

# HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Due to Christmas and New Year's Days falling on Wednesdays, the following "news deadlines" will be in effect for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 combined issue.

All news items must be in our possession by Dec. 18. Photographs may be submitted anytime prior to this date.

All events scheduled to be held on or before Jan. 10 should be publicized in this issue.

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## Saturday's Santa Parade



The star of the parade, Santa, and his reindeer brought smiles and happy hopes to young and old.



The Girl Scouts and Mr. Snow man were a part of the 1974 Santa Claus parade.



The Big Bad Wolf strolled sedately followed by Lowell's Pom Pom girls. The paper mache heads were the creations of the Day family and friends.



Bowne Township proudly displayed their new green fire truck in last Saturday's parade.

## Fired Teacher Files Federal Court Suit

A Lowell High School teacher, Gilbert Woolworth, 54, fired last July from his teaching post is seeking federal court help in his battle for reinstatement. Woolworth, a tenured high school social studies teacher, was dismissed in unprecedented action by the Lowell Board of Education, following a lengthy series of public hearings.

In a suit filed against the school, seven board members, Supt. Leonard Sinke and Principal Dennis McMahon, Woolworth is asking for reinstatement, back pay and expenses and \$50,000 punitive damages. The case is assigned to Judge Wendell A. Miles.

Woolworth contends that the decision to fire him was made by a "biased and partial Board of Education who had predetermined the case." He claims that the decision was made on evidence which shouldn't have been allowed. He said much of the "evidence" involved evaluations and reprimands which are the subject of grievance proceedings.

The Lowell Board recently filed suit in Circuit Court concerning the grievances. They claim Woolworth is proceeding improperly with the grievances.

Woolworth contends that (board actions are) a "clear and definite attempt by the defendants to ensure that the evidence improperly relied upon by the Board of Education is never stricken from the record." He said it further demonstrates the "incredible extent" to which school officials have gone to deprive him of his employment and civil rights.

The American Arbitration Association has postponed appointing an arbitrator to hear Woolworth's grievances pending a decision in the Circuit Court case.

Judge George V. Boucher has set a January 17 hearing. Woolworth also has appealed the decision of the Lowell Board to the State Teacher Tenure Commission. A hearing before that body was scheduled January 16, but tentatively adjourned until February at the request of James White, Woolworth's attorney.

Woolworth claims in his federal court suit that the entire course of conduct by school officials, even before the filing last March of tenure charges by Sinke and McMahon, has been an "outrageous and illegal attempt" to deprive him of his job.

White noted in the suit that one board member had been disqualified from the tenure hearings, made public at Woolworth's request, because of a remark he made concerning how much money it would take to get rid of the teacher.

White contends the board should have dismissed the charges against Woolworth or at least polled other board members about whether similar remarks had been made. Five board members voted for Woolworth's dismissal. In addition to a sixth member, who was disqualified, a seventh member was not elected to the board until after the hearings were underway and did not participate.

Woolworth, a 20-year career Navy man before he turned to teaching, is unemployed. He said earlier that the adverse publicity and circumstances of his dismissal and the flooded teacher job market would make it impossible for him to get another school job.

## Band, Choral Concert Dec. 19

The annual Band-Choral Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 19, in the Lowell Senior High School Gymnasium. Good music will be presented in two separate concerts with a short intermission between them.

At 7 p.m. the Girl's Glee Club, directed by Mr. Paul Balaam will be performing along with the Concert Band, directed by Mr. Robert Rice.

At 8 p.m. the Concert Choir and the Symphonic Band will be performing.

The Lowell High School Marching Band, led by drum major Doug Anderson, led the Santa Claus parade down Main Street, Saturday, December 7. At intervals the band would play "Santa Claus is Coming To Town."

Concluding the parade, along with Santa Claus, was the Middle School Band, led by drum major Kevin Carbonelli. At times they would play "The Little Drummer Boy."

Congratulations to all members of both bands for a fine job.

Della Rogers

## Driver Fined For Negligent Homicide

Appearing before the Honorable Kent County Circuit Judge John H. VanderWal last Friday, James G. Bolt, 18, of 9752 Jim Street, Ada, was assessed \$350 following conviction of negligent homicide.

Bolt was charged in the traffic death last June of Mrs. Judith Marie Wierenga of Lowell, who was pronounced dead on arrival at Butterworth, after her car was hit by Bolt's car on East Main Street.

The investigating Kent County Sheriff's Deputies said Bolt failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of James and East Main Street.

According to VanderWal's judgment, if Bolt fails to pay the assessed fine, he is to spend 60 days in the Kent County Jail.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS - Hair dryers, \$5 and up. Curling irons, Shaving Mugs, RK and Redken gift sets. Hair styling gift certificates. Man's World, 897-9102. c35-37

## License Bureau Hours Announced

Most full service Secretary of State field offices throughout Michigan will be open later to "provide service during peak business periods," it has been disclosed by Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.

The new schedule, basically between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the larger cities, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the smaller areas, was effective December 2. Previously, these offices opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 5 in the evening.

"Surveys indicated that we could offer more convenient, better service to most persons conducting motor vehicle business of all types by staying open later in the evening," Austin said.

The extended time changes affect all full service offices, which handle driver licensing and the sale of license plate tabs, titles, and registration of snowmobiles and boats, Austin explained.

Field offices which sell only license plate tabs and other vehicle transactions continue on their present varying time schedules.

Lowell's Secretary of State Field office at 219 E. Main Street (in the Western Auto Store) is open weekly, the following hours, to accommodate customers in this area:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Safe Burglar Caught

A 16-year-old youth has admitted burglarizing the Lowell Poultry Farm, 9795-36th St. SE, and taking \$800 from the safe.

The business was entered October 8 by forcing a door. Whoever opened the safe knew the combination. Kent County sheriff's detectives suspected the youth because he used to work at the farm and it was remembered he would play with the safe dial.

Sgt. James Hutson of the Lowell Police Department questioned the youth, who admitted the burglary and three others. He has been referred to the Kent County Juvenile Court.

## Toys Needed For Gift - Giving

"Operation Santa Claus," an annual gift-giving project of the Lowell Moose Civic Affairs Committee, will make some 80 needy families in this area have a very Merry Christmas this year.

New toys are being gathered by the Moose, and repairable toys are being solicited so they can be put in to first class shape for distribution on Christmas.

Working with representatives from the East Kent Community Center, various County agencies, and area churches, Civic Affairs chairman Red Baker revealed this week that a list of over 100 families had been compiled.

