Mary Garrison (director).

Highway Funds Are Distributed

Third quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections are being distributed to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages, the State Highway Commission reports.

John P. Woodford, director of the Department of State Highways and Transportation, said net receipts of the Highway Fund during July, August and September of 1973 amounted to \$105,601,575.

Receipts went up \$19,617,322, or 22.8 percent, over the same period of 1972. The increase is the result of growth in motor vehicle registrations and travel and new revenue from the two-cent raise in the state gasoline tax, which took effect last February.

Kent County's share totaled \$1,491,294, while Ionia County received \$273,872.

Third quarter distributions amounts to cities and villages, in this area, compared to the same period of 1972 included:

	1973	1972
Belding	21,058	17,478
Clarksville	1,967	1,632
Ionia	20,760	17,218
Lowell	13,523	10,779
Saranac	5,301	4,398

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and license plate fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

The money is distributed at three levels of government after deduction of collection costs, the State Waterways Commission's share (1.25 percent) and proceeds from one-half cent of the gasoline tax earmarked for the new General Transportation Fund for public transportation.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I want to assure our customers that employees of the Lowell Post Office are moving Christmas mail with dispatch and that we fully expect to complete every delivery by Christmas Eve. The energy crisis may impose some added unforeseen burdens. Nonetheless, with broad public cooperation, we expect to make this the best mailing Christmas in recent memory.

To help us meet this goal, we are urging our customers to mail Christmas cards, letters and first-class packages earlier than usual, by no later than December 8. Airmail letters and packages should be posted by December 15.

We are concerned with occasional fuel shortages for both inter and intracity mail transport. To date, trucks and trains, and most planes, are moving with our mail. But periodically shortages do occur. We are also aware that airlines may not add their usual complement of extra Christmas flights, flights which traditionally help carry the extra volume of Christmas mail.

I am bringing these facts to your attention with the hope that your newspaper will join with us in helping to encourage customers to mail their Christmas cards, letters and packages earlier.

So, please help the Postal Service bring Christmas a little earlier than usual—mail earlier, by December 8, or December 15, if by airmail.

Charlie Doyle
Postmaster

To The Editor:

With regard to the Planning Council meeting on November 26, it is obvious that the people are not only interested in a revitalized and active Central Business District (CBD), but have been working for some time now individually, with little co-operation. It seems to stem from a communication problem, as well as lack of coordination between the City Council and Planning Council. It's this type of political volleyball that leaves the citizen uninvolved with his problems, and disgruntled.

Having received a formal degree, as well as experience in the field of planning and design, I feel obligated to submit this letter, as an aid in understanding the CBD situation.

It is the duty of any planning council, to collect and submit to the people it serves, pertinent data as a base by which laymen can make decisions; of a nature that is economically and realistically feasible for both the city and its merchants. A businessman needs the Where For's and How To, to begin with.

This pertinent data is revealed to the Planning Council in the concept called the "Workable Program," which among further detailed aspects, includes:

- A. Codes and ordinances.
- B. Administrative organization—who is responsible to what areas.
- C. An Updated Comprehensive Community Plan.
- D. Financial arrangements—available by Federal, State & City.

E. Citizen participation—owners and patrons, present needs and wants vs. supply, images and objectives.

In order for this program to be complete and effective, the responsibilities for, and enforcement of, final decisions, must be designated. The City Manager acts as or appoints a coordinator between the Planning Council and other City Departments, and serves as the key to communication. This program should produce guidelines that facilitate and encourage creative and functional action. They serve the people in keeping a unified image. These same guidelines must not be so restrictive that they neglect allowances for unique situations, agreed upon by the council. Every business is as unique as its owner and the service which he offers. Collectively, each businessman seeks the same objective: patronization. Parking, attractive appearance and convenience make this possible.

One citizen asked if we were starting from scratch or the 1964 Master Plan for Lowell. To my recollection, the general answer of "scratch" was replied with a more general question of "What do you want?" Realistically, this was determined sometime ago. Inasmuch as the new Orleans Theme was adopted and zealously pursued at such great expense, why is it now treated with so little regard as "scratch"? It's more than scratch, it's more than a beginning, it's already a successful effort by a few. It's mid-way to another prosperous and unique area such as Frankensmith and Gaylord.

A touch of New Orleans, think about it... spontaneous and unique merchant center, surrounded by the pleasant village homes and peaceful countryside. Complete with summer minstrel shows on the Flat River bayou, this could be Lowell. It could be, if we all pitch in!

Respectfully,
Noel G. Christoff

To The Editor:

Outdoor heating units in open air walkways between buildings at our school seems like such a waste of valuable energy.

We'd rather see this heating energy used in keeping homes warm... besides we kids don't need this plush convenience, now or ever.

Energy minded
Students at LHS

Homeniuk—Rich

Vows Exchanged

Repeating their wedding vows November 24 in St. Robert's of Newminster Church of Ada were Miss Dawn M. Rich and John D. Homeniuk.

