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Rural Road Aid Is Threatened

Some 13,400 miles of Michigan roads—mostly in rural areas—will lose their eligibility for federal matching funds in mid-1976 unless aroused citizens can change the minds of their Congressmen, warned an Oakland County Road Commission official.

Paul VanRoekel, county highway engineer in Oakland and a national director of the National Association of Counties, sounded the warning at a Detroit meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Unless Congress amends certain language in the Federal Highway Act of 1973, Van Roekel said, provisions of the act will reduce the federal aid secondary system of the nation from the present 600,000 miles to approximately 200,000 miles. The Michigan secondary system would be cut from its present 22,000 to an estimated 8,600 miles, mostly in urban areas, that would still be eligible for federal aid after July 1, 1976. Most of the mileage deleted, he said, would be rural.

"We are scarcely affected in Oakland County because a high percentage of our roads are urban," he said. "But I am concerned as a director of National Association of Counties that rural citizens know what is in store for them while there is still time to rectify this extreme action."

He called on the state highway officials to join the American Road Builders Association and National Association of County Engineers in urging Congress to delete the word "major" from a particular subsection of the 1973 Highway Act as a means of saving federal funding eligibility for a substantial mileage of roads now scheduled to lose it. He said the National Association of Counties is also considering joining the campaign.

"But individual citizens can perhaps make a greater impact on Congress than organizations," VanRoekel said, "by convincing their own Congressman that the cutback should be modified."

VanRoekel said he didn't think individual congressmen had the slightest intention of crippling the secondary system in rural areas. He theorized that high Federal Highway Administration officials had sold the cutback on the basis of arguments that the system is too large ever to be financed entirely by federal funds and that a few states have disproportionately high secondary mileage.

"Neither argument, of course, requires or justifies penalizing rural residents of the vast majority of states whose secondary systems are reasonable and necessary," VanRoekel said.

Judicious pruning of excessive mileage systems would have been more equitable than the "meat axe" approach taken, he continued.

"And it is nonsense to slash the program just because it is too large to be financed solely by federal funds," he said. "The same is true of almost every government-supported program, be it roads, health, welfare, transit, redevelopment or what have you."

He said the cutback was not even based on significant savings of government funds. "I think we will see about the same amount of secondary aid money being spent—but concentrated on about one-third of the present mileage, almost all of it in urban areas where more alternatives are available anyway."

Community Fund Is Allocated \$1,500

Kent County United Fund agencies will get a big boost in 1975, as the UF Campaign monies—a record \$3,056,367—will be allocated in full goal inclusion amounts for the year. The United Fund and Community Services (UFCS) Board of Directors met last week and approved recommended totals to be paid monthly to all agencies.

The Lowell Community Fund has been allocated the sum of \$1,500 for the coming year.

The Board action came after a week of Budget Review sessions, in which volunteers from the community looked at the proposed agency budgets to reaffirm the amounts needed. When the campaign goal was set in May, 1974, Budget Panels required each agency to submit a complete statement of all income and expenditures on programs before they could be included in the UF Campaign goal.

When the goal was reached, Budget Panels met again and asked agencies to report any changes in their financial status. When budget volunteers were satisfied that agencies would need the full amount in 1975, they recommended full allocations. The UFCS Board approved Budget Committee suggestions unanimously.

Agency directors are doubly happy, since they will not only receive full funding, but they will be notified of their budgeted figures a month earlier than last year because the campaign goal was reached on time.

In a resolution presented to the UFCS Board, agency directors from the UFCS Coordinate/Affiliate Executive Forum stated that the economic climate during the year 1974 was not conducive to significantly increased campaign giving. They predicted 1975 would prove to stimulate the need for social agency programs.

The 1975 allocations will include support for programs at three new agencies in the UF package; The Bridge for Runaways, which helps teenagers and parents solve their problems; Ex-Offender Contact Center, a program to help ex-cons find jobs and homes; and the Latin-American Council, which assists Spanish speaking members of the community. UFCS has reserved L-AC funds until the Council can meet all the criteria for UFCS membership.

The UFCS Special Projects Fund will support at least two new projects in 1975. One is the Big Sister program for young girls in need of adult companionship, which will be administered by D.A. Budgett Homes for Children. The second experimental program comes for the Legal Aid Society, where a lawyer will be hired to assist the working poor with legal problems.

Senior citizens in Kent County will get the benefit of money in two UF agencies next year. Senior Neighbors, Inc., will receive operating expenses for three new centers slated to open in 1975. The Voluntary Action Center will get funds from UFCS to match federal money for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Other expansion programs within UF agencies include an expansion of services from the Salvation Army, which will have new facilities for their welfare department, where needy families can procure food, clothing, appliances and furniture. The Salvation Army also expects to have in operation next year an apartment to furnish overnight shelter for transient families. UF money will not pay for the buildings, but will provide operating expenses.

No UFCS agencies expect to curtail programs next year, since the amount raised in the UF Campaign will cover increased and inflationary costs.

Taxi License

The Lowell City Council Monday night, approved an application for license to operate a taxi service, contingent upon the applicant's meeting all other requirements. John McKinley, the applicant and a former school bus driver, said he would be operating the service from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 a.m. McKinley said he felt there was a need for such a service and wants "to give it a try." Rates would compare to those charged by other cities, he said. Rates will be published at a later date.

Improvement of several of the City's streets and the construction of sidewalks in areas now devoid of a place to walk, especially for the safety of school children on the west side, was again an agenda item at Monday night's Council meeting. Discussion centered on how the program could be financed. No action was taken, but the matter appeared to be due for further consideration.

Councilwoman Laura Rogers said something should be done about sidewalks in the St. Mary and Bushnell schools' area—"regardless of what is done about street improvement."

Court Action Is Dropped

An 11-year-old Lowell boy whose father filed suit earlier this year, claiming his son was being denied an education, is back in school and the court action has been dropped.

Robert C. Spickler of 13245 Grand River Dr. SE, said his son, Daniel, had not been enrolled in school since being expelled October 29, 1973, from a special education class.

Attorney H. David Soet said the suit has been dropped because Danny, an emotionally disturbed child, now is enrolled in the Kent Education Center, a day school program for emotionally impaired students.

The Kent County Association for Retarded Children was aiding the court action financially. Under the Mandatory Special Education Act of 1971 (Act 198) school districts must provide an education for handicapped youngsters up to age 25.

Joseph J. Noorthoek, assistant superintendent of the Kent Intermediate School District, a codefendant with the Lowell school system, said an agreement was reached with the Spickler family, including arrangements for certain religious matters and periodic meetings between the parents and a school social worker.

Danny had been expelled by Lowell school officials following a number of violent actions, they said. At the time, he was enrolled in a new class for emotionally impaired youngsters. The boy earlier was a resident of St. John's Home and had been a special education student in Grand Rapids.

Lowell officials claimed they had no appropriate program in which to place Danny after he was expelled.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS — Hair dryers, \$5 and up. Curling irons, Shaving Mugs, RK and Redden gift sets. Hair styling gift certificates. Man's World, 897-8102. c35-37

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



All Lowell Area Schools will recess for Christmas vacation following classes this Friday, December 20. They will return to the class rooms on Monday, January 6.

The annual Band and Choral Christmas Concert, directed by Paul Balsam and Robert Rice, will be presented at the Lowell High School gymnasium this Thursday night, December 19, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to this concert.

The Deb Shop at 100 W. Main, Lowell, will be open this Friday night, 7 to 9 p.m. for Men's Night. Dad, this is your chance to shop for mom. Refreshments will be served.

Royce I. Story, prominent local businessman and life-long area resident, informed the Ledger this week that he is associated with the Westdale Company of Grand Rapids, the nation's largest realtors. Story is an independent self-employed contractor and will represent the Westdale firm in the Lowell, Aito, Ada and Saranac areas.

Having completed all the requirement courses for this new field of endeavor, Mr. Story is ready to discuss all phases of real estate with you.

The holiday issue of the Ledger (December 26 and January 2) combined will go to press early, enabling our employees to spend the holidays with their families. May each of you have a very happy holiday.

CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS—A public hearing will be held before the Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen's Advisory Committee, Monday, December 23, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall. The purpose of the Hearing will be to listen to all interested persons on the proposal of the Planning Commission to amend Ordinance No. 73, known as the City Zoning Code, to restrict the storage of mobile homes, campers, travel trailers, boats, boat-trailers, etc., within the residential district.

