

The Grand Valley Ledger

Weekly Coverage of Ada, Alto, Cascade, Forest Hills, Lowell and Saranac

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1975 AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1976

VOLUME ONE, ISSUE SIX

PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS

Ada Studies Land Purchase

A general agreement that there is a need for a fire station in the northern portion of Ada Township, has prompted the Ada Township Board to take a 60-day option of a possible site.

Ada firemen have been asked by Supervisor John Forshar to determine possible building needs and stake out the parcel, before a decision is made on the purchase.

Located north of the Grand River area, the two acre parcel is on the north side of Knapp Street, N.E., west of Honey Creek Road. The irregularly shaped piece of property has been offered to the township by owner Henry Davis, Jr., at a price of \$4,200.

At present, Ada's only fire station, located in the southern part of the Township, is on Ada Drive, in the village of Ada.

If the final purchase of land is agreed upon, Township officials say it will be several years before construction would be started.

Old Kent Opens New Branch Office In Ada



Old Kent Bank opened their new Ada Branch Office Thursday, December 18. The new Ada branch is now the farthest east of Grand Rapids of any of their over thirty offices. The office is located on Highway M-21 just west of the Amway Plaza.



BY POPULAR demand, the Deer Run Golf Club at 13955 Cascade Road, S.E., will again feature the "Stillwater," for one night only on Saturday, December 27. The Lowell-based group, on a holiday vacation from a busy schedule, will begin playing at 9 p.m.

ALL OFFICES of the State Savings Bank of Lowell will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The bank's facilities will also be closed on Christmas and New Year's days.

TWO NEW operators, Debbie Holtz and Cheryl Rittersdorf have joined the staff at Doris Myers Beauty Salon on East Main Street.

A MOVING SALE is being held at the Kits and Krafts Shop at 119 E. Main Street. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., the shop's owner, Mrs. Kitty Brnek is offering pre-Christmas and after-Christmas specials.

THE STRAND Theatre of Lowell, closed for the holidays, will reopen Friday, January 2, with "The Hard Heads" starring Alex Karras.

THE LOWELL Area Schools system dismissed their students for a two week holiday vacation last Friday.

It will be back to the classrooms on Monday, January 5.

AFTER JANUARY 1, Paul's Family Showboat Restaurant at 700 East Main Street, will be featuring a new weekly menu, plus a children's menu. Another New Year special will be a free anniversary dinner for some lucky couple who have duly registered.

THIS IS THE holiday issue of the Grand Valley Ledger (December 25 and January 1 issues combined). The next issue will be published on January 8. Our offices at 105 N Broadway will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Two Car Collision Friday, Hospitalizes Don Yeiter



Friday's icy conditions were the cause of a head-on collision at the south end of the bridge on Showboat Highway in Lowell. Donald Yeiter, 56 of 4376 Alden Nash was northbound when the other vehicle, driven by Michael J. Stevens, 22 of Lowell suddenly lost control and collided with the Yeiter auto.

Yeiter was unconscious for several minutes and was transported via Bud's ambulance to Buttesworth Hospital where he was treated and examined. He is now home recovering and luckily suffered no serious injuries. Michael Stevens suffered only minor injuries and was not hospitalized.

Stevens was ticketed for a left of center violation.

1975 Soon To Be Gone, But Not Forgotten

Flipping back through the pages of the Ledgers in 1975, many memories are revived, as one thinks of the near-recession atmosphere that prevailed, with auto dealers offering substantial rebates to help get the economy back in line, while the citizens continued to pinch their pennies to make ends meet.

With rising costs causing hardships on many families, other suffered the tragedy of finding themselves without jobs, as the unemployment figures hit an all time high. And Lowell Police officers were busy as they processed over 50 cases involving juvenile shoplifters.

But, as the year nears its end, things are looking better, the economy seems to have picked up, and the citizens are looking for bigger and better things in 1976. We hope this is right.

1975 Happenings

As the new year began, Michigan Bell Telephone Company was distributing new telephone books, while the Town and Country Taxi Service opened its car doors to Lowell area customers.

Recreational vehicle owners attended a public hearing at the Lowell City Hall to listen to the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 73 of the City's

NOTICE

Got a load of newspapers you want to get rid of? Bring them to the Jaycee Paper Drop, 725 E. Main.

A monthly pick up will be available for the disabled and elderly only. It will be held on the third Saturday of every month beginning January 17. Please call 897-8071 or 897-8566.

Zoning Ordinance, some stressing their disapproval, while in Washington, President Gerald R. Ford was signing legislation into law making the nation-wide 55 mile-an-hour speed limit permanent.

An unexpected storm hurled high winds over Lowell, the second week in January. Gusts of up to 60 miles per hour downed trees, tore off roofs and porches, etc., and the thermometers hit a record high of 57 degrees.

The effect of the removal of the State Sales Tax from food and drugs was felt by the Lowell School System, as they learned that approximately \$25,500 in expected State Aid had been cut by Lansing.

The month of January also saw the retirement of Jeff Geldersma as Fire Chief of Kent County; the Lowell City Council approving the final payment of \$158,397.72 to Gillissee Construction Company, which wraps up the City's Storm/Water-Sewer Separation project; Darwin Nellist was the new fire chief in Ada; and things were getting sweeter, the price of a 5 lb. bag of sugar dropped from \$2.85 to \$2.25.

State Savings Bank reported assets at year's end totalling \$19,206,519, and revealed their current remodeling project was nearing completion. Prudential Insurance Representative Michael Shinabarger topped the million dollar mark in sales, and Frank's \$.05 to \$1.00 Store was preparing to go out of business.

FEBRUARY

Icy roads caused the Lowell Area School system to run their busses only on main paved roads, and Lippert's Pharmacy celebrated their second anniversary at their East Main Street location.

A distinctive purchase brought the Jaws of Life to Lowell in the form of a Hurst power tool, secured by the Lowell Police Department for their Emergency Rescue Unit. Lowell became the first law enforcement agency to own such a tool, which was purchased through community donations.

Lowell Savings and Loan Association, one of Lowell's oldest business firms recently rounded out its 87th year by paying the largest dividend in its history. The Deb Shop, operated by Margi Sveadas announced that it was going out of business, and Mrs. Joan Homer of Transue Realty Company was honored by her fellow Realtors and Associates at the Annual Salesman's Appreciation Banquet.

Mark Blough became an Eagle Scout, and the proposal to construct a Water Treatment Plant in the City of Lowell won by the narrow margin of 10 votes, when only 394 citizens trudged to the polls to vote on the issue.

John Erickson became the new Dog Warden in Lowell, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it had awarded \$37,125 to the City of Lowell for a waste water treatment works project.

MARCH

A touchy subject, teacher's tenure, was in the news as several sought the continuation of Jack Lalley as a fourth grade teacher in the Lowell Area School system.

The City of Lowell granted a request by Attwood Corporation

THIS WEEK'S Special at Rosie Drive Inn, 800 W. Main, Lowell, Hippy Burgers, 69 cents each. c6

for permission to avail themselves of some tax advantages through the establishment of a Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District.

Lowell's East Kent Community Center and the Lowell Area Jaycees were awarded a \$500 U.S. Jaycees Project Mainstream sub-grant to help them carry out a home winterization project designed to alleviate the energy problems faced by disadvantaged persons in the area.

Driving winds and blizzard-like snows cause the closing of area schools and cut off power to some outlying areas. Winds hit 29 miles per hour, but gusts averaged about 40.