"We hope to narrow this down to 80," Baker continued, "enabling each home to have toys, games and sweets for their little ones, at Christmas time."

"Last year, through the generosity of area residents, merchants, and the hard work of Moose members and the Women of the Moose," Baker explained, "We were able to repair toys, make gift boxes, and make delivery in time for Santa's arrival."

"This year, we will again need this support," Baker added. "We need all kinds of new and used toys. If anyone has a box full of toys, that their kids no longer play with, we can put them to good use. Or, if they have toys in repairable condition, we can use them too!"

"Contributions can be left at the Moose Lodge, 210 East Main Street, weekdays after 2 p.m. and Saturdays from noon on. The toys will be delivered on Saturday, December 21 by the Moose members.

On Sunday, December 22, the Moose Lodge will hold their annual member's Christmas party, between 1 and 3 p.m. at their club rooms.

Christmas is a magic time of the year—given to us by a Babe in swaddling clothes—a once in a year time, when everyone gives and receives something, if only a smile in return, but always the blessings of the holiday.



Monday, December 2, Lowell Police officers assisted the Ionia County Sheriff's Department in apprehending a subject, after the Ionia officers underwent a high-speed chase to the Riverview Inn, east of the Lowell City Limits.

Full investigation of the apprehension showed that the subject's vehicle was on the stolen list.

Early Tuesday morning, December 3, vandals broke into the locked oil rack at the Zephyr Service Station at 606 West Main Street.

An inventory check showed four quarts of oil missing.

A Valley Vista Trailer Park resident, John DeHaan reported to Lowell Police officers Friday night that his 1972 Ford Pickup had been stolen.

Placed on the stolen vehicle dispatch, the vehicle is described as being blue, with a white top and white cap.

Friday evening the Ball Floral and Gift Shoppe on E. Main Street was broken into by way of the back door. Under open investigation, thus far, approximately \$60 has been found to be missing.

Arrested for larceny under \$100 Saturday was Patricia Babbitt of Lowell, as she was caught shoplifting at Eberhard's on West Main Street.

She was released, to appear later this month in the 63rd District Court before Judge Joseph B. White.

Andrew Ruse of Alto was sighted last Thursday by Lowell Police for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Besides hitting a no parking sign adjacent to the Lowell City Hall on East Main, Ruse reportedly also hit the building before fleeing the scene.

Many of Main Street merchants are to be complimented for their Christmas window decorations this year. The spirit of Christmas rings true, as there are only ten more shopping days left before Christmas.

The President's Sports Award Program has been developed to encourage physical fitness. Those who participate in any of 50 sports may apply and receive an award certificate signed by President Gerald Ford, an emblem to sew on their jacket and a sports pin.

The Lowell YMCA has the information and blanks needed to participate in this program. Call 897-7375 for further information.

Senior Citizens, Veterans, Disabled,—Volunteers will be in Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Wednesday and Thursday, December 18 and 19, to help fill out Homestead Tax Exemptions for 1974.

Forms will be mailed to those who filed in 1973, however, forms will be available at City Hall.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This Week's Special. Chili Dogs, 2 for 65¢. Family Nite Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Chicken by the Bucket for Holiday parties. Call in advance. We do have Christmas trees. c36

COMING TO THE STRAND THEATRE—Lowell, New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, "The Trial of Billy Jack." c35-38



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Editor's family wish to express their appreciation to Vernon Veneman for his concern after their dog had been unavoidably struck and killed by a car Monday night.

In the early days of the United States, the man with 40 or 50 acres, a mule and a roof over his head was thought to be doing pretty well. But, for a long time in affluent America, such an individual has been a worry to the politicians who have made it a cause celebre

to lift him out of his "abject poverty," whether he wanted to be lifted or not. "The most fortunate man today is the backyard soul who owns 40 acres in Arkansas, has two mules, a milk cow, a few hogs, chickens and a garden and his wife is a whiz at canning." He will be the only one around who will know where his next meal is coming from which we finally reach the bright new world that modern man has created for himself. That world, as described by the writer is one of worthless money, empty gas tanks... and short supplies of groceries. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

"Speaking of advertising, we are reminded of the classic story of William Wrigley of chewing gum fame. Wrigley was said to have been riding on a train with a friend (this was long... ago) when the friend pointed to the frequent Wrigley gum signs along the right-of-way and adjacent highways. "Why do you spend all this money on advertising?" asked the friend. "Your business is established, your gum is famous and the competition is almost nonexistent." "Well," answered Wrigley, "how fast you think this train is going?" "Oh about 60 miles

an hour," answered the puzzled friend, "Why?" "Why don't they just take off the engine and save all that expense?" The friend had no comment.

"Don't you long for the good old days when Uncle Sam lived within his income, and without most of yours?"

How quickly the world moves! The year 1949 lies a quarter of a century in the past. In that year, a new car could be purchased for around \$1,500. The phrase "sound as a dollar" was still valid. The G.I. Bill was turning out its first crop of college graduates from among the millions of World War II veterans, and no one had heard of an energy shortage. Those were the good old days, at least so they appear from the vantage point of 1974.

Who can ever forget the warm glow of a winter fire upon the hearth or the lonesome sigh of the wind on a crisp, moonlit night? The official arrival of Winter this December 22 will bring back many such familiar sights, from icicles and skiers to Christmas decorations and children clamoring for a steaming hot cup of cocoa and cookies. It will be a time to retreat indoors with books and television, a time to re-evaluate yet another passing year in terms of what we have accomplished—or have not, as the case may be.

Hopefully, we, the American people, will be able to face the new season with confidence and the knowledge that problems of energy scarcity, inflation, community improvement and the like can be solved if each of us will but dedicate himself to the task. "United we stand, divided we fall" has never been a more appropriate rallying cry.

Thanksgiving is over and the deer hunters are out of the woods. The heavy football schedule is completed and now we start the run down to Christmas and New Years.

Several Lowell merchants will be open evenings from now until Christmas Eve to assist shoppers. This year do your shopping in your home town.

The 1974 winter tax bills have been mailed out by the City of Lowell and received by all property owners.

This seems to me the wrong time of the year for bills... takes the Christmas out of shopping and the spirit of Christmas out of the season.

Will there be an adequate supply of gasoline this winter, and if so, at what price? Interesting questions as people recall the fuel situation last year, remembering gas stations closed early in the evenings and on Sunday, and some stations were without any gas at all at various times.

Lowell area gas station dealers, however, predict, hopefully, that this winter there will be an ample supply, but do not care to predict at what the cost per gallon will be.