Santa Claus will be at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street Friday, December 20, between 6 and 8:30 p.m. with free candy canes for the kids. His last visit to the store before Christmas will be Monday, December 23 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

A juvenile shoplifter was apprehended Friday at Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street. He was turned over to the custody of his parents by Lowell Police Officers.

Three hit and run accidents have been put in the closed case file by the Lowell Police Department. Two of the accident reports investigated were solved the same day they happened, and the other case occurred two weeks ago.

Involved in hitting a parked car on West Main Street last Wednesday, near Riverside Drive, was Angelia Schwachs of Lowell.

The parked vehicle was owned by Gordon Kelly, also of Lowell.

Miles Fredenburg and his seven passengers were not hurt in an accident on Kissing Rock Road, near 36th Street, Friday afternoon.

Following the crash, the Fredenburg vehicle caught on fire, and the Lowell Fire Department was called to the scene.

Linda Koehn, Marina Adams and 7-month-old Abe Adams of Lowell were hospitalized following a two-car collision on West Main at Hudson last Tuesday afternoon.

Driver of the second vehicle involved was Mary Greenwald of Lowell, who was not injured.

The accident occurred when the Greenwald car was hit broadside as it was making a left hand turn in front of the Koehn car.

As everyone will be very busy during Christmas week and through to New Years, the Lowell Senior Center will be closed from December 23 through January 1.

If you need any of the services rendered by the Center, you can reach some one of us by calling one of the following numbers: 897-5169, Howard Clack; 897-5506, Mildred Dippel; 897-7241, Ernest Bennett; or 897-8565, Emory Bowen.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

The Spoorstra and J.R.B. Insurance Agencies of Lowell will be closed December 25, 26, 27 and 28 for Christmas vacation.

They will be open December 30 for business as usual.

Not Too Late To Mail Cards For Christmas

Though suggested "mail early" dates for Christmas greetings have come and gone, it's still not too late for cards and letters to be delivered by Christmas if mailed promptly, Lowell Postmaster Charles Doyle said today.

"Most local residents already have mailed for Christmas," he said. "However, those who haven't should do so as soon as possible. Our goal is to have all mail available up to normal cut-off time on Tuesday, December 24 distributed and delivered that day."

To help speed the mail along its way, Postmaster Doyle urged all to provide an accurate and legible address, including the ZIP Code.

Snowmobile Trail Signs Posted

The opening date for the Western Michigan Snowmobile Trial, originally scheduled for December 1, was delayed until Monday, December 16, according to Roger A. Matthews, trail chairman of the Western Michigan Snowmobile Council.

"The delay, caused by problems in obtaining the steel posts and aluminum trail markers, has been solved, and when enough snow falls (4 or more inches) the trail can be used for traffic," said Matthews.

"There must definitely be four or more inches of snow on the trail, before it can be used," Matthews cautioned, and no wheeled vehicles will be allowed.

"We've had a couple of complaints from landowners that motorcycles have been trespassing where the trail goes through," Matthews explained, "and the Department of Natural Resources' rules specifically forbid any wheeled vehicles on this trail, and the landowners have the authority to prosecute violators."



Snow machines approaching M-21, near the East City limits of Lowell, from the south, will be greeted by safety signs.



Snowmobilers using the new Western Michigan Snowmobile Council's cross-country trail, will travel through the City of Lowell, on the fringes of the East Side, and exit over the upper bridge on Division Street. Newly posted signs will help them safely through the area.

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In keeping with a tradition that encompasses more than a quarter of a century, Western Michigan University's Department of Music presented its annual "Christmas gift concert" to the community on December 15.

A WMU student from this area performing in the concert was Charles King of 555 Honey Creek Avenue, Ada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles King.

Marine Pvt. Thomas C. VanVlerah, son of Mrs. Shirley A. Seibel of 1539 Robinson Road, SE, reported for duty with the 2d Marine Division at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Navy Lieutenant (junior grade) Kenneth L. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Sanders of 1617 Woodlawn SE, was promoted to his present rank while serving with Patrol Squadron 24 at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.

A 1972 graduate of Michigan State University at East Lansing, he joined the Navy in March 1972.

Mrs. Charles (Bessie) Clarke of Lowell is in the Grotium Hospital in Alma.

Miss Meredith Lite has been released from Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, and is recuperating at home from hepatitis, and a vocal chord disorder. Her address is 539 Lansing Road, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.

It's anniversary time for Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup, December 25; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clack, December 27; Mr. and Mrs. George Bakken, December 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Booth, December 30.

Returning to the Air Force Base at Omaha, Nebraska recently were S/Sgt. and Mrs. Michael H. Fosburg and Craig, after spending three weeks at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Fosburg and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Wigfield of Saranac.

Marine PFC Richard A. Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil I. Nash of 1244 Three Mile, graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Mrs. Mabel Scott is a patient at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

A reception in honor of newly elected members to the YMCA Board and retiring Board Members was held December 11 at the home of Rommie and Ellen Moore.

Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bryan, Fred Albana, Betty Elzinga, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Hahn, Margaret Hoats, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nowak, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Detmers, Gordon Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ketterer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herb VanderBilt, and Mrs. Don Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brace.

Mr. Brace, General Director of the Grand Rapids YMCA, spoke to the group about the opportunities and responsibilities of a YMCA Board Member.

Belated birthday wishes to Tom Heintzleman, December 15, and Bill Heintzleman, December 17.

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If you notice a friend in your neighborhood toy department who suddenly looks official, she may be one of the hundreds of volunteer consumer deputies beginning the pre-Christmas search for toys banned by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Since 1970 about 1,700 dolls, rattles, mechanical animals, and other toys used by children have been banned. But getting them completely off store shelves is a bigger chore. Last year's deputies spotted and had removed 1,200 banned toys in visits to 1,400 stores.

ROMAN FIND

A defensive ditch, about eight feet deep and encircling about 50 acres of the Roman town at Brampton, in Norfolk, England, has been discovered by archaeologists.

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Postal Related Product Gifts

The answer to busy last minute holiday gift shopping may be found at the Lowell Post Office when buying stamps or mailing parcels.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle noted that up to two dozen philatelic and other postal-related products are now on sale at the post office, most of them at less than 55¢.

The product lineup: New stamp collecting kits at \$2 each on subjects of space, animals, sports, birds and butterflies, and art and music; Mint sets containing one of every commemorative stamp issued in 1974, \$3.50; 1973 mint sets are \$3.00 each; Stamp and Stories, a 240-page paperback book of stamp illustrations, stories and catalog values, \$2.

A postage affixer, which holds rolls of 100 and 500 stamps and automatically "licks" and sticks stamps on envelopes, \$10.95. A pocket scale to weigh letters and determine postage, \$1.98.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell held a Children's Christmas party with 19 children in attendance. They made ornaments to decorate the tree. The luncheon consisted of potato chips, banana nut bread, gingerbread men and punch. Bags of candy, nuts and oranges and gifts were given out.

Those who helped were Nancy VanderMuir, Jane Anible, Betty Fugitt and Dorothy Anible. Debbie Schack, Jackie Sampson and Penny Coleman won prizes.

Jane's Jabber One Stormy Night

Only the periodic hum of motors running and the whir of tires gripped in the grasp of winter's snow, broke the stillness of the night as we sat entrapped on an expressway during the storm which stranded thousands of motorists last Thanksgiving weekend.

Though there were hundreds of people, both behind and ahead of us, the wind and heavy swirling snow lent a sense of remoteness and isolation from the rest of the world.

After inching along, covering about five miles in seven hours, an endless line of cars were finally brought to a halt. Horse power was no match for the unleashed forces of nature on a stormy rampage.

As the realization filtered down the line that the night was probably going to be spent huddled in our cars, one by one headlights went off and motors stopped, conserving fuel for the long night ahead. The groan of a motor starting, or the beam of headlights would give a momentary rise to hopes that, maybe this time, we would move. The hours ticked by. We each ate two pieces of candy (from a box we had intended as a Christmas present) for it had been a long time since breakfast and it was then almost midnight. I thought of all the stories I'd ever heard about people caught in blizzards and not found until too late. I thought of all the things it would be well to carry in the car in case one were caught in the "worst storm of the century"—such as a blanket... emergency food rations... and last, but not least... a "port o' potty" sales man could have turned a tidy sum if he could have trudged his way through that night.