A mere six vote margin passed the 12.5 operational millage renewal sought by the Lowell Area Schools, when 1,350 went to the polls. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual luncheon during which the conflict of contract signing between the City of Lowell and the 4-H Fair was discussed.

The Lowell Middle School was annexed to the City of Lowell, while notification was given to the City of Lowell by the State Highway Department that all parking be removed from one side of Lowell's Main Street by July 1, 1977.

Paul Kerekes retired after 34 years with the Lowell Post Office, and a 15 percent increase in electrical rates was announced to Lowell customers.

A new Ben Franklin Variety Store was soon to open, and Jack Lalley was denied his teaching tenure by the Lowell

HAIR CUTS designed for you! Consultations available. Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell 897-7506. c-6

Area Schools' Board of Education.

APRIL

A recreation center was opened in Alto; Terry Raab was elected president of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce; Larry and Kay Keiser became the new proprietors of Keiser's Kitchen, a family enterprise for over thirty years; and area Townships conducted annual meetings.

The City of Lowell's hopes of receiving any funds from the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act were dashed when it became known the City was not among the 41 in the State invited to make application.

Over a foot of snow fell in what area residents hoped would be winters last fling. Amway Corp. of Ada was accused by the Federal Trade Commission of illegally fixing prices and placing unfair selling restraints on its distributors.

For the first time, steelheads were swimming the waters of the Flat and Grand Rivers; the Debonaire Shop reopened; Norm Borgerson was named Rotary's Man Of The Year; and Robert Leasure took over the Supervisor's job in Lowell Township.

The City of Lowell approved a resolution to rebate \$224 to taxpayers assessed for the cost of the Storm Water-sewer Separation project; a hearing before the Vegennes Township Board of Zoning Appeals drew a capacity crowd to consider the granting of a permit to mine gravel on property on the north side of Burroughs Road to Ronald Heyboer of Marne. It was.

(Con't. page 2)



The Editor And The Staff At
The Grand Valley Ledger Would Like
To Take This Opportunity To
Extend To You Our Warmest Of
Holiday Wishes.

Roger Brown

Terese Brown

Carol Sebastian

Maggie MacNaughton

Val Yurkinas

STRAND Theatre
LOWELL, MICHIGAN



starring
Alex Karras
as the sheriff

ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8PM

Fri. Jan. 2 thru
Mon. Jan. 5

It's Funny!
It's Great!
It's Comedy!

Monday is
Dollar Night

1975
continued from page 1

CLARK PLUMBING AND HEATING celebrated their 15th anniversary; ten candidates filed petitions for the three seats on the Lowell Area School Board; and over 300 persons participated in the Lowell Area Jaycees Footsteps for Burns Walkathon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
SEASONS GREETINGS to all of our friends. We thank you for your patronage.
SOFTTEE CREME
503 E. Main - Lowell
Harold & Rose Ball

CHRISTMAS SUPER
To you, from us... Merry Christmas and a happy Holiday Season. May your blessings multiply and your days be full of the wonder and joy of living!

ATTWOOD CORPORATION
1016 N. Monroe Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331

Seasons Greetings
It is on a note of sincere appreciation that we thank you for your patronage and wish much holiday joy and good cheer to you and your family!

MISS LOWELL SHOWBOAT: Roger Roberts, David Miller and Roger Kropf won season on the Lowell School Board.

THE FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL for Lowell students was June 12; Vernon Yeller of Alto was elected Commander of the American Legion's 5th District; and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce pressed the City to enforce the two hour parking limit, some action was taken, but it soon fizzled.

BOOTS RANDOLPH was appearing at the Showboat Amphitheatre; and Lowell Rotarians were asking "What can we do to make Lowell a better town?"

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
Good health, good friends, good life.
HOME CENTER
508 West Main - Lowell

PEACE ON EARTH
May the joys of the season dwell in each and every heart
LOWELL ENGINEERING CORPORATION
319 East Main Street - Lowell

MILLING BY ELWOOD HART of Belding; and George R. Cook, joined best attorney for 26 years became Kent County's new circuit judge.

JOHN GARY and the New Kingston Trio opened the 1975 Showboat; the City announced two forthcoming water rate increases; and Clark Nellist retired from the Kent County Road Commission after 38 years of service.

DR. ORVAL MCKAY was honored for serving the community of Lowell for 25 years; Blaine Bacon, Lowell City Manager for the past six years, tendered his resignation, prompted by a Council request; and the Lowell School Board levied 25.0 mills for operation and 7.4 for debt retirement. The East Kent Community Center opened a satellite center in the American Legion Building.

LAURA ROGERS was eliminated in the City Primary; Antonio Siciliano was named acting City Manager; and new traffic control signs were installed at West Main and Hudson Streets.

DR. NORMAN CEPEDA, D.D.A. joined the office of Dr. Clark Vredenburg; Bob Ellis retired.

FROM THE LOWELL POST OFFICE after thirty-two years; Maureen Doyle reigned over the 1975 LHS Homecoming festivities; and Vivian Muller became the new librarian in Alto.

THE SCHOOLSCHOOL Ice Cream parlor opened in Ada; a new post office was being built in Alto; and the Lowell Automobile dealers were showing the 1976 models.

WORK BEGAN on expansion of the King Milling Company; Wittenbach's Sale and Service were celebrating their 30th anniversary; Attwood Corporation purchased a new line of products from Zurn Industries in Pennsylvania.

THE REV. HERBERT MUELLER resigned from the Lowell City Council; Santa Claus arrived in Lowell during a holiday parade; and very few accidents were recorded for the month of November by the Lowell Police Department.

FRANK STEPHENS, Ostar Kesting, John Szerzick, Lyndell Duell, Anthony Zahm, Michael Laussauski, Catherine Healy, Jay Liefbroer, Max Rice, Joseph Svoboda, Harry Friend, Patricia Valentinne, Viola Goodridge, Leonard Johnson, Mary Pitsch, Edwina Wingeler, Churchill Linkfield, Daniel Johnston, George Malone.

GENEVA BARKLEY, Minnie Hill, James Craig, Everett Ladd, Katherine Loughlin, Kenneth Peters, Luella Middlefield, Pauline Heffernan, Hazel Yeller, Robert Helver, June (Sierick) Lavendar, Greta DeHaan, Marie Heys.

ADA MCCABE, John Rowland, George Pfaller, Bill Vickers, Madlene Hillen, Charlotte Breed, Dorothy Blanchard, Beatrice Krum, Myrtle Culver, Richard Koning, Joseph Marshall, Darrell Fowler, Roger Bieri, Oscar Thompson, Roy Blough, Glenn Sayles, Winifred Wood, Charles Nevins, Dorothy Frederick, Ruth Ward, Beatie Tusken, C. Boyd Anderson.

PAULINE BRYANT, Wallace Gillette, Mary Nye, Walter Bergy, and Dorothy Wiltenburg.

MRS. VERHOWE is survived by her children, George and Norma McClymont; her grandchildren, Nancy, Patsy, Margie, and William McClymont; and several nieces and nephews.

PAULA DORAN, Anne Marie Tichelaar, Dr. Herman Speerstra, Henry Fase, Sr., Walter Ramey, Martha E. Ball, Pearl Gesber, Helen Mead, Spik Offings, Gerald Heaven, Rose Dowling, C. Edward Dale, Ernest Roth, Alice Dengate, Howard Christie, Mary Lacie, Merle Kulason.