We'd rather see this heating energy used in keeping homes warm... besides we kids don't need this plush convenience, now or ever.

Their partners are Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Rich, Burton St. SE, and Mr. and Mrs. John Homeniuk, Michigan St. NE.

Best man was Paul L. Homeniuk. Assisting were Robert M. and Ronald H. Rich, Ken Korolewicz and Terry Danielson.



Shoplifting Season Here

'Tis the season to be jolly and Christmas is coming but for merchants 'tis the season to be wary.

As every store owner knows, the throngs of shoppers who make Christmas time profitable are accompanied by increased numbers of shoplifters.

Police departments, including Lowell, clearly indicate that shoplifting is a mushrooming crime problem that becomes particularly acute as Christmas nears.

A theft or attempted theft is reported as shoplifting only if it is actually observed. More often than not, an arrest results.

Police officials and merchants attribute the rise in 'self-service' stores and to the view of a seemingly number of people, that stealing from a business is less wrong than stealing from a person.

There's a little larceny in everybody, and 'self-service' stores bring out the worst of it.

As Christmas approaches, the value of shoplifted merchandise rises much more steeply than does the actual number of reported shopliftings.

A variety of measures are taken to discourage shoplifters. Some stores have employed extra personnel, while others have installed searching mirrors and revolving hidden cameras. In any event, shoplifting, and providing security have become a major expense for store owners.

Shoplifting is a crime punishable by law... don't spend this Christmas behind bars.

FOUNDATION FIGHTS DISEASES

The Children's Leukemia Foundation, a United Way of Michigan service, helps anyone in Michigan suffering from a serious blood disease. In addition to medication and drugs, the Foundation, which is supported by local United Way campaigns, has provided more than 10,000 pints of blood to Michigan residents.

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The Michigan Public Service Commission has authorized a Gas Conservation program to help you conserve natural gas and save dollars, too. The new program will be available to Consumers Power residential gas heating customers after December 15. The program includes the following features:



For the do-it-yourself homeowner, a free booklet entitled "Why Insulate?" which describes the value of insulation, how to measure the effectiveness of insulating materials, and how to install ceiling insulation.



Provide a free insulation counseling service for homeowners, and a list of qualified insulating contractors.



If requested, Consumers Power will arrange for installation of ceiling insulation in the customer's home. The cost of such installation can be paid for in monthly installments as part of your monthly gas bill. Details available at your nearest Consumers Power office.



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November Usage Down

In November, the Lowell Light and Power had a 12 percent drop in kilowatt hours due not only to the nice weather but the fine cooperation of all customers.

Even with a ten percent cutback in fuel delivery, the utility was able to operate the month of November without interrupting anyone's electrical power.

With the November savings, and the continuation of mild weather, the Light Company officials are in great hopes to be able to do the same for the month of December, providing their electrical customers continue to turn off all unnecessary lights, and do their part in conserving energy.

Make Your Own Merry Christmas

Member libraries of the Kent County Library System are emphasizing ecology this Christmas.

"Make Your Own Merry Christmas" is the theme, and library decorations are handicrafts made from scraps or throw-aways. Directions for many of the decorations will be given away at the libraries. Books on how to make all kinds of handicrafts are available in the system. Each member library will have bibliographies of these books for patrons.

The following books are available at the Lowell branch of Kent County Library.

"How To Make Something from Nothing," "Alcoa's Book of Decorations," "Arts and Crafts," "Hobbycraft for Everyone."

"100 Crafts for Kids," "Creative Leathercraft," "Making Soft Toys," "Candle-making," "Flower Arranging."

Other titles may be obtained from other libraries in the Kent County system. Please feel free to ask your local librarian to request books for you.

Story hour on Monday, December 10, will be a special Christmas program by Nancy Filer and Betty Scripps. Children not enrolled in Story Hour, are welcome to attend. Time: 10:30 a.m.

There are member libraries of the system located in Alto, Byron Center, Caledonia, Cascade, Casnovia, Comstock Park, East Grand Rapids, Cutlerville (Gaines Township), Grandville, Greenville, Howard City (Reynolds Township), Kent City, Kentwood, Rockford (Krause Memorial), Lowell, Kentwood, Plainfield, Sand Lake, Walker and Wyoming.

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER TO ACCEPT 17-YR.-OLD

The Michigan Community Blood Center today announced it will accept 17-year-olds as volunteer blood donors, effective immediately.

The move comes in the wake of the recent announcement of an agreement between the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) and the American National Red Cross to lower the minimum age for donors from 18 to 17 to encourage voluntary donations in schools.

"Seventeen-year-olds would require permission from a parent or guardian in order to volunteer," explains Uri Katz, MCCB managing director.

Forest Hills Nothern Hot O-K Contenders

A contender's role in the Ottawa-Kent White Division basketball race fits fledgling Forest Hills Northern High School. Coach Tom Ogilvie's Huskies broke through with an impressive 81-57 victory over visiting Kenowa Hills last Friday night.