Students interested in summer jobs should contact the Michigan Employment Security Commission. An exam is being offered for summer help in the State Parks. Applications will be accepted until December 16.

Happy Birthday

- DECEMBER 12: Joyce Stormzand, Doris Rama, DECEMBER 13: Christa Yelzer, Nancy Head, DECEMBER 14: Heather Ormiston, DECEMBER 16: Carls Shores, Russ Breckon, Marilyn Kaim, Iven Graham, DECEMBER 17: Elizabeth Wahl, Kim Hale, Mark DeForest, DECEMBER 18: Dabra Thomat, Martin VanLier, Ron Krebs, Thomas Harper

Chief Issues Consumer Warning

Lowell Chief of Police Barry D. Emmons after extending his department's Happy Holiday greetings to one and all, issued the following Consumer Warning, to insure that this Christmas is a happy one.

Emmons pointed out that each Christmas brings many problems of the season. "The following Do's and Don'ts may be helpful in determining whether yours is a bright and Merry holiday," Emmons emphasized.

- 1. Do resist buying from temporary or seasonal businesses. They may pull out immediately after Christmas leaving no word of their whereabouts. 2. Do beware of "free gift" offers which may be tied in with a required purchase of an unwanted and overpriced item. 3. Do keep all sales slips and ask whether deposits on layaways will be forfeited if the merchandise is not picked up. Also, be sure of the terms of each sale. Can there be exchanges or is the sale final? 4. Do take the same care of credit cards as cash. 5. Do beware of "extra income" ads; in most cases they cause more trouble than they're worth. Do-at-home projects are invariably designed so that only the seller makes money, yours! 6. Don't "help" your neighbor by accepting packages for him unless you have specific instructions and authorization. You may be obligating him or yourself to something unwanted. 7. Don't accept any C.O.D. packages unless you know its contents and/or sender. 8. Don't be pressured or conned into paying for something you did not order. Unordered merchandise is a free gift under both Michigan and Federal law. "The Christmas holiday will be much safer," Emmons added, "if shoppers will observe the following tips when buying toys." "When choosing a toy for an infant or small child," Emmons said, select one that: Is too large to be swallowed; does not have detachable small parts that can lodge in the windpipe, ears, or nostrils; is not apt to break easily into small pieces or leave jagged edges; does not have sharp edges or points. Has not been put together with straight pins, sharp wires, nails, etc., that might be easily exposed; is not made of glass or brittle plastic; is labeled "non-toxic." Avoid painted toys for infants who put playthings in the mouth; does not have parts that can pinch fingers or toes or catch hair; and does not have cords or strings over 12 inches in length.

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AROUND the AREA

Navy Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Robert Richard Jr., of 2024 Edgewood Ave., has left Point Mugu, California, on a four-month deployment to Antarctica.

Army Sergeant Michael E. Prisse, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Prisse, 2345 Hughes Avenue, Muskegon, is assigned to Headquarters Company, 4th Missile Command at Camp Page, Korea. His wife, Jerri Lou, lives at 1800 W. Main, Lowell.

Michigan State University listed 1,747 candidates for degrees at fall term commencement exercises December 7, in the MSU Auditorium.

The candidates included 1,025 bachelors, 448 masters, 181 doctoral, 20 educational specialists, 1 diploma for advanced graduate study, 17 doctors of human medicine, 1 doctor of osteopathic medicine and 51 doctors of veterinary medicine. Receiving her M.A. degree in Elementary Education was Katherine Atchinson of 188 Pettis, S.E., Ada.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Irving (Doris) Woodworth of Alto in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. Marjorie Miller, 67, of Solon Township.

Meredith Lite was a recent patient at the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Michael Potter is a Theological student at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. His current address is: 211 Ashbury Hall, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey 07940.

John Dale Richardson, 5395 Conklin Road, Lowell, recently graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology, Chicago, one of the Bell & Howell Schools. He received an electronics technician diploma from Leonard D. Dunlap, President of the Schools. Bell & Howell Schools is a nationwide network of institutes of electronics technology, including DeVry, a major home study school in electronics. Richardson specialized his training in Home Enter-

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tainment Electronics Systems (with TV kit). He is employed with Atwood Corporation, Lowell, as a Die Cast Technician.

Marine Sgt. Julio A. Rivera, husband of Mrs. Nancy L. Rivera of 761 Lincoln Lake Road, Lowell, reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, California. A former student of Mayaguez College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, he joined the Marine Corps in April 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alderink who resided on a farm in the Bowne Center area for 24 years, celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary on December 1. They were married November 30, 1896, in Saranac. They moved from the Alto area in 1961 to their present home at 1146 Eastmont, S.E., Grand Rapids. Mr. Alderink will soon be 99 years old, and Mrs. Alderink will be 98 in March.

Jack P. Lane, 58, of Grand Rapids, passed away December 6 at St. Mary's Hospital. Among his survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Judy) Ullery of Cascade.

Howard "Doc" White of Lowell underwent surgery Monday at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ellsworth (Elva) Raymor underwent an emergency gall bladder operation Sunday afternoon at Butterworth Hospital. She is expected to be hospitalized for at least a week.

Navy Fire Control Technician Seaman Jerry M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Johnson of 7065 Ada Drive S.E., Grand Rapids, has returned to Norfolk, Virginia, aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News, after participating in the NATO training exercise, "Northern Merger" in the North Atlantic. A 1972 graduate of Forest Hills High School, Grand Rapids, he joined the Navy in August 1972.

Navy Hospital Corpsman Third Class Gene A. Randolph, whose wife Maria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuck of Saranac, was promoted to his present rank at the Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi. He joined the Navy in November 1967.

Paul Goodwin of Trufant underwent spinal surgery last week Friday at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. He expects to be hospitalized for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup of Lowell will observe their 45th wedding anniversary on Christmas, December 25.

Couple Assessed For Resisting Officers

Steven Sevans, 29, and his wife, Patricia, 25, of 728 Ferris Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, were assessed \$150 each for resisting Lowell Police officers who were attempting to break up a disturbance at Pete's Bar on East Main Street, last summer.

The Sevans pleaded no contest last Friday in Kent County's Circuit Court, before the Honorable Judge John H. VanderWal. The couple will spend sixty days in the Kent County Jail if they fail to pay the imposed fine.