TAX REBATE ASSISTANCE is being offered. The East Kent Community Center in cooperation with the Kent County Bureau of Equalization and the Michigan Department of the Treasury is assisting eligible residents in completing their forms for the Michigan Homesteaded Property Tax Rebate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, interested persons may call 897-8465 or 897-8441. The Centers are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

THE REV. RICHARD J. BATES of Trinity Reformed Church officiated at the services. Burial was made in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED TODAY BY CALLING 897-9261

WE'RE WISHING everyone a very joyous Christmas and shouting a hearty "THANK YOU" for your loyal patronage.

KAPTAIN'S KORNER
107 West Main Street - Lowell - 897-8873

School Board

Regular Meeting of November 24, 1975.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Metternick.

Roll Call—Members Present: Metternick, Mullen, Miller, Thaler, Stiegle, Roberts, Kropf, McNeal. Members Absent: None.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 10, 1975. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mullen, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. The first meeting of the Communications Committee

will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 1975, at 7:30 p.m., in the middle school choir room.

2. The property transfer hearing on the land transfer from Belding to Lowell has been rescheduled for December 3 because the Kent Intermediate School District did not have a quorum present at the last hearing.

3. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to adopt the Minimum Mathematics Performance Objectives for The Lowell Area Schools. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Kropf, seconded by Mullen, to adopt the final school bond loan resolution for monies to be received December 1, 1975. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

5. Mr. Sinke reported that the City Council is very busy and unable to meet with board members at the present time to discuss student smoking areas. Mr. Sinke will attend the next council meeting in an effort to set up a date to discuss this matter.

6. Motion by Mullen, seconded by Kropf, not to participate in the Kent Intermediate School District cooperative driver education program as proposed. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Roberts, that we investigate participating in the simulator program if it becomes available. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Mr. Rod Smith was present to provide a very informative slide presentation concerning the many high school completion and enrichment courses going on within the community school program.

2. Motion by Mullen, seconded by Stiegle, to amend the current year's budget to reflect additional Adult Education revenues and expenditures. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

3. Student James Pfalter appealed to the board for a deviation in policy #5127.4, Early Graduation. The board agreed to consider the matter and will provide an answer soon.

4. Mr. Kelly reported on the 1975-76 Michigan Needs Assessment Tests. These tests are now providing sufficient information to enable us to provide teachers with information to improve instruction.

5. The board was reminded of the invitation to participate in Grandparent's Day at Bushnell School on November 26.

6. Motion by Mullen seconded by Kropf, to cancel the December 22, 1975, board meeting. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

7. Board members are to call the superintendent's office regarding availability for the board-administrator go-together either December 11, 12, or 18, 1975.

8. Mr. Wabeke reported on the possibility of leasing the Kowser's house at a substantial lease price, including option to purchase. The board was favorable toward consideration, with a specific proposal to be presented at the December 8 meeting.

9. President Metternick read a letter of resignation from board member David Miller, effective December 9, 1975.

10. Guests were recognized.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, David Miller, Secretary

WELCOME 1976

With Us!

First Come... First Served... No Reservations

Dancing 8:30 - ? \$2 Per Person

RIVERVIEW INN

East of Lowell On M-21



Merry Christmas
A sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and thank you for letting us serve you.
ARNIE'S STANDARD
Main at Hudson - Lowell



HAPPY HOLIDAY
Blooming bouquets of good cheer to all our fine friends from
BALL FLORAL
517 E. Main Lowell



KAPTAIN'S KORNER
107 West Main Street - Lowell - 897-8873

Legal Notice

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION

(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

BOBCAT HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 1976

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on June 13, 1975, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, in regard to bobcats declared no open season in Zone 3, abridged the open and required a permit to hunt in Zone 2 and on Bois Blanc Island of Zone 1. The seasons and regulations shall be as follows:

Zone 1: No closed season, except on Bois Blanc Island where the season and regulations shall coincide with those of Zone 2.
Zone 2: January 1 through February 23 in Emmet, Chazy, Presque Isle, Ontonagon, Montmorency, and Alpena Counties. Hunting by permit only.
Zone 3: No open season.

Application Procedure

Application must be made in person or by mail as follows:
1. Applicants may appear in person at the Gaylor District Office, 10100 E. 1st St., in the 1st floor of the building at the intersection of the department of Natural Resources, 49735. Applications must be made during regular working hours. No application is to be made prior to December 1, 1975.

2. Application by mail must be made individually on a government permit card. The applicant shall address the card to himself, typing or printing his name and address on the postage side of the card. The applicant shall then mail the card in an envelope addressed to: Bobcat Permit, P.O. Box 576, Department of Natural Resources, Gaylor, Michigan 49735. Applications must be postmarked no earlier than December 1, 1975.

Permits
There is no limit to the number of permits that will be issued. There will be no charge for the permit. The permit authorizes the bearer to hunt during the entire two-month season in the designated open areas.

Hunting
No person shall hunt under authority of his permit unless he has signed it in his own name and in his own handwriting. The permit is not valid unless the holder is a resident of Michigan and is a member of the Michigan Executive Assistant to the Natural Resources Commission.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF DRAINAGE BOARD

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of Agriculture
Drain Section

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of September, 1975, a Petition was filed with John R. Bratton County Drain Commissioner of the county of Barry asking for the cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, or relocating along a highway of the Little Thornapple River Drain.

And Whereas the Drainage District of the Little Thornapple River drain includes lands within the Township of Irving, Carlton and Woodland County of Barry, Townships of Campbell and Odessa County of Ionia, Township of Bowne County of Kent.

And Whereas, a certified copy of said Petition was served upon Gerald Williams County Drain Commissioner of the County of Ionia, George Grams County Drain Commissioner of the County of Kent and Director of Agriculture, by John R. Bratton County Drain Commissioner of the County of Barry.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with Act No. 40, P.A. 1966, as amended, a meeting of the Drainage Board of said drain will be held at Carlton Township Hall in the Village of Carlton County of Barry, on the 13th day of January 1976, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to determine the practicalness of said improvement.

Now, Therefore, all persons owning lands liable to an assessment for benefits or whose lands will be crossed by said drain, or any municipality affected, are requested to be present at said meeting, if they so desire. Dated at Lansing, Michigan, this 5th day of December 1975.

By Stanley R. Quackenbush, Deputy Director in Charge of Drains (Inter-County)
B. Dale Ball, Director of Agriculture

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FAIRCHILD OIL COMPANY
1102 Lincoln Lake Avenue
Lowell - 897-7590

Engaged and planning June 26 wedding are Miss Karen Elaine Maher and Craig Allen Bradley.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, and her fiance is a graduate of Ferris State College.

Parents of the engaged couple are Mrs. Patrick H. Maher of Grand Rapids and the late Mr. Maher and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bradley of Ada.



Have a happy and safe holiday season
Dick McCaul's Texaco Service
Main at Jefferson



HELLO TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

1975 DECEMBER 1975
S M T W T F S S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31

We have appreciated your patronage in the past and we hope that we can continue to serve you in the future.