In the close O-K White Division competition Friday, South Christian barely nipped Zealand, 60-58 and Godwin Heights edged Hudsonville, 69-68, while Forest Hills Central bombed Wyoming Park, 86-66.

Northern, in its second year of varsity play struck for seven points in the closing two minutes of the third period and followed with a 27-point assault in the final eight minutes to turn back Coach Corrie Byker's Knights, who also were rated strong threats in this year's race.

In chalking up its second straight triumph of the young season, Northern displayed good speed, shooting balance and strong rebounding. The Huskies' front line accounted for 54 points and set the pattern for the closing scoring spree to turn the close contest into a rout.

Seniors Tom Bean and Bill Wagner and junior Rod Lanning were the decisive players for the victors. Bean enabled the Huskies to hold a sizeable lead in the first half by connecting for nine points from outcourt in the second quarter.

Wagner, a 6-3 center and a transfer from Forest Hills Central, netted 21 points, six coming at the outset of the fourth quarter to spearhead a spurt of 12 straight tallies to break the contest open.

Lanning's heroics came in the closing two minutes of the third quarter when he popped in five of his team's seven points to give the home squad a five-point bulge going into the last quarter. He ended with 19 points.

Northern moved to an 18-9 lead by making eight of 16 shots in the first period. Then it was Kenowa's turn to snap back as it hit six of nine shots to tie the count at 39-39. Forest Hills went to the locker room with a 37-33 halftime advantage.

The third period was hectic with the score tied five times. Kenowa moved in front twice, but the score was tied at 47 with two minutes left in the third period when Lanning connected on five points.

Central Wins

A hot-shooting Forest Hills Central basketball team had no problem in breaking Wyoming Park's zone defense and coasted to its opening league win, 80-66.

Wyoming started the contest with a 1-31 zone and Forest Hills' Kevin Keener dropped in five baskets and four free throws to give the Rangers a 20-13 first period lead and 44-31 command at the intermission.

Keener's 18 points led the Rangers while Jack Sherry had 17 and Dan Dangle 12.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

For the fourteenth year, the Chadwick Garden Center and Multipurpose Room of the Grand Rapids Public Museum East Building will become a veritable mecca for those interested in seeing or making Christmas arrangements, decorations, table settings, hobbies and crafts.

The show, sponsored by the Garden Center and its affiliated garden clubs, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, December 7 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9. It is open to the public without charge.



Indian-Style Potluck Of Wild Game

The Apache Tribe of the Lowell YMCA Indian Guides held an Indian-style Thanksgiving Potluck November 28 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clark Vredenburg. The meal consisted of wild game taken by the dads, and deliciously prepared by the moms.

Ordinarily, only fathers and sons attend Y-Indian Guides meetings, however, since this was a special meeting, moms and little sisters were also invited. Movies of various tribe and YMCA Indian Guide activities were shown by Orville Merklinger.

Philatelic Items An Ideal Gift

New philatelic items which make ideal gifts for just about anyone are now available at the Lowell Post Office. Postmaster Charlie Doyle announced today.

The Stamp Collecting gifts are specially designed to appeal to persons who are not necessarily stamp collectors, Doyle said. The items which can be seen in a special lobby display are unique, entertaining and educational.

Introduction of the new products is expected to stimulate interest in stamp collecting as a hobby and to attract new persons to this pursuit.

The Souvenir Mint Set of stamps was called the Mini-Album in past years. It is a brightly colored, sturdy display folder containing the 33 commemorative, special and memorial stamps issued during 1973. The folder is marked to show where each stamp should be mounted, and contains information concerning the designers and history behind the stamps. The set sells for \$3.00.

The 1973 issue of Stamps & Stories, a full-color pocket-sized book contains information about more than 2000 U.S. and U.N. Stamps. The last edition two years ago sold more than half a million copies. The 240-page volume sells for \$2.00.

Six different Stamp Collector Starter Kits provide an easy way for a person to begin a collection on a specific topic. Each of the six kits—United States, Canada, Wildlife, Sports, Space and European Art—contains

enough stamps to start a collection. Other stamps to augment the collection may be purchased at post office, or, in the case of foreign stamps, from a dealer. Each kit contains a copy of "The ABC's of Stamp Collecting," a new 32-page pamphlet. The kits are priced at \$2.00 each.

Postmaster Doyle emphasized that these products are published by the U.S. Postal Service and available only at Post Offices. He urges that customers visit their Post Offices soon as supplies are limited.

"We expect these new products to be very popular items," Doyle said, "and we are certainly looking forward to offering them to our customers."

KENT LEADING APPLE COUNTY

A total of 2,384 Michigan apple growers reported 66,157 acres of apple trees in 1973, according to the recent survey carried out by the Michigan Crop Reporting Service. Of the total acreage reported, about 40 percent was located in the west central district of the State; 36 percent in the southwest district and 10 percent in the northwest district. The remaining acreage of apples, approximately 14 percent, was located in other districts, mostly in the eastern part of the State.

Kent County was the leading apple county with over 11,000 acres of trees reported or 17.5 percent of the State's total.