Area Deaths

GEORGE BUTLER George H. Butler, aged 80, of 712 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, passed away Friday, December 6. He is survived by his wife, Rose; one sister, Mrs. Clifford (Velma) Marrell of Lowell; one step-son, Kenneth Winger of Lowell; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F&M and of the Lowell Congregational Church.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Reverend Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment follows at Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Butler was a native of Grand Rapids and for many years was a buyer for Wurzburg Company, and later served as office manager of Dunn Office Equipment.

In later years, he opened the first soft icecream establishment between here and St. Johns which he operated for six years. Mr. Butler was a native of Grand Rapids and for the 39 years of the Lowell Congregational Church and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

FRANK HUCKLEBEURY A long-time Lowell resident, Frank J. Hucklebeury, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, November 11, at his residence, 116 South Washington Street. He was 47 years old.

"Huck" as he was known by his many friends, was employed for many years at the Haven-Busch firm in Grand Rapids. The Rev. K. M. McIver officiated at the funeral services held last Friday afternoon at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. He was interred in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Fay (Vera) Sherman, Mrs. Ernest (Beatrice) Hoover, both of Lowell and Mrs. Donald (Viola) Kelley of Casa Grande, Arizona; one brother, Kenneth of Lowell; one niece, four nephews and one great-niece.

LOYD DENNIE Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, December 9, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for Loyd Dennie.

The Reverend Earl Decker of the First Baptist Church of Lowell conducted the services, after which interment was made in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Dennie of 11797 East Fulton Road, Lowell, passed away December 6 at the age of 80. He was a retired Lowell area businessman.

Besides his wife, Mary, he leaves three sons, Howard of Grand Rapids, Richard of Lufkin, Texas, and Donald of Piquette, California; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Leila) Evans of Lake Odessa and Mrs. Harold (Grace) Green of Arvada, Colorado.

Also surviving is a brother, Roscoe of Napa, Ida.; twenty-two grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Moose Women To Hold Christmas Potluck

A Christmas Potluck Party will be held by the Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, Monday evening, December 16, at their clubrooms on East Main Street.

The ladies and their husbands, who have also been invited, will sit down to a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. The club's annual Christmas party will follow.

Mrs. Cora Stormzand, Senior Regent, urges all members to be in attendance, and bring their husbands.

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Airport Development Part II

Q. How Much, and Who Will Pay for proposed airport development?
A. Under the "Small Airport Development Act of 1973," Congress recognized the need for development of hundreds of small, "satellite" or "feeder" type airports in the nation, at key community locations, to handle the proliferation of small aircraft traffic and rapidly increasing air transportation needs.

Q. Once it is built, won't maintenance costs be a burden to the City?
A. No. They never have been, and will not be. The City's agreement with the Airport Operator requires the Operator to assume maintenance responsibility.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
The Lowell VFW Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting and Christmas potluck supper Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 OES will be held at the Masonic Temple Friday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
The Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, will hold their Christmas Potluck Party, Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m., in their club room.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Open house and coffee at the Lowell Public Library will be Tuesday, December 17, from 1 to 8. Have cookies, coffee or tea, and see Christmas decorations.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
Sunday, December 22, 1974, at 7:30 p.m., the Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 West Main, Lowell, is having a Christmas Hymn Sing and Musicale.

High Priest To Speak At Alaska RDLs Church
Sunday, December 15, High Priest Richard Hughes from Kalamazoo will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. morning worship held at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8147-68th Street (near Whitneyville Road).

Alto Mother's Club To Present Play At Open House Tuesday
Alto Mother's Club will meet in the all-purpose room of the Alto School at 7:30, Tuesday, December 17.

Golden Swingers Party
The Golden Swingers, Lowell's Senior citizens Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 18, at Schneider Manor. It will be a potluck dinner with chicken furnished. A free will offering will be taken.

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Vows Exchanged In Saturday Ceremony
The choir of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will present its annual Christmas Cantata this Sunday, December 15, at the 10 a.m. worship service.



Miss Jeanne Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roth of Lowell and Glenn Vanderloot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanderloot of Grand Rapids, were united in marriage Saturday morning, December 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, before the Reverend Dean Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Olson of Manistique are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Kristin, weighing 3 pounds, 12 ounces on December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tichelaar of Grand Rapids are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter, Melissa, weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz. on Tuesday, December 10 at Blodgett Hospital.

Congregationalist To Present Cantata
The choir of the First Congregational Church of Lowell will present its annual Christmas Cantata this Sunday, December 15, at the 10 a.m. worship service.

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Alto Man Is Naval Recruit
Joseph A. Kissinger, a Seaman Recruit in the United States Navy, has graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Wins Top 4-H Award
Miss Folkertsmo
Miss Jacie Folkertsmo of Alto was among several Michigan young people honored as top State 4-H winners.

Miss Folkertsmo, a freshman studying nursing at Michigan State, is the winner in the entomology program, sponsored by Hercules Incorporated.

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First Baptist Church - Alto
First United Methodist Church of Lowell
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA)
Bethany Bible Church
First Baptist Church - Lowell
Church of the Nazarene - Lowell
Vergennes United Methodist



### Hockey Team Part Of History

Lowell High School and Kentwood played this area's first Varsity High School Hockey game. Both schools made hockey a varsity sport for the first time. The Lowell Red Arrows won everything but the game. Lowell out slated, out checked, out played and out shot Kentwood 24 times on net to Kentwood's 12. But Kentwood out scored Lowell 3 to 2 to win the contest.

Kentwood scored first on a breakaway by Tim Jadry at 1:57 in the first period. Lowell tied the score at 4:49 with a goal from Gary Lotterman and an assist from Mark Newbecker. Kentwood came back with two quick breakaway goals to take a 3 to 1 lead. Lowell was on the way in the second period, but had a goal disqualified because of a player's stick in the crease, this goal would have meant a tied contest, because at 5:20 Mark Ries, with assists from Tom Bergy and Steve Jousma, made the score 3 to 2.