Suddenly, my silent thoughts were shattered by an unfamiliar and intensifying sound. I rolled down the window—the better to hear—from where in a distance (not eight tiny reindeer) but the grating, glorious sound of a plow drawing near! And then, it passed by, like some giant, dinosaurian monster out of the night. On beyond, clearing a path as it thundered along.

Slowly, we were led by some unseen leader into the near-by town of Milan. People were everywhere. The fire department was the headquarters for all the rescue activity in the area. People on snow-mobles were out in force—transporting motorists from the highway into town. One 75-year-old couple had the ride of their lives that night—each on the back of a snowmobile—as they were bounced across the snow, after reluctantly abandoning their car.

We were directed to park our car and a church bus would pick us up and take us to a church. There we found, not only food and shelter, but the warmth of the good people of the Free Methodist Church of Milan. The hotdogs, soup, sandwiches and coffee were welcomed by all. The church people, serving in the kitchen and performing in many ways to make every one comfortable, continued through the night as groups of motorists were brought in—three or four at a time as the night wore on.

The sanctuary of the church was everything the word implies during those early morning hours—a sanctuary where one could rest and maybe even sleep. And some did—snoring in various pitches and tones, all blending into a sustained burble, now and then punctuated by a "woof" from one of the 24 dogs also seeking solace in sleep and who viewed with disdain isvng that sleep disturbed.

Four hundred souls slept that night, on the pews, under pews, in the chancel, stretched out on a carpeted floor—maybe a bit uncomfortable—but safe and warm.

Perhaps never before—perhaps never again, would those four hundred souls be so prostrated at the altar of God.

Canoeing Maps For The Grand River

Canoe maps on the Grand River from Michigan Center to Grand Haven have been developed by the Michigan Grand River Watershed Council for free public distribution. Four sheets of maps printed on both sides cover the 225 mile stretch through seven counties.

Each of the maps contain information on park location and facilities, bridge crossings, distances between geographic features, estimated travel time between landing sites, and helpful safety first hints for novice and experienced canoeists.

Map No. 1 & 2 goes from Michigan Center to Lansing, Map No. 3 & 4 goes from Lansing to Ionia, Map No. 5 & 6 goes from Ionia to Grand Rapids, and Map No. 7 & 8 goes from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other financial supporters assisted in the expense for printing the maps.

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To Report To Yeoman School

Navy Seaman Recruit Douglas R. Morrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morrell of 513 Forest Hill Avenue, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, and is scheduled to report to Yeoman A. School, Meridian, Mississippi.

During his training, Morrell received instruction in seamanship, military regulations, fire fighting, close order drill, first aid and Navy history.

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Area Deaths

JAMES COLSON

James Elmer Colson, aged 80, of Spring Valley Trailer Park, Rockford, a Veteran of WWI, passed away December 15 in Kent Community Hospital.

Mr. Colson fell at his home three weeks ago breaking his hip and collar bone. Surviving are three daughters and two sons, Miss Maxine Colson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Wilda Ann Stark of Cedar Springs, George and John of Saranac, Ernest of Charlotte, Fred of Branch, two sisters, Mrs. Anna Miller of Sumner and Miss Mary Sterick of Lowell; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 14, at the Roth-Gerst Chapel with the Reverend John Eversole officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

OSCAR STERZICK

Oscar Sterzick, age 80, of 12660-52nd Street, Lowell, passed away Wednesday, December 11. Mr. Sterzick is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Losey of Dutton, five brothers, Charles and David of Lowell, John of Saranac, Ernest of Charlotte, Fred of Branch, two sisters, Mrs. Anna Miller of Sumner and Miss Mary Sterick of Lowell; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 14, at the Roth-Gerst Chapel with the Reverend John Eversole officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

CHARLES TENEYCK

Charles Harold Teneyck, aged 81, passed away December 10 at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, Lowell.

Surviving are his wife, Florence E.; two daughters, Mrs. Gretchen Blankenbaker of Solano Beach, California, Mrs. Catherine Walters of Cincinnati, Ohio; two granddaughters; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Potter of Whitmore Lake, Mich., Mildred Morgan of Hastings, Mrs. Helen Stedman of Ionia; two brothers, Richard of Lowell, James H. of Rockford; several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of East Congregational Church, Grand River Lodge No. 34 F&AM, and Wearsacks No. 3174.

Services under auspices of the Lodge were held Friday, Dr. Russell McConnell of East Congregational Church, officiating. Interment Middleville Cemetery.

OLIVER PETERSON

A retired Alto area farmer, Oliver R. Peterson, aged 71, of 11928-84th St., passed away December 11.

Mr. Peterson is survived by his wife, Helen; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Weeks of Alto; one son, Jim Peterson of Alto; two brothers, Max of Ceresco, Mich., and Lloyd of Bangor, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Roth-Gerst Chapel in Lowell, at 3 p. m. with the Rev. John Eversole officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

REX ANTHONY

Funeral services for Rex F. Anthony, an Ada merchant for 36 years and well-known Mason, were held Monday in the Metcalf Mortuary chapel in Grand Rapids, with interment being made in the Ada Cemetery.

Mr. Anthony, 90, formerly of Ada, died December 13 at the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mr. Anthony attended public schools here and Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. He moved to Ada in 1897, and was a mailman there until opening a general store in 1914. He retired in 1950.

Postmaster and life member of Ada Lodge No. 280 F&AM, Mr. Anthony also was a life member of the Hooker Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Lowell, the DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, Saladin Temple Shrine and the DeWitt-Clinton Comity.

WILLIAM GIBBS

William B. Gibbs of 3145 Colchester Drive, S.E., Ada (Cascade), died December 16 on admittance to Blodgett Memorial Hospital. He was 57 years old.

Services were held Wednesday at the Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial followed in Garfield Park Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Louise, he leaves a son, Dale; three daughters, Mrs. Jennie O'Mara of Grand Rapids, Janine and Sarah of Cascade; six grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Gibbs of Grand Rapids; and a brother, Gordon of Indianapolis, Indiana.

FLORA HOOPER

Mrs. Flora B. Hooper, aged 90, who formerly resided in Clarksville and at 404 Emmons St., Caledonia, and recently had made her home with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rodgers at 10581-76th Street, Alto, passed away December 15 in Kent Community Hospital.

Also surviving are several nephews, nieces and cousins and one sister-in-law.

Mrs. Hooper reposed at the Jack R. Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Caledonia where services were held Wednesday. Interment Clarksville Cemetery.

ORA LEE KINYON

A life-long resident of the Alto area, Mrs. Ora Lee (Dyger) Kinyon passed away December 14 at the age of 36.

Mrs. Kinyon for many years served as a leader of the Stone Corners 4-H Clubs and attended the Caledonia School System. She resided at 6836 Snow Avenue, Alto.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kinyon were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Edwin Douse, Whiteville Church of Jesus Christ, officiating. She was interred in Bowne Center Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; a son, Patrick; a daughter, Lori; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dyger of Alto; three sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Lynda) Colburn, Mrs. Richard (Judy) Merklinger and Lorna Van Zoeren, all of Lowell.

JOSEPH NEATH, JR.

Joseph M. Neath Jr., aged 46, 9729 Conservation Road, Lowell, passed away unexpectedly December 11.

He is survived by his wife, Ardith; his mother, Mrs. Joseph (Grace) Neath, Sr., Wadsworth, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the O'Brien-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Donald Carney officiating. Interment Finley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Morris Animal Foundation, 531 Guaranty Bank Bldg., Denver, Colorado.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It is disheartening, and destructive to my faith in the basic democratic process, to learn that a few of our citizens are willing, even eager, to use misconceptions and half-truths, without checking out facts, to vilify dedicated public servants and to oppose programs with which they have personal disagreement.

While every Council decision may not be Divinely Guided and while we do not and should not always agree, every Council member with whom I've served for the past six years (and I believe for some years before) has been willing to give freely of his time and knowledge for only one reason: to represent our citizens and taxpayers best interests to the best of his (or her) conscientious ability. There is very little real compensation or glory in the job. Accolades are few, criticism abounds and is unavoidable. It is probably for this reason that willing candidates for the office are very scarce. Vociferous critics would do well to fight constructively, by campaigning for office rather than destructively by name-calling and using questionable language in the public press!

It strikes me as strange and unjustifiable that people who are not personally acquainted with me, who can have no direct knowledge of my personal integrity or circumstances, feel themselves qualified to pass judgment on my personal motives. While it may be common knowledge that I do have a pilot's license, the writer obviously does not know that I have done no flying for more than two years, and there is a possibility I may never personally fly again. Further, I represent no special interest group, and have no financial interest in any business or property near the airport. In any case, my personal benefit is not at all a factor in my interest in airport improvement.