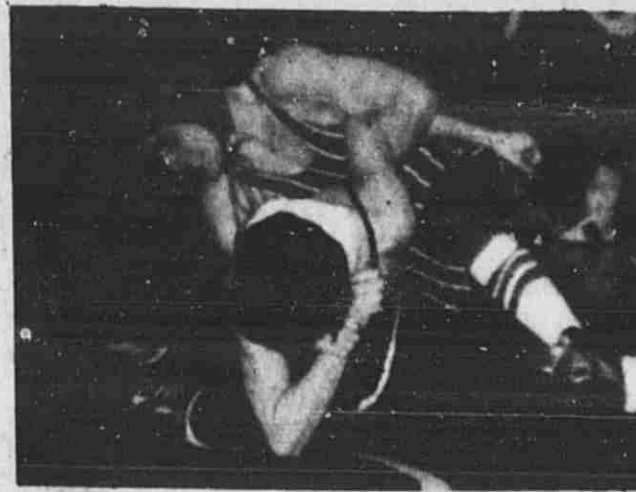
R. J. LINTON LUMBER & COAL

Alto, Michigan

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Let happiness and goodwill abound during this most joyous and holy of seasons.
THINGS ARE STILL THE SAME
Mac & Rose Fonger & Family

Grapplers Beat Lakewood 38-16

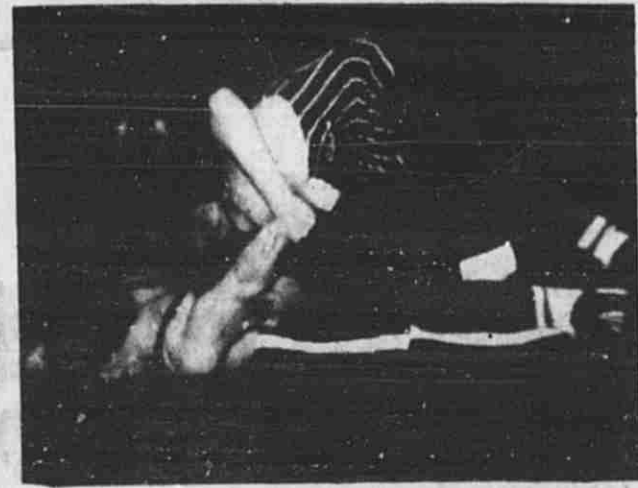


Roger Graham working wing and bar arm against Coopersville's Mike Swartz. Roger went on to pin in 3:06.

The Lowell grapplers hosted the Lakewood wrestlers on Wednesday night and came away with a decisive 38-16 victory. There were three pins and two major decisions during the night with several close matches. This was the second

straight conference meet won by the grapplers and at the present time they are tied for first place with Fremont. This showdown match will be held at Fremont, January 8. Prior to this match the grapplers will have a tune-up match against Wyoming

Park on the 6th of January at home.
 Scott Dykhuus won a decision 6-2; 132 lbs., Roger Graham won by forfeit; 138 lbs., Brian Doyle won by pin :33; 145 lbs., Bill Heintzleman won on a major decision, 13-4; 155 lbs., Jeff Oesch lost by a 7-2 score; 167 lbs., John Wilder won 8-6; 185 lbs., Dave Hendrix pinned 1:00; Hwt., Tom Oesch lost by pin.



Randy Kroft working head lever against Coopersville's Ron Heyboer. Randy won the match 14-0.



HOLIDAY BLESSINGS TO
 ALL OF OUR FRIENDS &
 PATRONS.
Ma and Pa's Coffee Cup
 CASCADE

Mondays, Tuesdays, 8 a. m.-4 p. m.
 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays-8 a. m.-7 p. m.
 Saturdays-8 a. m.-2 p. m.

Eight Teams Entered In Wrestling

Eight teams have entered the annual Holiday Wrestling Tournament to be hosted by the Lowell Red Arrows on Saturday, December 27, in the Lowell Senior High School gymnasium.

Teams entered are: Belding, Caledonia, Delton, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Union, Ionia, Lowell, and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer.

Preliminary bouts will start at 12:30 p.m., with the finals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Consolation and finals will be held on two mats at the same time.

Championship trophies, runner-up trophies and four place medals for each weight will be awarded.

Admission prices for the tournament will be: one session, adults \$1.25, students \$.75; both sessions, if purchased prior to meet, adults \$2 and students \$1. No league passes will be admitted.

Steffens Voted Most Improved

Grand Valley State College's football team has been voted the NAIA District 23 team of the year. Coach E.J. Harkema who led the Lakers to their best record in the college's history, was named the District Coach of the Year.

Voted the most improved offensive player of the year was sophomore offensive tackle Chris (Rusty) Steffens of Lowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steffens.

Steffens, 6-2, 210 pounds, won his second letter this season at Grand Valley State College in Allendale. He also lettered in baseball.

BEST WISHES



IN '76
 ringing out
 good wishes
 loud and clear!
 Post 175
American Legion Club
 Saranac, Mich.



Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends. May the best of the holiday season be yours!

King Milling Company

LOWELL



"We at Adgate's wish all our friends and customers the best, physically and spiritually, that this Holiday Season has to offer".

ADGATE'S SUPER MARKET
 SARANAC, MICH.

Lowell Holds Lead In Hockey

When action finally settled at the Grand Rapids Ice Arena last Tuesday, the Lowell Red Arrows were found to hold in a slim one-point lead in the Suburban League.

Tuesday's encounter saw the Red Arrows overcome a rash of penalties to beat Northview 5-3.

Northview's Wildcats were quick to score in the first period hitting the goal twice, while

Lowell attempted to gain their momentum and get on the scoreboard.

The second period saw Lowell hit the goal with three straight scores by Mark Ries, two, and Ron Merriman, one, to take a 3-2 lead.

Northview, in the middle period, brought the score into a tied position at 3-3. Merriman put Lowell ahead in the final

period with Ries hitting his third goal of the night to give Lowell the win.

Suburban Standings

Lowell	4	0	1
East Grand Rapids	4	0	0
Grandville	3	1	1
Northview	3	3	0
Forest Hills Central	2	2	0
East Kentwood	1	2	2
Kenowa Hills	1	3	0

Services Are Conducted For Ada Resident

Private funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth L. Tengelsen, aged 70, of 1605 Cramton, Ada, were held Tuesday, December 16, at the O'Brien Gerst Funeral Home in Cascade.

The Reverend Raymond A. Heine, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Tengelsen is survived by three sons, Dr. Clifford L. Tengelsen of Ada, Walter of Huntington Long Island, and Bruce of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey; and five grandchildren.

Home Nursing Course Offered

The Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the Red Cross Home Nursing Course beginning January 8. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday night

for six weeks at the Red Cross Chapter House, 1050 Fuller, N.E., Grand Rapids.

The Home Nursing Course is designed for those who want to work in nursing home, have care of a long-term convalescent patient in the home, or just want to learn home health care.

The course is offered free of charge, and there is a minimal fee for the Home Nursing textbook. Interested persons should call the Red Cross Nursing Department at 456-8661.

Former Alto Woman Dies In Florida

Mrs. Ferne Wingeier, a former resident of the Alto area, passed away Tuesday, December 16, in the Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida, at the age of 70.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wingeier were held Friday, December 19, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Sarasota.