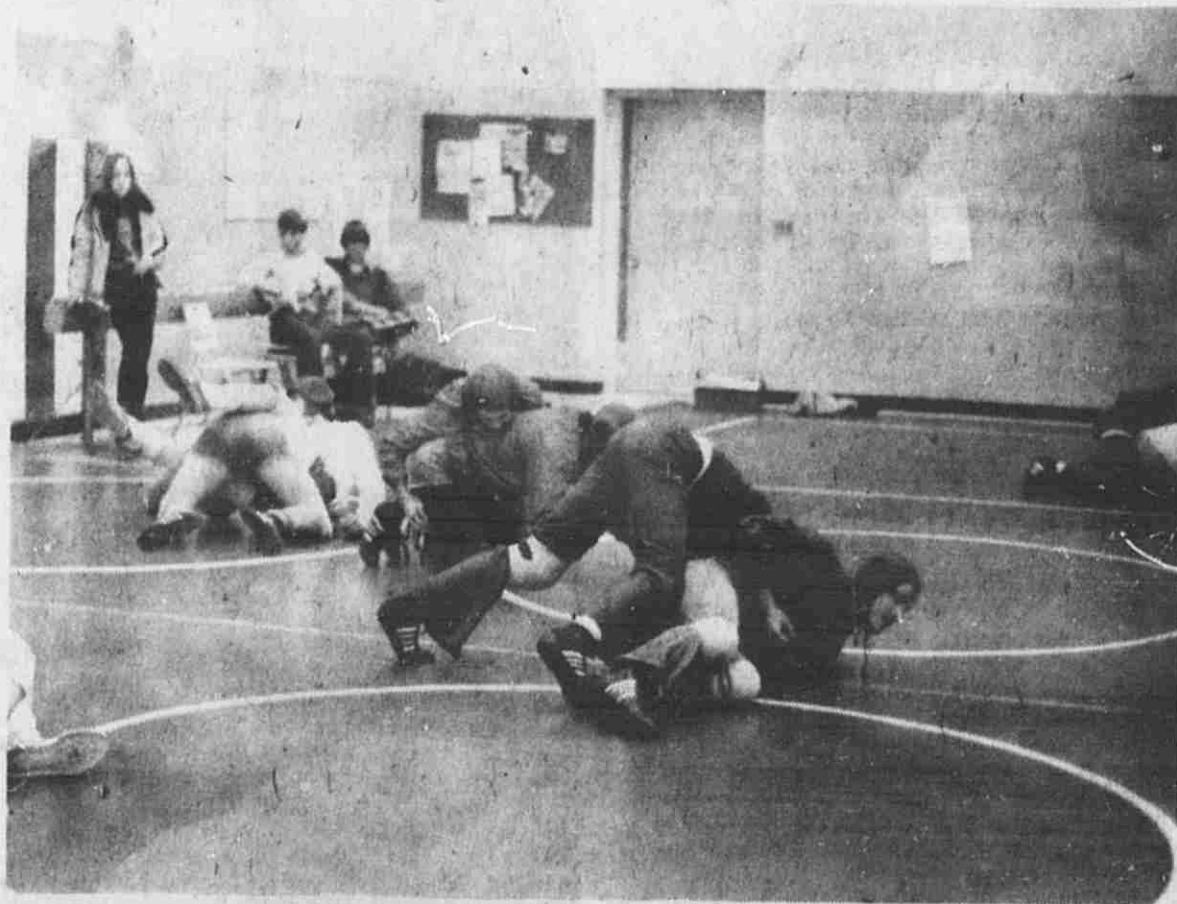
Congratulations to Lowell Red Arrows Hockey team in becoming a part of local history. Good luck against Forest Hills on December 14 at 8 p.m. December 18, Lowell vs. Creston, 9:30 p.m.; December 21, Union vs. Lowell, 10 p.m.

#### CAUTION FOR CANDY MAKERS

Even with the high cost of sugar, do not cut down on the amount used in candy recipes, warns Marilyn Mook, Michigan State University Extension food specialist.

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### Lowell Matmen Fall To Kenowa

Lowell High School wrestling team opened the 1974-1975 season last Wednesday night against Kenowa Hills, whose wrestling team is rated among the top 10 teams in the state. Kenowa beat Lowell 31 to 19. The Arrow Grapplers won four of the 12 weight classes. Jeff Rickert at 126 lbs. pinned his opponent in 4:42; Dave Hendrix pinned in 4:41. The other two winners were Dan Kropf with a 10 to 0 superior decision and Jim Dykstra with a 10 to 7 decision. Coach Gary Rivers opened the season with three seniors, along with four juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen. Dan Kropf is a sophomore at 98 lbs., Mike Mauric is a freshman at 105 lbs., Bob Jackson is a senior at 112 lbs., Ed Loughlin is a freshman at 119 lbs., Jeff Rickert is a junior at 126 lbs., Roger Graham is a junior at 132 lbs., Jim Dykstra is a senior at 138 lbs., Bill Heintzelman is a sophomore at 145 lbs., Randy Kropf is a freshman at 155 lbs., Dave Hendrix is a junior at 167 lbs., Don Wosinski is a junior at 185 lbs., and Gordy Klahn is a senior in the heavyweight division.

Kenowa Hills beat the Junior Varsity 33 to 30. Wrestling for the JV's were Ray Alexander, Mark Fairman, Rich Johnson, Matt Rehl, Barry Blasher, Dick Beach, Brian Doyle, Lee Radle, Bill Mauric, John Wilder, and Tom Oesch. Lowell had no heavyweights and had to forfeit giving Kenowa Hills a 6 point decision.

On Thursday night the Lowell Grapplers traveled to Ionia and came away with a 39 to 11 win over the Bulldogs. Dan Kropf, Jeff Rickert, Roger Graham and Dave Hendrix pinned for Lowell. Mike Mauric won a 5 to 0 decision; Bob Jackson lost 4 to 2; Ed Loughlin lost 9 to 5; Jim Dykstra wrestled to a 10 to 10 draw; Bill Heintzelman won 8 to 3; Randy Kropf was defeated

### Close Scores See Varsity Lose Two

Lowell's Varsity basketball team lost a pair of ball games last week, both by close scores. On Tuesday the Red Arrows took on the Bulldogs from Ionia. The score at the half was 40-38, Lowell. The Arrows scored 17 points in the third quarter, with the Bulldogs scoring 15.

It was Ionia's 22 points against Lowell's 17 in the fourth quarter that led to the 75-74 victory for the Bulldogs. Freshman Tom Kempker's basket on the final buzzer was not enough for the Red Arrows. High scorer for the game was Rick Poole of Ionia with 23. The Arrows were led by Gil Fonger and Craig Anderson with 21 and 17 points respectively.

On Friday the Arrows met their second league opponent, the Broncos from Coopersville. The score was tied at 16 all at the end of the first quarter, but the Arrow defense was no match for the 6'6" Bronco center, Fred Holmes, who netted 33 points for his team.

The Arrows had 31 fouls, to the Bronco 14, and this was a deciding factor in the game also. Leading the Arrows in scoring and rebounding were Gil Fonger and Craig Anderson. Fonger netted 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Anderson had 15 points and 11 rebounds. John Piper was in double figures for the Arrows, scoring 12 points.