A two point jump shot attempt is made by Rusty Steffens as the Red Arrow five battle it out against their non-league contenders from Delton.

The Red Arrows lost to Delton 73-68 last Friday night in a non-league contest. Ken Kropp was Lowell's high scorer with 27.



Standing high, the LHS varsity cheerleaders welcome the varsity basketball players for their first game.

Redskins Lose Tough Decision

Saranac High School's quintet lost a tough 68 to 64 decision to Carson City-Clyde in the Redskins season opener Friday night in Carson City.

Besides losing the game, Coach Tom Shick's squad was dealt a severe blow when 6-5 senior forward Mark Mason suffered an ankle injury in the opening period.

The Redskins trailed throughout most of the game before catching and passing Carson City for a brief spell in the final quarter. After the first period the home team led 14 to 11 and maintained that margin at half-time as each team tossed in 18 points in the second period for a 32 to 29 count.

In the third period the winners dropped in 17 points, while the Redskins were starting slow and only tallied 10 points to fall further back at the three-quarter mark, 29 to 39.

However, in the final eight minutes the Redskins battled back and made a strong bid to pull the game out as they knotted the score at 59 all with 3:28 left. The lead exchanged hands twice before Carson City's Bill Jensen tied the game at 64 to 64 with a field goal at 1:15 and with less than a minute to play Jensen dropped in a pair of bonus free throws for a 66 to 64 lead and the margin of victory.

The Parks brothers, Tim and Bob, led the Redskin comeback with some clutch free throw shooting in the closing minutes as they each scored six points in the final period as did Burdette Gunden.

Gunden paced the Redskins with 20 points, including 10 of 12 at the foul line. Randy Butcher added 12, Bob Parks 11, and Tim Parks 10. Other scoring for Saranac was John Hubbard eight, Mark Mason two, and Steve Beattie one.

In the junior varsity contest Carson City came away with a 61 to 46 win behind a 21 point effort by Mike Hogan. Mike Kelley led the Redskins with 12 points.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Week of December 10

- MONDAY: Beef & Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Hillbilly Bread & Butter, Jello with Fruit Milk
- TUESDAY: Hot Dogs, Mustard & Catsup, Pickles, Carrots & Celery, Buttered Diced Beets, Apple Crisp
- WEDNESDAY: Milk, Oven Fried Chicken, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Rolls or Bread & Butter, Chilled Fruit Cup
- THURSDAY: Milk, Ground Beef & Noodle Casserole, Green Peas, Cornmeal Bread & Peanut Butter, Strawberry Frosty Creme
- FRIDAY: Milk, Fishwiches with Tartar Sauce, Pickles & Potato Chips, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce & Cookies

BEST RULE

Beginning snowmobilers, says the Michigan Marine & Snowmobile Dealers Association, should be wary of over-exerting themselves physically in terms of distance traveled or in emergencies such as trying to pull out a stuck machine. The best rule to follow, especially for women and youngsters, is to never travel further than an easy walk back to where help is available.

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Forest Hills Wins Quadrangular... Lowell Is Fourth

In their second outing of the year Lowell Wrestlers traveled to Forest Hills Central last Saturday, for a quadrangular meet with Forest Hills Central, Alma, and Muskegon Catholic Central.

The following are the results of each of the members of the Red Arrows Team during the Quadrangular.

At 98 lbs., freshman Dan Kropp went down to defeat in his two matches by pins. Gary Weimer took first place in the 105 lb. weight class as he pinned his first opponent and won a close 7-6 decision over a tough Forest Hills Central grappler.

Rich Loughlin took second place by pinning his first 112 lb. victim and losing a 6-2 decision in his second match.

119 lb. Jim Dykstra placed third in his weight class by losing his first match, 14-9 and winning the second 13-6. In the 126 lb. division Roger Graham lost his two matches 5-3 and 9-3.

Jerry Gauger lost his only two matches by a pin and a 5-2 decision. Taking first place in the 138 lb. division was Jerry Kropp with 14-1 and 4-0 wins. 145 lb. Ron Lyons took first place by winning his two matches 11-0 and 10-2.

Jim Rathbun placed second in the 155 lb. weight class by defeating his first opponent 14-2 and being pinned in his second match. Dave Hendrix won his first match 6-4 and lost his second 10-0. As a result Hendrix placed second in his weight class.

185 lb. Glen Anderson placed second by drawing a bye and being pinned in his only match, H.W. Gordon. Ken placed third by losing his first match 7-5 and winning his second 5-3.

The final team scores were... Forest Hills Central 57, Alma 54, Lowell 48 and Muskegon Catholic Central 48.

SCOUTING NEWS

Troop 102-Lowell

Norton L. Avery addressed the scouts and leaders of Troop 102 last week at their regular Monday evening troop meeting at the Scout Cabin. Mr. Avery told of Lowell's beginnings, its early history, and first settlers as part of the background for the Citizenship In The Community merit badge.