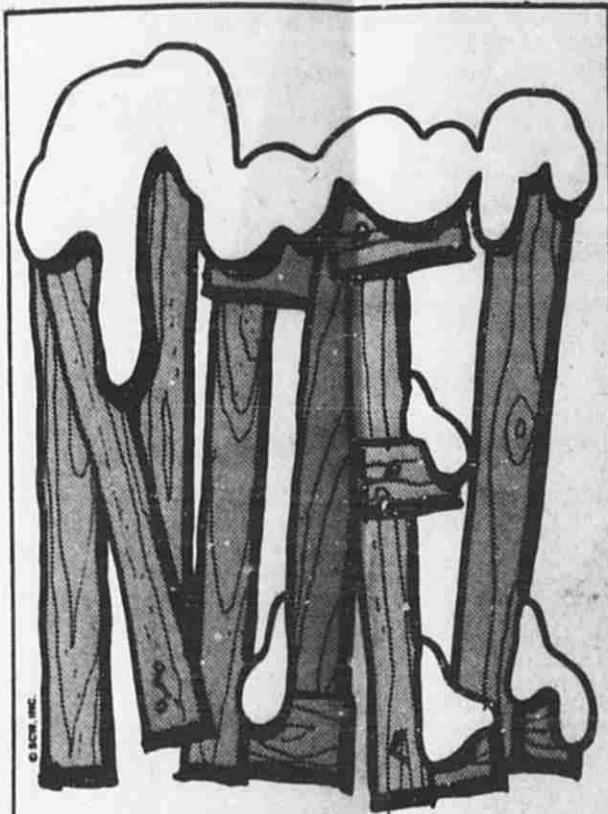
Mrs. Wingeier leaves her husband, Philip of Sarasota; one daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Feldman of Alto; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

"It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well if any man alive possessed the knowledge"

- Charles Dickens
 A Christmas Carol

May we all share that precious knowledge this holiday season and carry it with us throughout the the coming year



An old-fashioned wish that's sent right your way to say you are thought of on this holiday! Joy to all!

ERB LUMBER

925 W. Main - Lowell

897-9291

Season's Best

We wish you a Joyous Yuletide.

GILMORE'S SPORTING GOODS

8154 E. Fulton-Ada-676-5801

Joy to the World



Sing a song of joy this Christmas season and fill your world with happiness for the coming year.

SSB State Savings Bank
 LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331

All Offices of the State Savings Bank will be closed at 3 p. m. on Christmas and New Year's Eve Days, and all day on Christmas and New Year's Days.

Open House To Honor Val Watts On Sunday



A Golden Wedding Anniversary open house Sunday, December 27, will honor Mr. and Mrs. Val Watts of 6022 Bancroft Avenue, Alto.

To be held in the Alto United Methodist Church, in Alto, the open house will be from two to five o'clock in the afternoon.

V.L. Watts and Pauline Behler were married December 26, 1925, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Behler.

Former Alto Woman Dies

A former Alto woman, Mrs. Mary Nye, passed away Tuesday morning, December 16. She was 79-years-old.

For many years, Mrs. Nye was a n Interior Designer for Sektetes in Grand Rapids. She was a long-time Alto resident, before moving to Grand Rapids several years ago.

Her husband, Harold, a druggist in Alto, preceded her in death.

Rites Held For Warren Bergy

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, December 18, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell for Boston Township farmer, Walter Bergy.

The Rev. Earl Cross officiated at the services, with burial being made in South Boston Cemetery.

Mr. Bergy, aged 72, of 6979 Hastings Road, Lowell, passed away Monday, December 12, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, following a lingering illness.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; his sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Sandra and Dale and Sandra, all of Lowell; a daughter, Lois, at home; four grandsons; one brother, Eugene of Caledonia; and a sister, Mrs. Irene Kegerreis of Grand Rapids.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

WESTERN AUTO

Lowell

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION
 Ionia & Kent Counties --- \$5.00 per year
 Outside Ionia & Kent Counties --- \$6.50 per year

Season's Greetings

To everyone, we wish a very joyous Holiday Season...one that will long be treasured for its many happy memories.

GRAY'S CUSTOM UPHOLSTERING

220 W. Main St., Lowell

Local Briefs

A former Cascade area resident, Maria J. Frum, 62, passed away December 16 in St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were Friday.

Harvey M. Rasmussen, 66, father of Mrs. John (Julie) Colvin of Alto, passed away November 24, in Los Altos, California where funeral services were held.

Ellsworth Raynor of Lowell is a patient at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, undergoing tests and observation. He is in room number 5027 and would enjoy hearing from his Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clack will be the honored guests at an open house, Sunday, December 28, honoring their 25th wedding anniversary. The open house, to be hosted by their children, will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in the Educational Building of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Myrtle Godfrey of Schneider Manor, Lowell, remains a patient at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Cl and Kathy Avery and son, Wayne, of Roswell, New Mexico, will spend the holiday with Mrs. Donald MacNaughton of Lowell. The Avey's wish all of their friends and relatives season's greetings and extend an invitation to visit them at her parent's home at 1011 North Hudson Street.

S/A Joseph Kissinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kissinger of Lowell, is expected home for the Christmas holidays. He is serving aboard the USS Leahy at Norfolk, Virginia, where he attends advanced guided missile school. After the holidays, his ship will be stationed in San Diego, California. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kissinger of Mantou and Mrs. A. Urbane of Grand Rapids will spend Christmas Day with the Kissinger family.

A bundle of greetings for the Christmas and New Year's holidays comes from Frank Van Dusen to his many friends in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Watts and family of Brockport, New York, arrived Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Watts of Alto for the Christmas holiday and help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rotarians Honor Team
 The December 17th meeting of the Lowell Rotary was the annual honoring of Lowell's football players and coaches. A

large crowd was on hand to enjoy a fine roast beef dinner with baked potatoes, salad and dessert.

Vice-President, Dennis McMahon presided with Secretary Ronnie Moore giving the blessing and reporting on last week's meeting. Dr. Bob Kyster and David Coons led the singing.

Visiting were Bob Thole, George Aehart, Roy Franks, and the Jr. Rotarians, Mitch McNeal and Steve Wittenbach.

Charlie Doyle welcomed Coach Al Rowe and assistants Dave Peden and Dick Brennan. Assistant Coach Al Eckman was not able to attend.

Coach Rowe discussed the football season, saying that it takes a lot of character, during a year not marked by winning, for the players to keep at their task and not get discouraged. He pointed out that no one is always going to be on top in life and it takes some doing to learn to be a gracious loser. Coach Rowe pointed out that his hockey team is having a very good year so far.

The coaches introduced the eight graduating seniors and the other members of the team.

December Birthdays Honored



Birthdays occurring during the month of December were celebrated at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home last Thursday. Honored at a special party were 16 residents of the home, whose ages total over 1,350 years. They were: Blanche Folger, 86; Luke Theisen, 77; Nora Winston, 95; William Byrum, 95; Wally Vanderploeg, 55; George McGraw, 93; Eliza Wahl, 86; Martin Van Lier, 75; Loda Mier, 75; Frank Gutowski, 70; and James Topp, 89.

Leading Evangelist At Lowell Nazarene Church

Chuck Millhuff was the evangelist seen on the TV program "Old Time Gospel Hour" who preached on "Giving Living" and illustrated it with an ear of corn.

He will be speaking and singing at the Church of the Nazarene at 201 N. Washington St., in Lowell, on January 2 through 4. The services will be a 7 p.m. each evening and at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Friday evening will be a youth rally. Chuck will meet with the teens for refreshments after the service.

He is a rare combination of up-to-date, relevant, sawdust-trail evangelism. His life has

been filled with a great variety of evangelistic efforts: past narrator for the worldwide voice of the Church of the Nazarene, "Showers of Blessing," writer, song composer, recording artist, as well as city-wide crusade, camp meeting and revival preacher.

Chuck is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, having trained at Olivet Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Born and raised among the teeming millions of Chicago, he is able to identify with the people.

He now lives in the Kansas City area with his wife, Jeanne and two children. His constant

searching for a better way of evangelizing and new places of evangelistic endeavor has led him to Africa, Europe, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, South America, and the Middle East.

Old-time religion with class - this is Chuck Millhuff. He lives to share Christ with enthusiasm, joy, and conviction.

The Lowell pastor, W.E. Holcomb, and the congregation invite the public to share the blessing of these services with them.

Opportunity is frequently not recognized as it is often disguised as work.