My motives in support of airport development are these:

1. As appointed chairman of the City Airport Committee, it has been my responsibility, on behalf of the people, to work with state and federal authorities toward implication of their plans for the Lowell City Airport. As stated before, Lowell is specifically designated on the federal National Airport Plan as a site for a small, full-service, (and safe) airport.

2. I am wholeheartedly in favor of, and believe Lowell will be, economic improvement as an independent community, and believe that Lowell Airport development is one means toward that end. I am not in favor of hater-skeeter, unregulated population growth into a large city, but with the planning and zoning programs now in effect, believe that growth can be controlled in a desirable way to improve our whole area.

To those who wish to keep things as they are, or were thirty years ago, I submit that this is impossible. Communities, like people, cannot stand still. They are either improving or deteriorating and support that responsibility of city leaders to promote desirable, planned growth and to discourage the haphazard, undesirable kind.

My past flights into the well-developed airports of other smaller communities around the state have proven to me, beyond question, that good airports can be a strong and important factor in economic development. If the skeptics are open-minded enough to be shown, I believe that flights to some of these communities could be arranged which would show them firsthand that this is true.

I have personally discussed the airport project with many area citizens. I have, on a face-to-face basis, had many more words of encouragement and support than of opposition. In fact, to date, only one individual has directly stated his opposition and he has a direct financial interest at stake.

To correct another misconception—the airport, as it stands, has taken very little taxpayers' money to build. Most of the land was donated, and all buildings have been constructed with private funds. The city's lease agreements provide for eventual revision of these buildings to city ownership. Instead of being critical, citizens should be grateful that they own a valuable facility for almost no investment.

No increase in taxes to finance the expansion project will be necessary. The ultimate cost to the city will be small, controllable, and will hardly dent the budget. In effect, the federal and state governments will give to the people of the City of Lowell a half-million dollar facility in exchange for a small matching contribution and co-operation and acceptance. If the citizens understand that fact, and the potential economic and transportation convenience advantages, and there are still a majority willing to reject the project, I am sure the Council and I would go along with their wishes.

If there is no foreseeable need, as some contend, why would the federal aviation authorities be willing to invest so many dollars here? These people are experts, and have the responsibility for planning transportation needs of the whole nation far into the future. I believe that they can see the forests, while locally, we look at trees.

Safety of our airport was mentioned. This is another valid argument in favor of development. Rigid federal guidelines will govern the planning and construction so that the highest possible standards of safety will have to be met. Air and noise pollution and environmental impact effects standards must be met. If they cannot be, it will not be constructed, at least at this site.

With this point I agree: Let me and your Council people know how you stand, and why, on this and any other important issues. We are desirous in serving your needs and best interests!

Sincerely,
Dr. Herbert R. Mueller,
Chairman
Lowell Airport Committee

PURCHASE RUNNING BEHIND IN CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

A recent fund raising campaign report issued by the Michigan Lung Association shows that Christmas Seal purchases are running behind last year's pace. This is true for both the Grand Valley Region, which is composed of Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa Counties, and the state organization which includes all other counties except Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Genesee.

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Students Entertain Woman's Club

The Lowell Woman's Club enjoyed their Christmas meeting and program December 11, in the lounge of the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

President Mrs. Irma Richmond opened the meeting with the standard ceremonies, and the program chairman Mrs. V.L. Watts introduced two students from Lowell Senior High School.

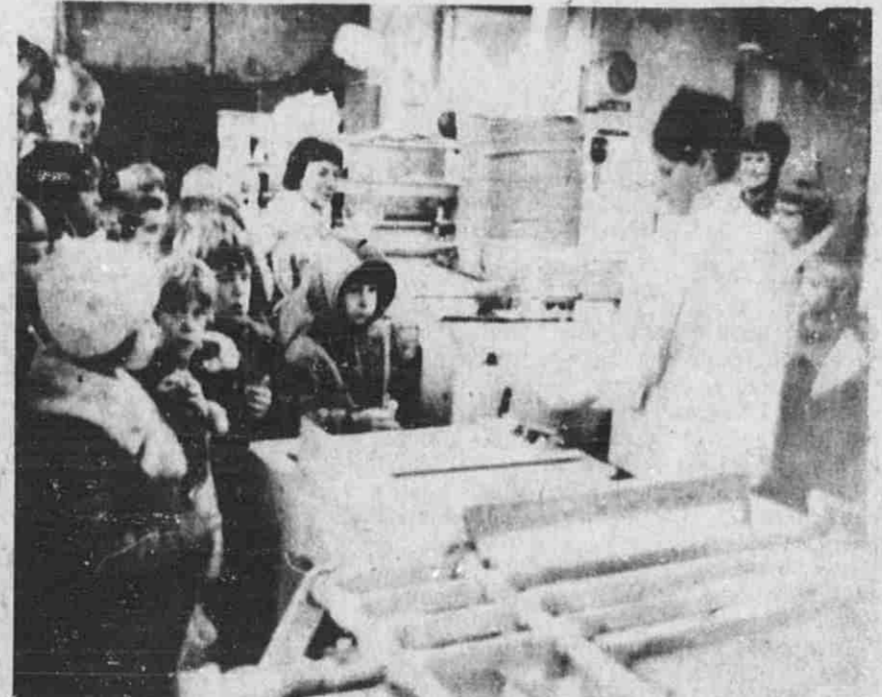
Joy Singh, with her clarinet, and Barbara Sterzick, with her flute, played a duet, "Gigue" by Bach, followed by two solos by Miss Sterzick, "On Christmas Night" and "Christ is Born, the Holy Child," and accompanying herself on the piano. Many thanks to these two students for their time and talent.

Mrs. Watts then introduced the Rev. John Eversole from the Alto United Methodist Church, who gave a very interesting talk on Christmas and its meaning—the magic and fun and work—and the blessings of the day, Christ was born and we still say "Peace on earth, good will to man."

Mrs. Leo Denny showed many gifts and decorations that were brought in for the guests at Cherry Creek Nursing Home.

The afternoon was completed with tea and a social hour under the organization of the tea committee of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Bieri, and Mrs. DeVries.

Studying Aspects Of Community Life



As part of the Social Studies program, Mrs. Lane's second grade class at Runciman Elementary School has been studying the various aspects of community life. With the aid of Miss Karla Otto, student teacher from Michigan State University, one unit of special focus was placed on the wide variety of workers required in a community. In addition to the usual occupations, such as policemen, firemen, postmen and doctors, discussion also centered on less known occupations and careers.

As a culmination to this study, a trip was taken to the Holland-American Wafer Company. Here, the children, along with Mr. Venema, Mrs. John Free, Miss Otto and Mrs. Lane, observed the many diversified skill and workers needed to produce a single product—the wafer cookie. As a bonus, Mr. Tom Troeger, who conducted the tour, presented the class with a variety of Holland-American's wafer products. For the children, as well as the adults, it was a most enlightening and rewarding experience.

Sunde Wins Piccolo Award

Milt Sunde, offensive guard for the Minnesota Vikings, is winner of the 1974-75 YMCA Piccolo Award for Humanitarian Services. The award is presented each year to an outstanding athlete who uses his position and influence as a sport celebrity for humanitarianism. Sunde, known in the Twin City Area as a "big guy with a big heart," has a long list of community interests.

In accepting this prestigious trophy Mr. Sunde made a few remarks. He pointed out that professional athletes have a variety of opportunities, such as making TV commercials, etc., to make personal gain. However, athletes also have another type of opportunity. The opportunity for service to others. He said that many athletes give openly and freely of their time to good causes. His public service activities began while playing college football for the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Sunde said that he appreciates the service of the YMCA. The Y also has an international service program throughout the world. Sunde has been active in the Bloomington, Minnesota, Jaycees and YMCA. In concluding his remarks, Sunde said: "I'm now in my 11th year with the Minnesota Vikings and won't be playing professional football too many more years. One thing I may miss is the opportunity to become involved in these causes because of my exposure as a pro athlete.

"However, one thing I will never miss because I cannot lose it, is the satisfaction I have received in helping to make someone else's life hopefully, a little richer or better. I guess service to others, volunteerism or whatever one calls it, is like most everything worthwhile; you get as much out of doing as you put into doing. This is the biggest lesson I have learned in life to date."