The troop is currently engaged in completing three merit badges. Leo Haybarker directs activities towards "Artist." John Schneider is teaching "First Aid," and Dean Bailey is guiding "Citizenship In The Community."

The troop meets Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Scout Cabin and welcomes new members, eleven years of age and older.

HEMOPHILIA RISING

There are only 14,000 known hemophiliacs in the entire country but the incidence of the disorder is rising. This word comes from Hemophilia of Michigan, a United Way of Michigan service. This is due mainly to improved medical care which enables hemophiliacs to live longer, marry and produce more "carrier" daughters. With funds from local United Way campaigns, the agency provides medical, educational, recreational and social services to persons with hemophilia.

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Matmen Take First Match



Jerry Kropp gets a take down and tries for a pinning combination.

The matmen of Lowell High School opened their 1973-74 season with a 33-27 non-conference victory over Wyoming Park, here last Thursday.

The match, which attracted one of the largest crowds to attend an opening home match in recent years, started with four pins in a row. Wyoming struck first with a pin in the 98 lb. weight class, then Gary Weimer, Rich Loughlin and Jim Dykstra each produced pins over their opponents and gave the Arrows an 18-6 lead.

The visitors then recorded 10-1 and 8-4 decision over 126 lb. Roger Graham and 132 lb. Jerry Gauger. Jerry Kropp and Roy Lyons followed for Lowell with a pair of second period pins and passed their lead to 30-12.

Wyoming fought back with a pin in the 155 lb. division but 167 lb. Dave Hendrix clinched the victory for the Red Arrows with a 10-7 decision.

The losers put on a last minute spurt with a pin in the 185 lb. weight class and an 8-0 decision in the heavy weight division, but were unable to catch up with the victorious Red Arrows.

The final score was Lowell 33, Wyoming Park 27.



LHS wrestling coach Gary Rivers watches the floor... hopefully looking for a win.

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Mystery Night WHERE: Lowell Moose Club WHEN: Saturday, December 15 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. ENTERTAINMENT: Music-Prizes Lots Of Fun For Members & Guests COME EARLY SPONSORED BY FELLOWSHIP DEGREE

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LOWELL WOMEN'S CITY CLUB TO MEET ON DECEMBER 12

The Lowell Women's City Club will meet on Wednesday, December 12, 1973, at 1 p.m., in the lounge of the Congregational Church.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP TAX NOTICE

December 1, 1973, taxes are due and payable until February 14, 1974. I will collect taxes on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Bowne Township Hall, December 1 thru February 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing by the Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen's Advisory Committee on: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10; 7:30 P.M. AT THE LOWELL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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There will be a Public Hearing before the Lowell City Zoning Board of Appeals FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1973; 5:30 P.M. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street.

CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan. Regular Meeting of Monday, November 19, 1973. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and an Invocation by Mayor Anderson. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen Jefferies, Mueller, Anderson, Councilwoman Rogers. Absent: Councilman Hall. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the minutes of the November 5 meeting be approved with the following corrections, and the reading waived, supported by Councilwoman Rogers.

Page 2, paragraph 8 to read, "Because of cold weather, the conditions for priming the aggregate base are occurring with less and less frequency, and City Engineers have recommended that the prime coat be eliminated from the remaining streets to be paved."

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Mueller.

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W.O.T.M. Social Service chairman Margaret Green and committee conducted the Chapter Night meeting December 3, at the Moose Club rooms.

Senior Regent Janet Boyce reminded all co-workers to bring their husbands to the W.O.T.M. annual Christmas Party. Potluck at the Lous and Delia Smit home, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Next week's Ledger will give more information about the party.

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Saints Church Set Christmas Program

The annual Christmas program of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be held December 23 at 6 p.m. This year it will be presented by the Church School Division. A social hour will follow in the lower auditorium. All are welcome to enjoy this service of celebration of our Lord's birth.

Sunday, December 9, the speaker for the 11 a.m. worship will be Elder Owen Ellis speaking on the Theme: "Wise Men Follow the Star." At 6 p.m. Priest Lloyd DeVormer will be speaking on "Where Do We Put the Manger?"

The Wednesday evening fellowship will consider the Theme: "What Can We Give God This Year?" with Elder L.J. McCaul as speaker. This is a service of renewing and sharing our experiences with each other in order that each might be strengthened.

The Zion's League will be visiting the nursing home of St. Gerri Cross in Hastings and bringing gifts to each patient. The youth are very excited about selecting the right gift for each person.

The women's meeting this month will be at the home of St. Barbara Clark in Caledonia, December 20. DON'T FORGET THE HOLIDAY CRAFTSHOP ON December 8. The church address is 8147-68th St.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED TO HOLD MONTHLY FORUM

Church Women United of Grand Rapids Area are holding their monthly FORUM on Friday, December 7, at 9:15 a.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, at 2740 Fuller Road, N.E. (at Three Mile Road). Babysitting will be provided.

A Salvation Army representative will talk about their deep involvement in helping the less fortunate of greater Grand Rapids area towards a brighter Christmas. A film will be shown on the Salvation Army's Tree of Lights program.