High scorer for the game was Fred Holmes with 33, followed by his teammate, Jim Vanderschuer with 19. Scoring by quarters:  
LOWELL 27 13 17 17 74  
Ionia 21 17 15 22 75  
LOWELL 16 12 18 17 63  
Coopersville 16 21 16 21 74

### Sport Shorts

Pre-season favorite Forest Hills Central High School's basketball team opened its Ottawa-Kent White Division season on a high note Friday evening.

Utilizing its height, experience and a tight defense, Forest Hills rolled past host South Christian, 66-40, before 1,600 spectators.

In other league games Friday evening, Forest Hills Northern was in high gear with a 71-55 decision over invading Wyoming Park. Zealand, tipped Kelloggville, 85-57, and Godwin Heights streaked past Kenowa Hills 96-64.

A basketball squad representing the Lowell Moose was its opening encounter in the Grand Rapids Recreation league, ousting Rapistan 82-42. Excellent team defense was exhibited along with a potent offense to put the game away in the early going. Leading the team in scoring were Craig Wittenbach with 20 and Denny DeWitt with 18 points. The Moose dominated both blackboards as Gary Sherman and Steve Steffens picked off numerous rebounds. Steffens also chipped in with 13 tallies.

Other members of the team are Leo Hardin, Bill Jones, Bob Heeter, Bob Bewell, Steve Detmers, and Mitch McMahon. This win was a relatively easy one for the Moose, (one team member described it as, "A piece of cake") as quickness at all ends of the floor and superb physical conditioning allowed the victors to fast break at will. However, the expected improvement for Rapistan before the league make tough competition an inevitability for future play.

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### New La Leche Group Forming In The Cascade Ada Area

The Grand Rapids Chapter of LaLeche League International is starting a new group in the Cascade-Ada area. The first meeting of this new group will be held at the home of Mrs. David Penninga, 2520 Linda, S.E., December 16 at 8 p.m.

The topic for this first meeting will be "Advantages of Breastfeeding." The meeting is open to all women in the area who are interested in nursing their babies. Nursing babies are always welcome. You need not be pregnant, nursing a baby, or even have a family to attend.

"LaLeche" is Spanish for "the milk." It was started in 1956 in a suburb of Chicago. It now has over 1,900

**Bowne Township TAX NOTICE**  
Taxes are due and payable between December 4 and February 14.  
I will be at the Bowne Township Hall, 1067 Linfield Avenue, Alto, on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning December 4 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Dog licenses are due December 1st, and current certification of vaccination is required.  
Dave Hoffman, Treasurer  
Bowne Township  
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**City Of Lowell Notice For Dog License**  
DUE JANUARY 1, 1975  
Cost of License Male or Female \$3.00 Unsexed \$1.00  
PENALTY on or after March 1, 1975 \$5.00  
Vaccination Certificate and Proof of Spaying or Neutering must accompany application.  
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Blaine E. Bacon, Acting City Treasurer  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT  
LINDA KAY WATKINS, Plaintiff, No. 74-24901-DM vs. WILLIAM J. WATKINS III, Defendant. (P-29747)  
ORDER FOR APPEARANCE  
At a session of said Court, held in the Hall of Justice at the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, this 22nd day of November, 1974, Present: Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Judge.  
In this case an action was filed on the 22nd day of November, 1974 by the Plaintiff Linda Kay Watkins for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.  
IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, William J. Watkins III, shall appear and take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 26th day of January, 1975. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a default judgment against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.  
Roman J. Snow, Circuit Judge  
Examined, countersigned, and entered by me, M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk  
ATTEST: A TRUE COPY M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk c35-38

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING  
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent  
File No. 127-185  
ESTATE OF MATILDA M. AUSTIN, DECEASED  
TAKE NOTICE: On December 30th, 1974, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the Hon. Richard N. Loughrin, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Harry L. Lockrow for probate of a purported Will dated February 9, 1971, and for granting of administration to said Harry L. Lockrow, Executor named in Will, or some other suitable person, and for a determination of heirs. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Harry L. Lockrow at 1041 College N.E., Grand Rapids, MI, 49503 and proof thereof with copies filed with the Court on or before February 20th, 1975. Notice is further given that the assets will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.  
Date: December 6th, 1974.  
Freihof, Cook, Hecht, Oosterhouse & DeBoer, P.C.  
Attorney for Petitioner:  
By: George R. Cook  
1125 W. Main Street Harry L. Lockrow, Petitioner  
Lowell, Mich. 49331 1041 College N.E., Grand Rapids, MI. 49503  
Phone 897-9218 c36

### Lunch Menu

- LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Week of December 16, 1974**
- MONDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce & cheese Cabbage Salad Rolls or Bread & Butter Diced Peas Milk
  - TUESDAY: Hot Dogs with catsup or mustard Pickles, Carrots & Celery Buttered Corn Peaches & Coffee Bars Milk
  - WEDNESDAY: Turkey & Gravy on Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Rolls or Bread Orange Jello with Whip Milk
  - THURSDAY: Submarine Sandwiches Potato Chips & Pickles Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail & Cookies Milk
  - FRIDAY: Fish Sticks with Tartar Sauce Fried Potatoes with Catsup Peas & Carrots Cinnamon Bread Applesauce Milk

### Rotary Notes

December 4 meeting of Lowell Rotary was a day of filling in where needed. Charlie Doyle filled in for the club president who was detained, and King Doyle introduced the day's speaker in the absence of the ailing program chairman.

Sergeant-at-arms, Dick Cox, introduced the club's guests: Ellen Moore, Al Carpenter, and Blaine Bacon. Jr. Rotarian Tom Andrews, introduced a new Jr. Rotarian Gary Ayres. Craig Anderson introduced the second Jr. Rotarian, Dale Phillips. Dale is following in the footsteps of his brothers, Scott and Don, who were also Jr. Rotarians.

Rotarian Jack Raider told of his harrowing experience when he and his wife were caught in the recent snowstorm in Ohio. Stranded in Bowling Green, Ohio, the Raiders were assisted by the Red Cross and by a Bowling Green family who gave them a comfortable bed for the night. Mr. Raider said that he came out of this experience with two distinct feelings. First, getting stranded in a snowstorm is no fun. Second, he is very thankful for the kind hospitality of the Ohio family.