MIRROR OF OPINION:

POSTAL PARASITES

Beginning (soon), the Postal Service warns, it will no longer deliver letters with postage due. They will be returned to the sender or go to the dead letter office. A number of utility companies and other merchants, it seems, have complained of a growing trend among customers to mail in their checks postage due. This may be a tempting way to take revenge for the tendency of merchants to send bigger bills; but the merchants have begun to get wise, too, and are beginning to refuse mail with postage due or, worse still, send their bills postage due. The benefits which some people seem to think they get from a permissive society disappear when everybody tries to take advantage of it.

Besides, when a fellow finds he can make somebody else pay for his postage, it is only a matter of time before he graduates to more ambitious forms of cheating. So it's good to know that the Postal Service has undertaken to promote the old-fashioned virtue of paying our own way. Thank goodness, it is one of the few places we still can afford to.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Monda of Grand Rapids announce the birth of a baby girl, Christine Marie, on Tuesday, December 3, weighing 7 lb. 7½ oz.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walt Monda of Sterling Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hoag of Alto.

Christine will join her brother, Matthew, 18 months, at home.

Mrs. Monda is the former Darlene Hoag of Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laux of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their new son, Aaron Matthew on Monday, December 9, at Blodgett Hospital. The new arrival weighed 10 lbs., 14 oz. and 22 inches long.

Mrs. Laux is the former Donna Dilly of this city.

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Holiday Events At Alaska Church

Thursday, December 19, the women's department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alaska, will have a Christmas party at the home of Barbara Clark at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, District Christmas Service at Greenville Branch at 7:30 p.m., the South Central District President will be the guest speaker. The Mona Shores special choir from Muskegon will be participating in the service.

Sunday, December 22, Elder Lloyd LaLone will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. morning worship, using as his theme "The Reign of Peace." At 7 p.m. a Christmas Program, directed by Lloyd DeVormer will feature a play entitled "The Other Wiseman." Fellowship will follow with singing. All are welcome to attend.

Monday night December 23, the Zion's League will go Christmas caroling at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home.

Because of Christmas there will be no Wednesday evening service December 25th.

December 27, 28, 29 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) older youth conference at Northview Branch.

December 29, 30, 31, and January 1 black youth from the inner city of Chicago will be coming. They will put on the service Sunday night, December 29, at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 7:30 p.m. there will be a special Candle Lighting Service. In charge will be Elder Robert Loesch.

Christmas Services

Christmas Sunday Services, December 22, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, will feature the Adult Choir at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. At the earlier service on this special Sunday, a special Junior High retreat will be held. At 11, the service will include the baptism of infants and the reception of new members.

The United Methodist women will host a reception in honor of the new members in Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the service.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:30 p.m., the traditional service of carols, scripture and anthems will be held, with all three choirs singing.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on this Eve. Persons may come and go as they please during those 45 minutes.

Safety Chairman Offers Christmas Safety Rules

Mrs. Herbert R. Mueller of Lowell, Safety Chairman of the Auxiliary to the Michigan Optometric Association offers these general rules for Christmas Safety:

- Keep matches, lighters, candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the house. See that each family member knows what to do.
- Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes—especially long, open sleeves—near the open flames of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.
- Never burn candles near evergreens on a mantelpiece or table. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Their flames can flare out of control sending sparks flying about a room.
- Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

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Married taxpayers filing either joint or separate tax returns should make sure that the social security numbers of both husband and wife appear on the Forms 1040 or 1040A filed, the IRS said today.

Because IRS processing of returns is geared to the social security number, R. L. Plate, district director of Internal Revenue for Michigan, emphasized that a missing or erroneous social security number could lead to a processing delay and a much slower refund.

Correct social security information, Mr. Plate pointed out, ensures that the taxpayer gets full credit for all earnings covered under social security as well as the medicare program. For that reason, any name changes should also be reported to the local Social Security Administration office.

"If your return arrives at the Cincinnati Service Center without proper social security numbers," Mr. Plate said, "our only alternative is to take the return out of the normal mainstream of processing and assign it to a special unit, which must then try to determine the correct number."

"Sometimes this can take weeks," he explained. "If you're waiting for a refund, this can only cause a considerable delay."

To ensure that the social security number is correct, according to Mr. Plate, the taxpayer should first check

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

The next meeting of the Western Chapter of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will be held on Thursday, December 19, 1974 at the Final in Grand Rapids. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., with a reception for the speaker, Benjamin J. Peterson.

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 Musical. Former Pastor Henry Baikuema will lead the hymns.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Hooker Chapter No. 73, RAM, will hold its regular December convocation on December 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Lowell Business & Professional Women's Club will hold their December meeting on December 27, at the home of Delia Smit. This will be a 6:30 p.m. punch bowl, with dinner following. We will have a white elephant gift exchange.

NOTICE:

The Senior Center is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Hawaii, starting January 23rd. Anyone interested, call or write the Senior Center, 214 E. Main Street, Phone 897-5250. c37-38

Christmas At Nazarene Church

The annual Sunday School Christmas service at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene will be given during the 11 a.m. service next Sunday, preceded by the usual Sunday School hour beginning at 10 a.m. There will be classes for adults, while the children organize for their service, which includes recitations, skits and music.

Mrs. Harry Weimer is director of this service with all the Children's Department teachers as assistants. During the evening service at 7 p.m. the choir will present the cantata "Rejoice, O Earth" by Joe Parks. Included in the service will be a sax duet by Clyde Newell and Jesse Roberts. Mrs. Warren Holcomb directs the choir; Bonnie Batterbee is pianist; Harry Weimer is the narrator.

All are welcome to enjoy these services and thereby help celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, Pastor Holcomb states.

Masons Install 1975 Officers

The Lowell Masonic Lodge held an open installation of officers for the ensuing club year at their lodge Saturday evening, December 14, at 8 p.m.

Following the installation, a reception was held for the new officers and their guests at the Lowell V.F.W. Hall.

Serving the lodge as Worshipful Master will be Olen Miller. Major Bogert will be the Senior Warden and Allen Carroll will serve as Junior Warden.

Other Masons to take office were Dave Miller, Secretary; Orval Jessup, treasurer; Tilden Pinkney, Senior Deacon; Ray Garbula, Marshall; Peter Hall and Richard Wilson, Stewards; and Richard Himelne, Tyler.

OPEN LETTER from DAVID GERST

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Arrows Bounce Back To Win In Hockey

The Lowell High School Red Arrows Hockey team overcame a 2-0 Forest Hills advantage with three second-period goals from their hustling offense to win their second game.

Lowell goalie John Pollice prevented Forest Hills from breaking the game open on many good saves while Mark Ries hit the first Arrow goal on a wrist shot

after skating in from mid-ice.

At the 10:24 mark Tom Wingeler's slap shot from the blue line tied the count. With less than five minutes left, wing Troy O'Neil stole the puck in the Ranger zone, eluded a pair of defenders and deftly lofted his shot over the goalie's stick for the winning goal.

Dec. 21	Sat.	10 p.m.	Union vs. Lowell
Dec. 28	Sat.	7 p.m.	Lowell vs. Ottawa
Jan. 4	Sat.	9 p.m.	Catholic Cen. vs. Lowell
Jan. 8	Wed.	9:30 p.m.	Lowell vs. Grandville
Jan. 18	Sat.	8 p.m.	Kenowa Hills vs. Lowell

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The Grand Rapids Track Club held a road run at Forest Hills Northern High School Saturday and crowned five class champions with a total of 41 runners taking part in the action.

The winner of the 1.5 mile-and-a-half run was Brenda Lucas in a time of 5:07. Dave Watters ran an 8:41 to capture the one-and-one-half mile junior high school boys competition, and the four mile high school boys event went to Phil Vannette in 21:12.

The six-mile men's open was taken in a time of 34:00 by Dave Bigelow and Jack Bannick turned a six mile course in 33:39 for first place in the over-30 men's division.

The next scheduled road run for the Track Club is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on December 28 at Grandville High School.

Central Montcalm won its Tri-Central League basketball game against Saranac last Friday night and moved into a tie for first place with Lakewood.

All Central Montcalm needed was the first quarter. By the end of that period the Green Hornets led by a 22-2 margin, and that was just the beginning of the 84-42 romp over Saranac.

Everybody scored for the winners Friday, and Central Montcalm made few mistakes. Saranac, on the other hand, never found the range as John Hubbard with 13 points was the only player for the losers to hit double figures.