Methodist Christmas Schedule

The traditional Christmas Eve Family Worship will be held 7:30 p.m. on December 24 with the Adult and Cadet Choirs providing the special music of Christmas.

In addition, a "come and go" Service of Holy Communion will be held from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This service will provide persons with a quiet, reflective atmosphere as they celebrate Christ's birth.

On Sunday, December 28, the college and university students will conduct the 11:00 a.m. service with a reception in their home following the service. No 8:30 a.m. worship will be held on the 28th.

Reverend Dean Bailey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, cordially invites area residents to participate in the Christmaseve services at 621 East Main at Division.

Church Buys Baker House

The congregation of Cascade Christian Church has given its unanimous approval to acquire the Gerrit Baker house on Thornapple River Drive.

A quarter of an acre at the corner of Thornapple River Drive and Hurley Street, plus the residence was offered at a very reasonable price by the Bakers, who have since moved.

The property will be invaluable to the church, as the congregation continues to grow and expand its ministry program.

New Pre-School Session To Start

A new session of the Life Process Pre-School for all four and five-year-old children will begin on Monday, January 13, 1976.

Two weekly sessions Monday and Wednesday will be held at 11761 Downs, N.E., Lowell.

For further information contact Sister Colleen at 897-5220.

Home Improvements Are On The Rise

In 1974 Americans spent more than \$21 billion scraping, painting, adding rooms and otherwise modernizing their homes, reports the U.S. Census Bureau.

The expenditures were 14 percent above the remodeling outlays of the year before.

It is impossible, however, to

explain Operation Santa, a project aimed at helping the needy, in dollars and cents.

Mittens, caps, and ponchos, are knitted by so many ladies of the church; hundreds of cans of food are given by the Elementary Schools; and workers from area churches shop for needed items, wrap, and sort the presents and make deliveries.

Operation Santa is "Big Business" in a charitable way—with close to 200 little ones in some fifty families receiving a personalized Christmas.

Not to mention fruit baskets to the elderly and an occasional check to a family capable of handling its own finances.

A special "thank you" has been extended by the committees-in-charge to all that have shared in any way to make the project a success.

Those still wishing to make a donation to the project can do so by contacting Thelma Tuer, 67,0 Cascade Road, Apt. A-2, Grand Rapids 49506.

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 29
 The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 Monday, December 29, at the Showboat Restaurant. All members and guests are urged to be present.

DECEMBER 29
 A YMCA Christmas Craft Day. Make a wall hanging for your room on Monday and Wednesday, December 29 and 31 at the Lowell Senior High Craft Room. Bring 1/2 to 1 yard of white cotton, an old sheet will do nicely, not perma-press. Also, a pencil, 1 old paint brush, and a ball of twine. There is a \$1.00 fee for Y-members and a \$3.00 fee for non-members. This fee covers both days!

JANUARY 3
 The men's faculty of Saranac High School will be playing "The Arkansas Lassies", nationally known all girls basketball team at the Saranac Elem. gym on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Room 107, Saranac High School or at any home basketball game. Advanced tickets adults-\$1.50, students-\$1.25, at the door adults-\$1.75, students-\$1.50.

JANUARY 5
 The Golden Swingers will meet Monday evening, January 5 at the Senior Center in downtown Lowell. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by a good program. See you there!

Mr. Wittenbach has headed up the insurance committee and served also on the Christianism property committee.

The Board of Trustees will meet again on Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge.

As of the past week, the Operation Santa Claus project at Cascade Christian Church was over the \$2,000 point.

Considering that one clothing bill alone was \$1,800, and the toy bill over \$500, etc., it goes to prove that Operation Santa is a big enterprise.

A gift of \$625 from Forest Hills Junior High School was recently accepted by Mrs. Jane Wood and her many workers. The members of the Church, alone, have given over \$1,000.

It is impossible, however, to

Lowell School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 1976
 Welcome back! Hope you had a nice vacation!

MONDAY
 Ham and Gravy
 With Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Bread or Rolls and Butter
 Jello with Fruit
 Milk

TUESDAY
 Chili and Crackers
 Mashed Salad with Dressing
 Johnny Cake with Syrup
 Chilled Applesauce
 Milk

WEDNESDAY
 Italian Spaghetti
 Garden Salad
 Rolls or French Bread
 Assorted Fruits
 Milk

THURSDAY
 Chili and Crackers
 Mashed Salad with Dressing
 Johnny Cake with Syrup
 Chilled Applesauce
 Milk

FRIDAY
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Green Beans and Wax Beans
 Hillbilly Bread and Butter
 Chocolate Frosty Creme
 Milk

JOYOUS HOLIDAY

May the joy and delight of the Yuletide Season be yours.

Radio Service Co.

206 E. Main-Lowell

A Cordial Invitation to Attend EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

JANUARY 2-4 7:00 Each Evening Sun, 11 a.m.

Featuring Chuck Millhoff, Evangelist

Chuck Millhoff was the evangelist seen on the TV program "Old Time Gospel Hour," who preached on "Giving Living" and illustrated it with an ear of corn.

Church Of The Nazarene

201 N. Washington, Lowell

Christmas Joy



Gifts of warmth and happiness To All of Our Friends This Holiday Season

THAT "Special" PLACE

215 W. Main Street, Lowell

All Offices of the State Savings Bank OF LOWELL

Will be closed at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

The Bank will also be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

By Popular Demand 'Stillwater' Returns To Deer run golf club

13955 Cascade Rd., S.E., Lowell 897-8481

Appearing One Night Only SAT., DEC. 27 Music Begins 9 p.m. No Cover Charge

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S

Dancing from 9:30-2:00 \$5 couple \$3 person Includes favors, lunch and breakfast.

American Legion Club Saranac

At this holy season, may we take the opportunity to wish you every blessing!

Hahn's Hardware

207 E. Main - Lowell - 897-7501

Greetings

As the carolers sing out their message of Christmas joy, we wish for you a holiday season, bright with hope, rich in love, and abounding in good health, good will and good fellowship.

Best Wishes From...
 TED JACK
 ALICE & Michelle JOAN

TRANSUE REALTY CO.

600 W. Main St. Lowell, Michigan

Come to Church

Ada Christian Reformed Church 7152 Bradford St., S.E. - 676-1688 REV. ANDREW W. HALLGREN 676-1688 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church - Lowell 2275 WEST MAIN STREET Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth Group 5:45 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m. Wed. Family Training Hour 7:30 p.m. REV. EARL DECKER 897-8835	First Congregational Church of Lowell (Member United Church of Christ) NORTH HUDSON AT SPRING STREET, LOWELL 897-9209 Morning Worship 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Rev. Richard Greenwood (CIBERSHOP AND NURSERY PROVIDED)	Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA) 2700 EAST FULTON ROAD Worship Services 8:30-10:45 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m. PASTORS Raymond A. Heine, John D. Blakemore NURSERY PROVIDED
Ada Community Reformed Church 7227 THONAPPE RIVER DRIVE 676-1632 REV. WILFRED FIET Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening W.-ship 6:00 p.m.	Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell 1151 W. MAIN STREET 897-8441 REV. BERNARD J. YNAARDT Worship Services 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. SUPERVISED NURSERY DURING ALL SERVICES WELCOME FREELY!	First United Methodist Church of Lowell 621 E. MAIN STREET - 897-7514 Worship 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Student recognition Sunday (Students Leading Worship) DEAN L. BAILLY - MINISTER CHILD CARE DURING BOTH SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2287 SEQUOIA, SE, LOWELL Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Services 10:30 a.m. Rev. A. R. Gallert Vicar James Herbolzheimer-897-8307
The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints 3181 Bradford, NE - Grand Rapids - 2nd Ward 949-9170	Eastmont Baptist Church 908 CASCADE ROAD, S. E. REV. ROBERT McARTHUR Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Jr. Teens, Adults Wednesday Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.	Church Of The Nazarene - Lowell 201 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET REV. W. E. HOLCOMB Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m. NURSERY PROVIDED - LODGE & WORSHIP WITH US	Vergennes United Methodist CORNER OF PARNELL AVE. & BAILEY DR. Church Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. THE REV. PHILIP CARPENTER "THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH ON THE CORNER"
Bethany Bible Church 3900 EAST FULTON REV. RAYMOND E. BEUFIS Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAA 1400) Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church - Alto CORNER OF 60TH STREET & BANCROFT AVENUE Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High Young Peoples 6:30 a.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. REV. GEORGE L. COON Telephone - 868-3011 or 868-6912	Snow United Methodist Church 3189 SNOW AVENUE Between 28th and 30th Streets East REV. EDWIN ED. PASSENER 897-1045 or 891-1383 Worship 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m.	Saranac Community Church (United Church of Christ) 125 S. BRIDGE ST., SARANAC Phone 642-6322 Rev. Edwin G. Mendenhall, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Youth Fellowship 11:15 a.m. Adult Study Group 11:15 a.m.