King Doyle, then presented Mrs. Sandy Barwick, of the Food & Drug Administration. Mrs. Barwick explained that the Food & Drug Administration works on behalf of the American public to assure that foods are safe, that medicines do work and that products like color TV and microwave ovens are safe from radiation. Anyone with questions regarding food, drugs, or medical devices should contact the Grand Rapids FDA office—phone 456-2340.



Featured speaker at the Lowell Rotary Club meeting December 4 was Mrs. Sandy Barwick, Consumer Affairs Officer of the Food & Drug Administration. Shown with Mrs. Barwick is Jr. Rotarian Tom Andrews, left, and King Doyle.

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More than 1,000,000 Americans have gout, an excruciating disease which is classified as a form of arthritis. And the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan, which is financed through contributions to local United Way campaigns, says that, contrary to long-held views, over-indulgence in food and drink does not cause gout. The Foundation, a member service of the United Way of Michigan, says, however, that overweight people with gout tend to have more trouble than people of normal weight.

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City Of Lowell TAX NOTICE

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Beginning February 14, 1975, 4% penalty will be added. Collections will be made Monday through Friday weekly, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Blaine E. Bacon, Acting City Treasurer

LOWELL TOWNSHIP TAX NOTICE

Taxes are due and payable between December and February 14.

I will be at the new Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Road on Friday and Saturdays, beginning December 6 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Dog licenses are due December 1st, and current certification of vaccination is required.

Assistance will be provided Senior Citizens and Veterans for the Michigan CR 1040 Homestead Credit Tax forms.

Doris Boyd, Treasurer Lowell Township

City Of Lowell NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held before the Lowell Planning Commission MONDAY, DECEMBER 23; 7:30 P.M. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 E. Main Street.

The purpose of the hearing will be to listen to all interested persons in the request of K.C. Storage for a variance from height and front line requirements to erect a steel sided grain storage silo on their property (No. 41-20-02-346-001 and No. 41-20-02-346-002) located on West Main Street.

Blaine E. Bacon, City Clerk

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Once again the area taxpayers are going to be asked to provide funds for a project which is not only costly, unnecessary and foolish, but prejudicial to the well being of the local population. I have just finished reading the article "Airport Development Part I," in the December 5, 1974 edition of the Ledger. I can quench all of the author's answers with but one statement.

The present Kent County Airport is at a closer proximity, in both distance and driving time, to the City of Lowell than it is to the majority of Grand Rapids and the remainder of Kent County. Consequently we already have a complete major air facility located as close as any noise, and air pollution minded person could want.

Taxpayer's money should not be funneled down any drain without all concerned individuals being aware of the consequences of the program. At present, as in the past, we are paying for procurement, construction and maintenance of a facility (Lowell Airport) which is being utilized by approximately 1% of the local population. It is my firm personal opinion that the Public Funds should not, and must not, be used for the recreational and business use of a privileged few.

Fifty percent of the local population are, at least, occasional fishermen. Has this large percentage of the population asked the City to build a lake and keep it stocked? I say, let them buy their own lake. As to promoting further economic development and encouraging business industry, who wants it?

The Village is as large or larger than I personally wish at present. The ultimate decision of Airport Development rests with you, the voters. Please think!!!

Thank you, John E. Friesner

Dear Editor,

Why is it that a few people in Lowell think that all of us citizens of Lowell need an airport made out of a cow pasture north of Lowell?

Why should the townspeople pay for a half-ass airport in Lowell, when only 20 minutes away we have one of the finest 3 million dollar, county airports in the United States?

What the Kent County Airport offers every pilot cannot be repeated by a small airport like the Lowell City Airport.

The Kent County airport was designed to be used by commercial and private pilots together. It has the best in all aviation needs. It offers more safety than any small town airport could ever offer.

The Kent County Airport was built for all people by our taxes. Why not use it! It's safer and as I have said, it offers the things that all pilots need, plus, it is only 20 minutes by good roads leaving from Lowell.

Why should many thousands of dollars be spent by Lowell taxpayers just so that a few Lowell pilots can have their own airport?

A good way to find out how valuable the Lowell City Airport is to each reader of this article is to ask oneself first, how often will each one of us take off on a flight from this airport? I think you will find that this airport is of very little value to you.

Another question that comes to my mind is how members of the Lowell City Council who have airplanes have the right to vote on anything dealing with the Lowell Airport. Is this not a conflict of interest?

I would hope that we, as taxpayers, demand that action be taken to stop this ridiculous use of money. It is my hope that if we are willing to spend thousands of dollars on a project, let us hope it will benefit all and not just a few of Lowell's citizens.

There are so many good, useful ways to spend money in this town that will benefit all of us. We could spend money to develop more parks and recreation programs for the young. Housing for the Senior Citizens of Lowell, and help pay the cost of running the Kent County E-Units that save hundreds of lives in our area every month.

We are citizens of Lowell and we can demand that our money go for the good of all and not just a few. If you care, let our councilmen know that if they plan to stay where they are they better use their head for more than just a hat-rack.

Thank you Sincerely, G. R. Thompson, Jr.

Dear Editor:

The Lowell Police Department would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of those who made contributions to the Lowell Rescue Unit in memory of the late Gerald M. Henry.

Mrs. Henry was unable to acknowledge these memorials due to the fact that the contributions came directly into the Lowell Police Department. Mrs. Henry had no way of knowing which individuals so thoughtfully remembered her husband in this manner. Therefore, the Lowell Police Department would like to apologize for any misunderstandings this may have brought about. Mrs. Henry sincerely appreciated your thoughtfulness as did the Lowell Police Department.

Barry D. Emmons Chief of Police

Dear Editor:

The City of Lowell would like to take this opportunity to say a public "Thank you" to the Lowell area Bluebird groups for their decorating of the Christmas Tree at the Main Street parking lot.

Each year these groups do a beautiful job in adding to the Christmas Cheer for the community in the downtown shopping area.

Thank you so much Bluebirds! Yours truly, Blaine E. Bacon, City Manager

School Board Agenda

SPECIAL MEETING The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at the Middle School Cafeteria.

1. On the grievance hearing filed by the Lowell Education Association.

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# Board Approves Addition Of Girl's Gymnastics

With the foreknowledge that the girls' athletic program is, by law, going to have to be expanded, Board members Monday night approved the addition of girls' gymnastic instruction in the high school.

A similar program has been included in the Middle School schedule since that building opened and young female gymnasts have been asking for the addition to the high school curriculum so that their skills can continue after eighth grade.

Equipment that is necessary is already available so the program will begin immediately.

Board members expressed appreciation for a \$50,000 Scholarship Fund which was set up by Mrs. Ruth Doyle, and disclosed following her recent death, in memory of her husband, Edwin F. Doyle.