A torrid 21 point third quarter aided by a cold Kelloggville quintet during the same span handed the Rangers of Forest Hills Central their second league win last Friday night, 61 to 52.

Kelloggville, gunning for a major upset, held the Rangers to a 17-all score at the end of the first period. Then Jeff Vriezema and Kurt Bultema combined to give the Rockets a 38-27 halftime lead.

Forest Hills went into a pressing defense and scored 21 points, while holding the losers to only two and held a 49-40 edge going into the final eight minutes.

Tom Zuiderveen led the victors with 18 points and 17 rebounds while Bill Dangl and Tom Keller had 10 each.

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A fast start helped the visiting Forest Hills Northern Huskies to remain in a tie for first place in the O-K White Basketball Conference.

The Huskies zoomed into a 22-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and 39-12 at the intermission, going on to beat Kenowa 72-55.

But Kenowa didn't fold and started to fight back in the second half as the Knights managed to score 27 points in the fourth quarter.

Rod Lanning led the Huskies with 20 points and Jack Lane had 10.

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Moose Team Hustles To Win

Hustle. That's the name of the game for the Lowell Moose when it confronts Eastern League foes in the Grand Rapids Recreation basketball program.

Steve Detmers showed it as he rejected nearly every shot directed his way. Leo Hardin showed it by scoring 10 quick points off the bench. The entire team showed it as they deployed a relentless Celtics-type press throughout the contest. Michigan Bell Construction felt the effects of hustle as they fell to the Moose, 72-35.

The Moose gained an early lead on the shooting strength of Craig Wittenbach and Denny DeWitt and the rebounding of Rusty Steffens and Gary Sherman. Once the advantage was gained, a gambling "run-and-gun" offense and a scrappy defense put the game away.

Wittenbach, DeWitt, and Steffens again led the scoring parade with 22, 16, and 14 points, respectively. The Moose improved their record to 2-0 with the victory, and now stand tied with the tough Pioneer squad atop their league.

Topp Is The Winning Name

With festive hearts and huge appetites, over 100 Flat River Snowmobile Club members and guests appeared at the clubhouse last Sunday morning to partake of the pancake breakfast. Marcie Sheck and her crew are to be congratulated for another successful event. One cook was heard to remark that he has not had so much fun in ages.

The highlight of the day was the snowmobile drawing. Lucky John Topp was the winner. If Kemosabi keeps doing those 5 a.m. sno-dances maybe John and the rest of us can soon use our sleds.

Door prizes went to Ramona Griffith, Polly Souser, and Joe Griffith.

The next meeting will be held January 19 with another pancake breakfast.

If there is snow, the clubhouses will be open every weekend for the winter months. Also, a New Year's Eve Party will be held for members and guests.

Viking Champs Beat Lowell

Last Friday night the Lowell Red Arrows traveled to Lakewood High School to take on last year's Tri-River Champions, the Lakewood Vikings. The Vikings, a very strong offensive team, were held to only 21 points in the first half by the aggressive defense of the Arrow quintet.

The first quarter saw very little scoring for either team, with the Arrows trying out a successful stall offense on the Vikings. At one point near the end of the third quarter the Arrows were down by only 2 points.

The Arrows scored 14 points in the first half, and 26 in the second. Leading the Red Arrow scoring was Craig Anderson with 12, followed closely by Gil Fonger with 11 and Scott Phillips with 8. Freshman Tom Kemper netted 8 for Lowell.

The Vikings out-rebounded the Arrows 21-31, with Craig Anderson grabbing 12 for the Lowell team.

Lowell had a better percentage on the free throw line, hitting for 14 out of 19 free shots, with Lakewood hitting for 14 out of 21. From the floor, however, Lakewood shot for 44%, while Lowell shot for only 29%.

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After a turnover-filled game, which saw the Red Arrows down for most of it, and only three seconds left on the clock, Joe Callier sunk a 15 ft. shot which enabled the J.V.'s to defeat the Lakewood Vikings on their own court, 49-48. This victory put the Arrow J.V. record at 3-2.

The Vikings scored 20 field goals to the Arrow's 19, but the difference came with Lowell hitting for 11 free throws to Lakewood's 8.

High scorer for the game was Kent Blair of Lakewood with 26. For the Arrows, Freshman Warren Church hit for 17 points, and grabbed 15 rebounds. Joe Callier netted 10 for the Red Arrows, followed closely by Jeff Oesch with 9.

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Quite A Menu . . .

Mrs. Polly Souser of Lowell, recently came across the following Christmas dinner menu for the shipmates aboard the U.S.S. Michigan, in the Naval Yard, New York, in 1911:

Olives, Celery, Sweet Pickles, Oyster Soup, Crisp Crackers.
Roast Young Turkeys, Oyster Dressing, Cranberry Jelly, Giblet Gravy, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Creamed Potatoes, French Pease, Asparagus Tips in Cream Sauce.
Lettuce Salad, Mayonnaise Dressing, Assorted Pies, Plum Pudding, Lemon Sauce.
Fancy Cakes, Raisins, Mixed Nuts, Apples, Oranges, and Cafe Noir.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

At a time when inflation and recession are making it tough for families to fill the supermarket food basket, it seems odd to read forecasts of a steady uptrend in the volume of things bought that end up in the family wastebasket.

Nonetheless, this is the case. As Conservation News reports, the average American now producing 5.3 pounds of trash and garbage a day, is expected to account for eight pounds by 1980.

One clear prospect for curbing waste is national legislation to encourage a return to reusable containers. Oregon has such a bill, which features a five-cent deposit on all containers, a ban on flip-top cans, and encouragement for standardizing container shapes and sizes. Litter in the state has dropped substantially in two years and there has been no overall loss in jobs or business. Many states are thinking of following Oregon's lead.

The local governments in metropolitan Washington are also considering a container-recycling law. Adoption would make Washington the first urban center to try such a program—and would set an example for a Congress that has thus far sat on a container bill submitted by Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield.

The public generally is not aware of how much their higher food bills reflect higher "convenience" packaging costs. A case of beverage in nonreturnable containers may cost 80 cents more than one in returnable bottles. Further, energy savings of 50 to 85 percent—enough to meet the electrical needs of 2.5 million people—could be achieved by a nationwide switch to returnables.

Already, a ton of city wastes contains an average of \$150 in recoverable aluminum, steel, and glass. Container-use trends suggest that the number of beverage containers in use each year will climb from 56 billion today to 80 billion by 1980—with a corresponding hike in energy, waste collection, and unit beverage costs, as well as litter. Reports of short-term drops in demand for recycled materials such as waste paper, due largely to the recession, do not indicate the long-term prospects for recycling.

It is only consistent for a nation attempting to tight-

en its belt against inflation and waste to include a national container-recycling policy as part of its conservation program.

For anyone who still thinks cancer is always fatal, the American Cancer Society reports that there are 1.5 million Americans alive today who are cured of cancer. They know that cancer is most curable when caught early and you should too. So have a yearly checkup.

Cut Clothing Expenses With Smart Shopping

With the cost of everything going up, up, up, many families are looking for ways to cut down and finding that clothing expenses are easier to adjust than some others.

"Cutting back on clothing costs may take some compromising, however," says Bernetta Kahabka, Extension clothing and textiles specialist at Michigan State University. "Somehow you have to reach a happy medium between what you want, what you need and what you can afford to spend."

To know what you or your family need, find out first what you have on hand, Miss Kahabka suggests. Look for new ways to combine or revamp old garments to give them a new look.

Try to figure out why certain items of clothing have been languishing unworn in the back of the closet. Is the style or color wrong for you? Have you changed sizes so the garment no longer fits? Is it out of style?

Questions like these will help you start thinking about just what clothing features are important to you, Miss Kahabka says. Care requirements, color, comfort, durability, fashion styling, safety, size workmanship—the relative importance of these factors will depend on the garment and the way you'll use it.

"Decide what you want in a garment before you start shopping," the specialist suggests. For versatility, think in terms of "go-withs" and separates that mix and match garments you already have. Keep in mind also what you can afford to buy and care for new clothing items. Avoid impulse buying.

To keep your clothing looking good longer, be sure to follow label directions for care.

"With careful buying and proper care, you can have clothing that fits both your needs and your pocket-book," Miss Kahabka declares.