Huskies Outlast Rangers

With the O-K conference White Division sole league lead up for grabs ... it was Forest

Hills Central against Forest Hills Northern last Friday night, in a game that saw the Huskies outlast the Rangers, to take a 65-62 win.

The victory gave Northern sole possession of the basketball league with Central dropping to a second place tie with three

other teams—Godwin Heights, Kenowa Hills and Zealand. They all hold 2 and 1 records.

The Huskies found the going rough Friday night despite their superior height over the Rangers. They held a one point lead at the end of the first period; and a five point advantage at the half.

It was nip and tuck during the second half, but the Huskies fought hard to gain and maintain the lead as it exchanged hands several times. In the closing minutes, Northern put the icing on the cake.

Period Scoring

Northern 12 20 14 19-65
Central 11 16 14 21-62

In other games in the O-K Conference last Friday night, Kenowa Hills downed Kelloggsville 98-77; Zealand beat South Christian 84-72; and Godwin trimmed Wyoming Park 80-71.

Alto Lions Charter Banquet

165 Lions and their wives enjoyed the Charter Banquet Celebration of the Alto Lions Club Saturday night, December 13. Given the distinction of being the first Bicentennial Club in the State, the program and decorations were blue, in addition to the Christmas red and white.

Third Vice President of Lions International, Ralph Lynam, of St. Johns narrated a film of the International Convention last June. Others at the head table included Lowell Lions Club President, Ron Holst and Wife; District Governor, Al Johnson and wife Doris; President of Alto Lions, Dick Johnson and wife Sally; Deputy District Governor, Bob Grinnell and wife Louise; Zone Chairman, Carlen Anderson and wife Bev; and Lion Member, Dr. John Eversole and wife Mary.

Pobst Opens Shop

Dick Pobst, well-known fly fisherman and author of "Fish The Impossible Places" has opened a new business in the Ada area.

In his new shop in the Thornapple Village Mall on Ada Drive, Pobst, will carry the entire Orvis line of famous rods, reels, fly tying materials, hooks, clothing and gifts.

The Thornapple Shop, as it will be called, will feature its own casting pond on the banks of the Thornapple River and auditorium for movies, lectures and fly-tying classes.

Pobst's shop is only the second such facility in Michigan, part of 27 Orvis shops nationwide.

The Orvis Company of Vermont has been a leader in fly fishing tackle since its founding in 1856.



VOSBURG BLOCK & GRAVEL CO.
8786 Grand River Dr.
Ada, Michigan



Cherry greetings to our friends
DICK'S UNION
76 SERVICE

400 W. Main - Lowell



To friends old and new, Greetings of the Season.
MOLLY WEPMAN
Wepman's
Clothing & Shoes
103 E. Main - Lowell



This is the wish we send you: May yours be a Merry Holiday — And we also extend a big "thank you" for your patronage.

Clark
PLUMBING & HEATING
309 E. MAIN ST., LOWELL, MICHIGAN



SHOWBOAT
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY INC.
103 W. Main St. Lowell 897-3231 or 897-9232

Christmas Greetings
Spreading throughout the land, warm wishes for a bright and happy Christmas season filled with laughter, song, fond memories and loved ones close by. May you, our loyal appreciated customers, be blessed with such a holiday.
Mobil heating oil
PETROLEUM SUPPLIERS, INC.
525 Ottawa, West, Lowell, 897-8419

Painting On Clothes



Judy Jacobson takes a few moments to show some of the interesting things she has done with Clothes Painting. Mrs. Jacobson will be teaching two YMCA Clothes Painting Classes this winter for the Lowell Y. One class is for kids while the other will be for adults. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the Lowell YMCA at 897-7375.

Cedar's loss put them into a second place tie with Sparta, while Fremont and Greenville settled in third. Fourth, in a tie, is Lowell and Lakewood, followed by Belding.

In Friday's game, featuring the Red Arrows from Lowell and Sparta, it was a close first half. Sparta, jumping into an early lead, held the Arrows scoreless, to take a 68-60 win.

On the backboards, the Arrows hit only 30 percent of their field goals and were out-rebounded by Sparta 46-39.

Lowell's leading scorer was John Ellison who tallied 17 points. Hitting double figures also for the Arrows were Steve Wittenbach with 14 and Dale Phillips with 11.

Mr. Milo DeVries is shown here with his two Labrador Retrievers, Polly and Bruno. Polly and Mr. DeVries will be teaching a YMCA Dog Obedience Class this winter beginning January 7. If you are interested and would like more information please call the Lowell YMCA at 897-7375.

Plan Ahead For The Holidays

Michigan's sun and fun seekers who are just now making holiday travel plans may find it extremely difficult to reach intended Christmas-New Year's destinations on time by air or find desired accommodations, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

Air space to most vacation areas in Florida, California, Las Vegas, Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean is said to be "filled" during much of the holiday season. Lodging at oceanfront beach facilities and many state ski lodges also is filled.

"No matter where you travel this holiday season, it is essential that you make reservations immediately and confirm return trips at least 72 hours in advance," advised C. E. Stanbury, Auto Club's World Travel manager.

"However, air travelers still without reservations who have flexible travel schedules stand a good chance of getting to intended destinations by putting themselves on standby airline lists," Stanbury explained.

"This means arriving at the airport at least two hours before a scheduled flight to wait for cancellations," he said.

Even though airlines report a cancellation rate of up to 10 percent on some holiday flights, standby status is not recommended by families with children since only a few seats are available normally, warned Stanbury.

Travelers still seeking airplane flights to warm-weather destinations December 19-26 and January 1-5 will find it most difficult getting seats.

One airline spokesman said demands for airline reservations for the December 19-22 period are the highest he has ever seen. "Reservations are being made as early as possible," he said.

Despite a five to ten percent increase in holiday airline reservations, only a few airlines are adding flights, mainly to Florida and Hawaii.

"Popular oceanfront accommodations in Florida south of a line from St. Petersburg to Daytona Beach and around most tourist attractions in the Sunshine State are filled," Stanbury pointed out.

"Travelers insisting on leaving for Florida without confirmed room reservations should seek lodging at inland destinations since there is still plenty of space within easy driving distance of the ocean," he said.