Attorney George Cook estimated that it would take approximately six months for the paper work to be complete and then the scholarship would be available to Lowell students. He added that after all legal matters and bequests have been settled, one-third of the remaining estate will also be added to the fund.

A revision in board policy governing students' permanent records now requires that none of the records can be shown to anyone, other than school personnel, without the written consent of the parents. In the case

of a high school student who has reached the age of 18, the records cannot be shown, even to his parents, without his written consent.

This change in board policy came about due to the recent Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

A total of 24 changes in policy were passed by the board Monday night but most of them were simple changes that clarified policies already in effect. For example, no organized school activities are allowed on Sundays. However, graduation exercises are held on Sunday with no intention of running afoul of the policy. This has now been changed to make senior high graduation the exception to the stated rule.

Progress reports were received by the board on the construction at both Bushnell and Alto. While the Alto building has been slowed down somewhat due to the weather, Bushnell had an earlier start so most of its walls are now up and it is expected that the addition will be under roof within the next two weeks.

A decision was made to move the Koevers' house to newly purchased property behind Ball Floral. This will make it possible to expand the Runciman playground while the house itself, after it is moved and set up, will be rented until such time as it is sold.

Rather than re-finance the house, which is necessary

after a move of this nature, and pay a higher rate of interest, board members deemed it wise to use funds from Runciman's Building and Site account and pay off the Lowell Savings and Loan Assoc.

The board also agreed to go ahead immediately with plans for constructing a new administration building on presently owned school property. While agreement as to the actual site was not reached, the building will undoubtedly be erected either on Foreman Road just west of the Senior High, or somewhere near the Bushnell Building.

Bushnell Principal, David Burdette, gave a brief report on the success of his school's first Grandparents' Day. The measure of success was not simply by numbers, although more than 150 grandparents spent the day at school, but mainly by the enthusiastic response and pleasure exhibited by those who attended, Supt. Leonard Sinke added.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kimble, residing at 250 Brook St., spoke at the meeting requesting that their children be allowed to catch a bus which goes within a block of their house for the long ride to Middle School during bad weather.

Asst. Supt. Ron Kelly explained that since they do not live beyond the stipulated one and one-half miles from school, even though it is close to that, the board would lose state aid by allowing unauthorized students on the bus and that, further, the school would have to make transportation available to all who wished it if they were made any exceptions.

Kelly added that he would look into the possibility of retaining a non-reimbursable bus when the new buses arrive in order to perhaps set up a central pick-up area for students in Lowell.

In other action, Board members voted to offer new two-year contracts to Asst. Supt. Kelly and Business Manager Jerry Wabeke.

In a unanimous decision, board members decided to spend Christmas week with their families and will dispense with the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 23.

## Ada Post Office Offers Sub-Exam

Ada Postmaster Milton Hein has announced that applications are now being accepted, and an examination will be given to establish a register of eligibles from which a Substitute Rural Carrier vacancy at the Ada Post Office will be filled.

There are no experience or training requirements in the Rural Carrier examination. Applicants must be physically qualified to perform efficiently the arduous duties of the position.

Substitute rural carriers are used primarily to replace regular carriers on sick leave or vacation. Some routes may involve Saturday work, depending on the number of hours required to serve the different routes.

Substitute rural carriers must furnish and maintain at their expense vehicle equipment for the prompt handling of the mail, but they are given an equipment allowance. They must have a valid state drivers license and a safe drivers record. Applicants must have reached their 18th birthday on the date of filing applications.

Announcements and applications blanks are available at the Ada Post Office. They must be received or postmarked by December 21, 1974.

## Three To Receive Nursing Degrees

Meerijo Hackstedt and Elsa Mercer of Lowell and Christine Bradley of Forest Hills will receive their practical nursing degrees at Grand Rapids Junior College's graduation exercises December 19 at Fountain Street Church at 8 p.m.

The three girls were part of a class of 57 that completed their course at the local two-year college. They will also be guests of the college at the rehearsal breakfast at the Ferial Restaurant.

Ann Mulder, Director of Women's Program at the college, will be the principle speaker.

## Lowell Chamber Says 'Thanks'

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the persons and businesses who helped make the Christmas Parade such a success.

The junior and senior band directors and members, the Pom Pom girls, Cheerleaders, Blue Birds, Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Snowmobile Club, Dental Hygienists, Wesleyan Church, YFU, Moose Clowns, Lowell and Alto Firemen; Bob Steward and Shirley Brooks for their old cars, Rev. Marks for entering the family ponies and 100-year-old sleigh, the Lowell Automobile Dealers Association, the Pre-School children, teachers and parents, we, along with the rest of the community, give our heartfelt thanks. Without all of you and your spirit of goodwill there couldn't be a parade.

Wayne Dowling, President  
Jim Gober & Terry Raab,  
Parade chairmen

## Snow Club To Serve Pancakes

The Flat River Snowmobile Club will hold their meeting Sunday, December 15, at 12:30. Come early and enjoy the pancake breakfast being served from 10 until noon for all members and guests. Marcie and her elves will cook until all appetites are appeased.

After the meeting some lucky person will be receiving an early Christmas present in the form of a Sno-Jet. If you would like tickets on this beautiful machine contact John Minges, Ed Marshall, Mike Fugitt, George Scheck or Polly Souser.

The children's Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, from 2 until 4:30 p.m. Parents, please keep this date and time in mind so your children will not be disappointed. If there are any questions on the party call Nancy at 363-6016.

Also, although the men worked hard last weekend on the new trail going through this area there is still a lot to be done. Anyone willing to contribute some time on this project please call Ed Anible, 676-9214. Let's all "Think Snow" so we can get those sleds in motion.

## East M-21 Bids Set For May

by Dave Barnes

Bids for the resurfacing of 8.3 miles of M-21 from the east side of the Ada bridge through Lowell to the Ionia County line will be let in May of next year, Charles Brooks, district engineer for the Grand Rapids office of the Michigan State Highway Department, states.

Resurfacing with blacktop of the stretch, estimated at \$400,000, will begin in July or August and is scheduled to be completed by next November 1, he says.

The 22-foot-wide highway was built of concrete about 1925 and resurfaced approximately 20 years ago, Brooks states. Shoulders of the road will be improved with gravel to eliminate a sharp dropoff from the highway.

A field office for this project and the widening of M-21 from the East Beltline to the multi-lane roadway at Ada has been opened at 5565 E. Fulton Road at Ada.

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