This meeting is open to all interested women. Coffee will be served.

GROSS BASIC GRADUATE

Marine Pvt. Jimmy W. Gross of Ada, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

A former student of Kent High School, Wyoming, Gross is scheduled to report to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

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NEW MEMBERS—Received at First United Methodist Church, Lowell, on November 18 were: (back row) Mr. and Mrs. John Engler, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Collins, Mrs. Joy Blough; (front row) Mrs. Fred Ray, Mrs. James Howard, Mrs. Claude North, Mrs. David Kronbach, David Kronbach and Mrs. Lloyd Gray are not pictured.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will meet in the church lounge at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the club room. c35-36

The Lowell VFW auxiliary to Post 8303 will have a potluck supper and Christmas party at the Hall Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a \$1.50 exchange gift. The regular business meeting will follow at 8.

The South Boston Extension Group will meet at the home of June and Carol Fahmi for a Christmas party and potluck dinner at 1 p.m., December 13. Please remember your secret pal with a gift.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O.E.S., will hold its regular meeting and Ceremony of Initiation Friday, December 14, at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Lowell. Let's have a fine turnout to welcome our new members.

Travel & Adventure Bright Belgium



The Congregators of Ada Congregational Church will present their second travel and adventure series this Saturday night, December 8, in the Forest Hills High School multi-purpose auditorium at 8 p.m.

"Bright Belgium," a bustling charming country filled with happy people who would rather have a festival than eat, will be the adventure being narrated and shown by lecturer John Strong.

Strong's camera catches the Belgian countryside studded with majestic forests, sparkling rivers and jeweled-like villages. Travel viewers will be enthralled by the splendor of Belgium's beauty.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance by calling 676-9500, 676-1066 or 949-9457.

Fifty Families On The List

To date, the workers in Cascade—Operation Santa Claus report fifty families to be served at Christmas—with toys, dolls, clothing and food. Each family served is called on individually to ascertain personal needs, after the families are recommended by social workers, school personnel, county nurses and pastors.

Serving the community for the 15th consecutive year, Cascade—Operation Santa Claus receives the backing of area schools, churches and community organizations.

Though no monetary goal has been set, leaders feel that it will take a minimum of \$2,500 and many other donations of gifts and foodstuffs to meet the needs of the families to be served. Gifts should be sent to Mrs. Thelma Tuer, Treasurer, 6710 Cascade Rd., Apt. A-2, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Serving as the chairman of this charity in 1973 is Mrs. Jane Belding, with Mrs. Shirley Thorington as vice chairman. Mrs. Katie Chandler is in charge of the purchase of clothing, with Mrs. Millie Gaskell in charge of toy purchases. Mrs. Elma Geb and Mrs. Jane Wood will be in charge of wrapping, while Mr. and Mrs. Martin Postma have the responsibility of supervising the personal calls.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Wortman has the duties of food purchasing. Miss Nancy Gaskell, Mrs. Sandy Dykhuizen and the Post-Hi group of Cascade Christian Church will conduct the annual Operation Santa Claus party (by invitation only).

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Newly elected Jayteen president Meg Reynolds meets with Jayteen advisor Steve Vanderweg.

Jayteen Chapter Formed In Lowell

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America's youth want to be heard and feel that it has something to say. The youngsters of the nation feel they should be involved in community problems and have an interest in government, social ills and decision making.

This is what the Jaycees feel and they decided to do something about it. Thursday, November 29, eight very interested young people met with Jaycee president, Larry Keiser, Jayteen Chairman Steve Vander-



weg, and committeeman Dirk Ritzema at the Jaycee Clubhouse. They were enthused, and excited about doing their own thing, being affiliated with the Jaycee chapter here and becoming involved in the community.

The Jayteen took their first steps toward becoming the most active group of young people in the city. First of all, among themselves, they elected temporary officers. Meg Reynolds was elected President. They decided to hold their second meeting at the Jaycee clubhouse Monday, December 3. Plans are underway to increase membership, hold some money-making projects, and a possible social in the near future.

If you are a high school student and interested in this action oriented group of young people, contact Jaycee representative Steve Vanderweg at 897-9460 or see any of the Jayteen members and they will tell you all about it.

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Completes Orientation Course For Officers

Theodore S. Vanderveen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Vanderveen of 2278 Thornapple River Drive, has completed the orientation course for officers of the U.S. Air Force Medical Service at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Maj. Vanderveen was trained in specialized aerospace medical subjects and administrative procedures of the Air Force medical service. He is being assigned to Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

A 1959 graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School, he received his A.B. degree in 1963 from Calvin College, and his M.D. degree in 1967 from Wayne State University School of Medicine. The major's wife, Joan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Krus of 711 N. 11th St., Oostburg, Wisconsin.

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Christmas In Area Libraries

Three programs for the Christmas season will be shown 20 times at member libraries of the Kent County Library System.