Grapplers Pin Ten To Beat Belding

On Thursday night the Lowell Grapplers traveled to Belding for their first conference match of their season, Lowell won 10-0.

Lowell won 10 out of the 12 weight classes of which all 10 were won with pins. Winning in the first period were: Jeff Rickett with 13 seconds left, Jim Dykstra with 31 seconds left, Bill Heintzleman with 1:16 left, Dave Hendrix with 1:01 left, and Grody Klahn with 1:29 left.

Winning in the second period were: Dan Kropf with 28 seconds left, Bob Jackson with 1:34 left, Roger Graham with 1:45 left, and Bob Grummet with 1:31 left. Winning in the third period was Scott Dykhaus with 19 seconds left.

The JV's also won their match 48-18. Winning on pins were Rick Johnston, Ed Loughlin, Barry Blasher, Lee Radle, Bill Maric, and Don Wosinski.

On Saturday the Grapplers traveled to Kelloggville for the Kelloggville Invitational Tournament.

Participating in the tournament were, Forest Hills Northern, Grand Haven, Grandville, Kenowa Hills, Lowell, Rogers, West Catholic, and Kelloggville.

Grandville finished first with 119 points; Kenowa Hills, second with 81½ points; Lowell, third with 65½ points; Grand Haven, fourth with 52 points; West Catholic, fifth with 48 points; Rogers, sixth with 40½ points; Forest Hills Northern, seven with 27 points; and Kel-

loggville, last with 14 points.

Lowell had one first place finisher, three second place finishers, two third place finishers, and one fourth place finisher.

Jim Dykstra finished first in the 138 weight class. He won his first match 13-4, and his second match with a pin and his final match 6-3.

Dan Kropf finished second in the 98 weight class. He won his first match 7-2, and winning his second match 12-7, and losing his last match 9-5.

Jeff Rickett finished second in the 126 weight class. He won his first match 13-4, and his second match 12-0, and losing his final match 6-0.

Roger Graham finished second in the 132 weight class. He won his first match 6-3, and his second match 8-3, and losing his final match 7-1.

Moose Announce Holiday Schedule

Lowell Moose Lodge No. 809 will be open on Christmas Eve day from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. We will remain closed on Christmas day.

The annual Christmas party for members' children only will be on Sunday, December 22, in the Lodge Club rooms.

On New Years eve, the club hours will be from 10 a.m. until 4 a.m. New Years morning.

Members may bring their friends along as guests to our New Years eve party, but will be asked to pay a cover charge for each guest.

As in the past, on New Years eve, there will be music, dancing, favors and fun. Be sure to attend.

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Lowell will host an invitational wrestling match on Saturday, December 28, with eight schools participating. The first match is scheduled to get underway at 12 noon, with the finals to begin at 7 p.m.

Taking part in the invitational will be teams from Oakridge, Delton, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Union, Belding, Coopersville, Ionia and Lowell.

For the afternoon session admission will be adults, \$1.25, or \$2.00 for the afternoon and evening matches. The student rate will be seventy-five cents.

Ken Minnie

PLANS REDUCED

U.S. businessmen are scaling down their spending plans for the fourth quarter of 1974, the Commerce Department reports.

In its latest survey of intentions by businessmen, the department said it expected outlays in the fourth quarter of this year to increase about 0.5 percent to \$114.4 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. This compares with projections of a 2.8 percent increase reported in September.

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CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 2, 1974.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and an invocation was given by the Mayor.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Councilmembers Hall, Jefferies, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the Minutes of the November 18 meeting be approved with the following addition, supported by Councilman Jefferies.

Page 2, Insert after paragraph 13, "Councilman Jefferies said he opposed the borrowing of \$25,000.00 for airport expansion; 1. No assurance of the additional money needed will be forthcoming from the federal government; 2. We have no option on any of the land needed; 3. No way of determining cost; 3. No further expansion of the airport is possible without a change in zoning."

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilwoman Rogers that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Hall.

Yes: Councilmembers Hall, Jefferies, Mueller, Rogers and Anderson.

No: None.

BILLS & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$14,156.03
Water Fund	35,043.77
Sewer Fund	10,079.15
Major Street Fund	23,794.45
Local Street Fund	11,378.22
Equipment Fund	6,747.68
Improvement Fund	3,500.00
Lee Fund	2,300.00
Storm Sewer Fund	73,000.00
Cemetery Fund	900.00
Airport Development Fund	200.00
Municipal Parks Fund	28.54
Building & Site Fund	724.54
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	115,275.00
Trust & Agency Fund	4,310.10
Total	317,222.22

Council discussed the proposed airport expansion program, and several changes in the Operator's Agreement proposed by the Aeronautics Commission.

Also discussed in connection with the airport was a lease transfer of a hangar by Douglas and Patricia Parker to Gary Miller. Councilman Mueller stated that the Airport Authority had met for revision of the lease and recommended adoption by Council.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilwoman Rogers that the land lease for hangar transfer be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said lease, supported by Councilman Hall.

Carried.

Councilman Mueller then reported on a meeting about airport development, stating that only a lay-out plan was necessary, for local airport development, not a Master Plan. Also, to qualify for the 75% federal reimbursement plan, the City must first have clear title to the land.

Council then discussed the setting of a date for referendum on the sale of bonds for a water treatment facility. Manager Bacon reported that the next regularly scheduled election date being considered by the City would be April 7, however, an earlier date would be more advantageous to the community. February 17 was suggested. The Manager stated that the funding is contingent upon the month of April and if we wait any longer the City could lose it.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Rogers, which was adopted, supported by Councilwoman Rogers:

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell intends to construct a project, and

WHEREAS, notice was published allowing 45 days for filing petitions requesting a referendum, and

WHEREAS, petitions containing signatures of qualified electors sufficient in number have been filed with the City Clerk requesting referendum regarding said project,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lowell as follows:

1. That the petitions filed with the City Clerk requesting referendum are hereby accepted.

2. That the City Council hereby declares that a special election shall be held with regard to the project.

3. That the proposal on the ballot at such Special Election shall be as follows: "Shall the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquisition, construction of water treatment facilities, wells, water supply system and related appurtenances and issue its revenue bonds to be payable solely from the net revenues derived from the operation of said system."

4. That a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Kent County Election Scheduling Committee for their approval and that the date of Monday,

Aerial Photos Now Available

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has aerial photographs that cover every acre of land in Michigan, even all the cities, according to Dorn Diehl, State Executive Director of the Michigan State ASCS Office.

The Michigan State ASCS Office in East Lansing has aerial photographs of the entire State. These photographs are available from 3334' to the inch to 200' to the inch at a cost of from \$2 to \$12.

Each county ASCS office has a set of photographs (scale 1" = 660') covering their county. The photographs are used in connection with the administration of the farm programs. Each farmer in the State is furnished a photocopy(s) (a reproduction of a portion of the photograph) of his farm(s) to help him in his planning and farming operations. Photocopies can be purchased at county ASCS offices for \$1 each.

Diehl said that aerial photographs are being used for

various reasons by many people throughout the State. Examples of the usage made of aerial photographs by those other than farmers are the State Highway Department in planning proposed construction of highways, land developers in planning housing and industrial development sites, gas and power companies in determining proposed gas and power lines, as well as county and State agencies in locating property for tax assessment purposes.

Numerous agencies make use of them in establishing recreational parks and facilities. Students at various colleges and universities use ASCS photographs in obtaining information for geological studies and research.

"A surprisingly large number of sportsmen find these photographs helpful in locating hunting and fishing areas," Diehl said.

New photographs are flown every seven or eight years on a rotating basis, with eight to twelve counties in the State being flown each year.

Anyone interested in purchasing a photograph for their personal use can obtain order blanks and assistance in ordering from any county ASCS office or the State ASCS office. The most popular size is the 24" x 24" 1" = 660' (8 inches = 1 mile) at a cost of \$6.

All orders for Michigan photographs are sent to the ASCS Eastern Photographic Laboratory in Asheville, North Carolina. Allow three to four weeks for delivery.