There will be a pre-school story program presented by Nancy Filer and Betty Scripps, staff members of the system. This pre-school Christmas story hour will feature books, finger plays and flannel board stories.

The pre-school Christmas program will be shown on Monday, December 10, at the Lowell Library, 10:30 a.m. and Krause Memorial Library, Rockford, at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, December 11, at the East Grand Rapids Library at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, December 12, Caledonia Library at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, December 13, Byron Center Library, 10 a.m., and Friday, December 14, Sand Lake Library at 1 p.m.

A music program at which the children will sing and learn some history of Christmas caroling will be presented by Jane Patterson and Evette Burns, Kent County Library staff members.

The music program will be given Friday, December 14 at the Kent City Library at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, December 18, Comstock Park Library at 10 a.m., Alto Library at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 19, at Grandville Library at 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 20, Cascade Library, 4 p.m., and Saturday, December 22, Walker Library at 10:30 a.m.

A puppet show with stories, "How Mrs. Claus Saved Christmas," "The Friendly Beasts," and "The Shoemaker and the Elves," will be presented by Pat Feehan and Cindy Kitzrow of the Children's Services Department of KCL.

The Christmas puppet shows will be shown on Wednesday, December 19 at the Kentwood Library at 10 a.m., Gaines Township Library at 1:30 p.m.; Friday, December 21, at the Peach Ridge Library at 1 p.m. and the Greenville Library at 4 p.m.; Saturday, December 22, at the Reynolds Township Library, Howard City at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, December 26, the Plainfield Library at 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 27, the Wyoming Library at 10 a.m.

Barber-Stylist At Scientific Seminar

Fred Ruehs of Man's World, 201 E. Main, Lowell, was among the prominent hairdressers and barber-stylists from throughout the country recently attending a three-day scientific educational seminar at The Olds Plaza in Lansing.

Educational lectures and demonstrations were scheduled for small groups of professionals with special attention concentrated on reconditioning, permanent waving, hair coloring and new processes for radial, blunt and geometric hair cutting, Ruehs reports. Other sessions were devoted to photomicrography, a system used for hair analysis, which is directed toward the improvement of customer services.

John E. Meehan, President of Redken Laboratories, the sponsoring organization of the three-day event, reports that more than 52,000 hairdressers and barber-stylists in the U.S.A. and Canada have been trained to use the "Scientific Approach" methods since Redken's inception in 1960.

The three-day seminar, Ruehs explained, included a cocktail party and banquet on Sunday evening and a cocktail party on Tuesday evening at which time awards were presented to attending professionals for achievement in the study of the Scientific Approach to Hairdressing and Barber-styling.

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William Zalsman, 18, Passes Unexpectedly

William Edwin Zalsman, III, aged 18, of 1015 Bowes Rd., Lowell, passed away unexpectedly December 1 and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lula Manciu of Lowell; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Tison of Lowell, and William Zalsman of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Robert Zalsman of Georgia, and Chris Watkins of Kodiak, Alaska; a sister, Mrs. David (Susan) Watkins of Kodiak, Alaska.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Funeral Chapel, Rev. Dean Bailey of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiated and interment Rosedale Park Cemetery.

INVESTIGATING BLAZE

The cause of a \$5,000 blaze in a maintenance building at Cascade Hills Country Club, 3725 Cascade Road, S.E., that resulted in slight injury to one fireman last Friday afternoon, is being investigated by fire officials.

Injured when he slipped on some debris was Captain John Tepper. He was treated at St. Mary's Hospital and ordered off duty.

Investigators are checking the possibility that an electrical problem may have caused the blaze.



Mrs. Carl Havens correctly identified our mystery picture last week of John J. Lalley. The first person to call at noon Friday, giving us all the names of the persons in this week's edition, will win a year's subscription to the Ledger-Suburban Life. No calls prior to noon, please.

Kropf Picked For Exchange Match

Lowell wrestler, Jerry Kropf, has been selected to an eight man squad that will represent the Grand Rapids area in a Cultural Exchange Wrestling match with Japan. The match, which is being billed as Michigan vs. Japan, will be held at the Grand Valley State College's Fieldhouse Friday, January 18, 1974, at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Gary Rivers acknowledged Kropf's high honor of being placed on the eight man team, which is being selected from 39 schools in the Grand Rapids area, at the Wrestler's Meet-the-Team Night. Coach Rivers also said that wrestler Gary Weimer was under consideration for placement on the team.

Jerry Kropf, a senior, 138 pounder for the Red Arrows, will wrestle at 140 lbs. during the International Match. Gary Weimer, last year's 98 lb. State champion, if placed on the team, would wrestle at 114 lbs.

The Japanese team, made up of the best high school wrestlers in all of Japan, will be on a two and a half week tour of Michigan in January. Their crowded schedule of 13 matches, which includes their stop at Grand Valley, will begin at Temp. Bedford on January 3, and will be topped off on January 22 at Dowagiac where Olympic Heavy Weight, Chris Taylor, will be the referee.

All the matches in which the Japanese participate will be wrestled according to Olympic rules.