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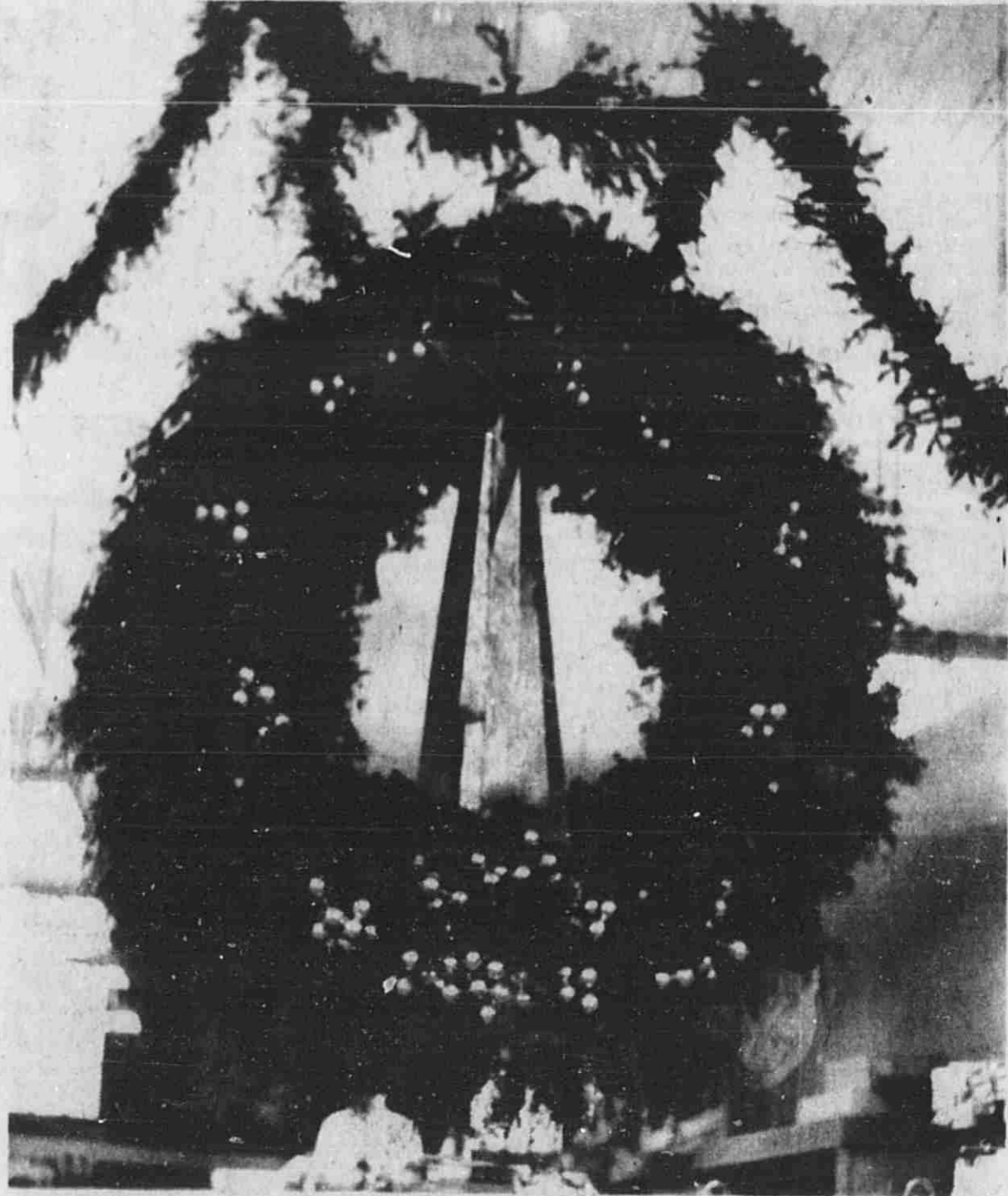
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NEW YEARS EVE MUSICAL

The Forest Hills Community Reformed Church at 4637 Ada Drive, SE, will present an inspirational night of music on Tuesday, December 31, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Refreshments will be served continuously during those hours.

Those performing will be: The Staffmen, Watchmen Quartet, Calvary Quartet, The King's Messengers, The Landheer Family, The Penningas, Gary Rich, and others.



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MOVIE INDUSTRY BOOMS WHEN ECONOMY SPUTTERS

There's no business like show business, according to the Irving Berlin anthem, and that may help explain why the movie industry is thriving while the rest of the nation's economy is in the doldrums.

It happened before. During the great depression, when stockbrokers were selling apples on street corners, the movie business boomed. Ninety million tickets were sold at theaters each week.

Today, with Ford administration leaders admitting that the country is in the midst of a recession, the film industry appears to be doing better than at any time since the postwar peak in 1946. Daily Variety reports that theater receipts in October marked the 11th straight monthly rise. The paper observed that 1974 could bring in \$1.6 billion to the nation's box offices, almost matching 1946's record \$1.692 billion.

BUFFALO PUDDING A UNIQUE DESSERT

Members of the Buffalo Society of the Iroquois made a ceremonial food called Buffalo Dance pudding, representing the mud in which the buffalo wallows.

The thick pudding was made of cornmeal, flavored with maple sugar, and garnished with pieces of beef.

BEWARE THE BLACK WIDOW'S DITE

Although black widow spiders' bites normally don't kill adults in good health, they can be fatal to children and pets.

The venom is ten times more potent than that of a rattlesnake, but the amount of poison injected is considerably less than a snake delivers.

The Vandals

What Must We Do To Curb Their Destructiveness . . .

Clean it up and write it off.

Those who frequently deal with vandalism's effects say that's the most prevalent public attitude toward the problem.

People don't want to go to the trouble of getting involved. Or they may fear retaliation. Or they feel their efforts would be fruitless because nothing could be done.

"Most people don't even bother to call us when they see kids breaking into a school building; they don't seem to realize what it's costing them as taxpayers," says Joy Traylor, a juvenile investigator.

"And the kids realize that often nothing is done, so that makes them bolder, makes them want to get away with even more."

But many agencies are finding the war on vandalism doesn't have to be a losing one. The battle plans vary widely, but most seek to lessen both opportunity and desire to vandalize while they raise public awareness of the problem.

Both technology and experience are costly but helpful. More sophisticated alarm systems and graffiti-resistant wall finishes, for example, make vandals' sprees more difficult.

School and park officials know from experience what types of landscaping, signs, play equipment and light fixtures can help or hinder young mischief-doers. Increased patrols, whether by police, private security guards or citizen volunteers, also lessen opportunity—and provide a way to talk with would-be vandals.

Santa Fe Railroad uses 22 special agents to patrol its property in Los Angeles County. "It is their job to watch for trespassers and talk to them about the dangers of being on the railroad right-of-way," says P. M. Genrich, superintendent of special service.

He says the railroad also sends follow-up letters to

the youngsters' parents to make them aware of the hazards involved.

In hopes of reaching youngsters before they reach the tracks, Santa Fe sends agents into schools and communities. They present films and other programs aimed at teaching children just how costly—and dangerous—throwing objects at trains, tampering with switches and playing near the tracks can be.

Some school districts include helping their students develop a sense of pride in their surroundings in their anti-vandalism measures.

Lawmakers are getting into the act, too. Legislation here cleared the way for school districts to hold the culprits' parents liable for damages.

A new California state law puts the expense of removing spray painting on the "artists" themselves while the nearby City of Inglewood recently passed an ordinance requiring property owners to remove graffiti.

But most experts feel the long-term solution must come from increased pride and awareness, from adults willing to get involved—adults who care about what's happening to both their community and the children in it and compassionate adults who won't ignore the vandal's message.

"The most harmful way to deal with (vandalism) is to ignore it or write it off or not at least bring it to the attention of parents," says Saul Leopold, clinical social worker.

"Any boy or girl can be a vandal—whether the school truant or the honor society member. And it could be symptomatic of illness or irregularities."

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Women of the Moose held their officers meeting Monday, December 16, followed by a potluck dinner and games.

It was nice to see some less familiar faces and especially fun to have so many husbands as our special guests. Door prizes were won by Betty Miller, John & Esther Minges, with the grand prize, an afghan, won by Mrs. Elinor Rogers of S. Center Street, Lowell.



The Long Wait

For some children, Christmas is twinkling lights, an abundance of food, gifts and new Holiday clothes. Other children, however, are not so fortunate, and their Christmas will be filled with disappointment. We, at your Community Service Bank, urge you to open your hearts this Christmas, to those less fortunate. Contact your church, chamber of commerce, or a club of which you are a member, and ask what you can do to make this Christmas brighter for those less fortunate. You couldn't give a greater gift in the name of love, which is what Christmas is all about. Isn't it?



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MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1975

City Offices will be open week days from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Monday, January 20, 1975 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for receiving registrations.

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