Coach Rivers acknowledges the fact that Lowell is a great backer of wrestling and would like to see the city get wholeheartedly behind Kropf and the rest of the team. Rivers also points out that all the proceeds of the match will go towards the support of an All-Michigan Team, which Kropf and possibly Weimer, will have a chance to try out for.

The All-Michigan Team will be a group of eight or nine of the best wrestlers in Michigan and the team will travel to Japan this summer. Between 15 and 16 thousand

and dollars is needed to send the team to Japan, so everyone's support is encouraged. Coach Rivers set a goal of \$1,000.00 in ticket sales for Lowell.

Student tickets, \$1.50, will be sold by the matmaids and adult tickets, \$2.50, will be sold by the Lions Club. Both student and adult tickets may be purchased at all home wrestling and basketball games or by contacting Mr. Gary Rivers, 897-7303. Coach Rivers would like to thank Ernie Blasher for donating paper for the tickets and the school for printing them.

Vickers Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vickers, 4664 Remembrance Rd., Walker, Michigan, will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 12.

Darlene Weeks of Lowell and Bill Vickers were united in marriage on December 12, 1948, at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene. They are active members of the Grand Rapids West Church of the Nazarene.

They have four children, Mrs. Cathy Simons of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Dennis and Douglas of Grand Rapids, and Cheri Lynnea at home, and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Jodi Joy Simons.

Friends of Bill and Darlene are invited to an open house in their honor to be held Sunday, December 9, between the hours of two o'clock and five p.m. at the fellowship hall of the West Church of the Nazarene, 1313 Bristol Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Vows Spoken

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Agnes L. Miller to Herbert E. Kent.

The couple were united in marriage by the Reverend Dean Bailey at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell in an evening ceremony on Friday, November 23.

Attending the couple were Angeline Shippy, foster mother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis.

A reception was held at the home of the newlyweds on Sparks Rd., Saturday evening.

Patient's Party . . .

A Christmas party for Multiple Sclerosis patients, their families, and friends, will be held at the Davenport College Auditorium, December 16, at 4 p.m.

The party will feature Santa Claus with gifts for all, door prizes and refreshments. Music and songs will be supplied by the 1894 National Washboard Band, according to Betty La Croix, Vice-President of the Western Branch Chapter, Multiple Sclerosis Society, sponsors of the event.



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CASCADE TOWNSHIP

Board Vote Split On Patrol Approval

Cascade Township will continue its participation in the expanded Kent County sheriff's patrol program although with some reluctance. The township board approved by a 5-2 vote sharing the costs of one patrol car with Ada Township. Township Manager R. Lee Patterson estimated the cost to Cascade at about \$17,000 per year. The Ada Township board had given its approval.

Under the contract with Kent County, the townships pay the wages, fringe benefits and equipment costs of deputies. The county pays for the vehicles, their operation and maintenance.

Trustee Daniel R. Ellinger objected to the additional cost and the contract stipulation that gives the county "sole control" over personnel. He contended providing police protection is the function of the county not the township.

Patterson concurred. He said Cascade Township paid \$75,000 more in tax money to Kent County this year than last but received no increase in services.

Trustee Marjorie J. Somerville did not agree. "Whatever we pay for police salaries, it's not enough," she said.

The board concurred with Patterson on handling a new township land-use map recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Patterson said zoning of some areas has been changed on the new map. He recommended a public hearing be held in January with notification going to owners of property where zoning is being changed. Notification also will go to property owners within 300 feet of proposed changes.

The December 26 board meeting was cancelled and approval was given to closing the township offices Christmas Eve.

Jaycees Plan Paper Drive

The fourth Saturday of December and each fourth Saturday of every month thereafter, until further notice, has been designated as "paper drive" days by the Lowell Area Jaycees.

The Saturday pickups will be made at Eberhard's parking lot on West Main Street. However, the Jaycees have come up with a unique pick-up plan this year.

Anyone having 200 pounds or over can call 897-8552 or 676-1634, and arrangements will be made for a pick up at your residence.

Determination of poundage accumulated can be made by stacking your papers—a stack six (6) feet high equals 200 pounds.

School Board Agenda

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meeting Monday, December 10, in the Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda includes:

1. St. Mary's Property
2. Board Policies on Construction
3. Board Policy on Internal Operation
4. Board Policy on Instruction

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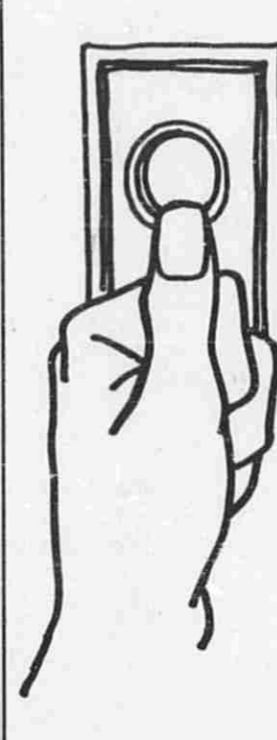
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