"Only limited accommodations also are available throughout most of the Caribbean, in Acapulco, Honolulu and Las Vegas," Stanbury said. "Lodging is nearly impossible to get in the Los Angeles area during the New Year's holiday at this late date."

Auto Club estimates approximately 3.3 million cars will be on the road during the 102-hour Christmas holiday weekend, which begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 and runs through Sunday, December 28, and again during New Year's. More than 650 million miles will be driven each of the two holiday weekends, which is comparable to a summer holiday weekend.

Sparta Beats Arrows

The Broncos from Coopersville High School, in a surprising upset, beat Cedar Springs High School in Tri-River league basketball action last Friday night and took over the top notch in the league's standings.

The Chapter night meeting, which will start at 8 p.m., will be conducted under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carol Stormzand. The topic will be "Child Care."

Assisting Mrs. Stormzand with the evening's program will be Ruth Wester, Martha Lewis, Della Smit, Mary O'Connor, Eunice Pitsch, Edith Bonnevillie, and Sandra Smith.

lone Schipper, Gale Vander Veen, Lucille Erickson, Helen McCaul, Betty Miller, Mary McMahon, and Pat Fonger.

Senior Regent, Mrs. Nancy Nordloh, extended the Chapters holiday greetings to each and everyone and issued a good New Year's Resolution to the Chapter's Membership; "keep your membership active by attending all meetings in 1976."

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Wilma Nigh
Tamara Lawson
DECEMBER 27
Craig Anderson
Jennifer Cook
DECEMBER 28

Wee Keim
Shelie Nead
Stacy Beachler
Tracy Beachler
DECEMBER 29

Wayne Wellman
DECEMBER 30
Ann Smith
Frank D. Nowaki
Edie Pettit
DECEMBER 31

Ron Kimble
Roxie Nelson

Moose Women Start New Year

The Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, will hold their first meeting of the new year on Monday evening, January 5, at their club rooms on East Main Street.

The Chapter night meeting, which will start at 8 p.m., will be conducted under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carol Stormzand. The topic will be "Child Care."

Assisting Mrs. Stormzand with the evening's program will be Ruth Wester, Martha Lewis, Della Smit, Mary O'Connor, Eunice Pitsch, Edith Bonnevillie, and Sandra Smith.

lone Schipper, Gale Vander Veen, Lucille Erickson, Helen McCaul, Betty Miller, Mary McMahon, and Pat Fonger.

Senior Regent, Mrs. Nancy Nordloh, extended the Chapters holiday greetings to each and everyone and issued a good New Year's Resolution to the Chapter's Membership; "keep your membership active by attending all meetings in 1976."

Wilma Nigh
Tamara Lawson
DECEMBER 27
Craig Anderson
Jennifer Cook
DECEMBER 28

Wee Keim
Shelie Nead
Stacy Beachler
Tracy Beachler
DECEMBER 29

Wayne Wellman
DECEMBER 30
Ann Smith
Frank D. Nowaki
Edie Pettit
DECEMBER 31

Ron Kimble
Roxie Nelson

Only limited accommodations also are available throughout most of the Caribbean, in Acapulco, Honolulu and Las Vegas," Stanbury said. "Lodging is nearly impossible to get in the Los Angeles area during the New Year's holiday at this late date."

Auto Club estimates approximately 3.3 million cars will be on the road during the 102-hour Christmas holiday weekend, which begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 and runs through Sunday, December 28, and again during New Year's. More than 650 million miles will be driven each of the two holiday weekends, which is comparable to a summer holiday weekend.

Winter sports enthusiasts still seeking lodging at popular ski resorts should telephone the lodge to determine if there are vacancies. Accommodations also are available in motels in cities and villages close to winter sports resorts.

Insulation Lacking In Most U.S. Homes
Nine out of 10 homes are under-insulated and more than half have no insulation at all. That's why the National Bureau of Standards has claimed we waste more than 40 percent of the energy we consume heating and cooling our homes.

A season to brighten young eyes, as sparkling and glowing as the lighted Christmas bauble... O beautiful Season of Joy!

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER
OWNED BY THE PEOPLE OF LOWELL

JOY!

May the Holidays bring gifts of Joy and Love To All of Our Patrons
Grand River Oil Co.
Saranac
Greetings From Lloyd

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

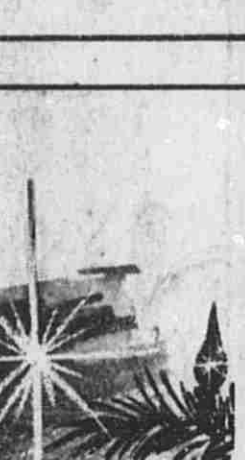
Season's Greetings



... and gladness to one and all this Christmas!
E. D. RICHARD
Well Drilling
LOWELL



The very best to you... good luck, good health, good times to all!
MEL'S BAR
916 West Main - Lowell



May the Holidays bring gifts of Joy and Love To All of Our Patrons
Grand River Oil Co.
Saranac
Greetings From Lloyd

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

JOY TO ALL
To All of Our Patrons Greetings for the Holiday Season
SARANAC HIGHLANDER
Saranac
OPEN: 8 to 9 Mondays - Friday
8 to 6 Saturdays & Sundays

In and Around SARANAC

The Senior Citizens met in the Community Church basement, Thursday noon for a dinner given by the Mom's Club for the 30 present. There was group singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timinski and family of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Benjamin and family, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and family, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boguski, Allendale and Earla Myers are entertaining their family Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprague were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin will be spending Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews and family, Lowell.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Childs will be Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sutton and family of Hastings; Mrs. Rachel Kinglake, Grand Lodge; Mrs. Donna Tanning and family of Detroit.

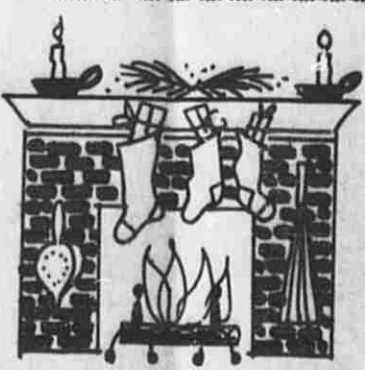
A Pre-Christmas get together was held Sunday at Kathleen Olson's home and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson and family of Lowell.

Equal Opportunity...

IS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL AS A FULL REWARD OF YOUR OWN LABORS.



A Masonic Thought for Daily Living from THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN



Holiday Greetings

We're hanging our good wishes on the mantle with care. "Thanks" for your loyal patronage can also be found there.

Bristol's Body Shop

222 W. Main - Lowell - 897-8126



Good Tidings

Health and happiness throughout the season and in the years to come.

Shady Acres Farm

Bailey Drive - Lowell



There are many factors which control the size of wildlife populations. Occurrences which limit the population of living things are called mortality factors. When one considers that one pair of rabbits may be responsible for the birth of 24 rabbits in a single season, the importance of mortality factors is apparent.

Hunting, predation, disease and starvation help to keep animal populations within a reasonable limit. Animals can have accidents too, big horn sheep fall off mountains, squirrels fall from trees, birds hit windows, wires, and walls, and deer run into trees, cars, and fences. Accidents can play a major role in controlling animal populations especially if there is little hunting and predation.

During the spring and summer those animals that have survived the winter reproduce and build their numbers back up. These populations will reach their peak in the fall. In the winter mortality factors will operate on the populations and

diminish it. In the spring, the cycle will be repeated.

Animal ecology in a nutshell! Hardy. The population size of wildlife animals is easily affected by subtle changes in their habitat, the area where they prefer to live. Man is often the cause of the changes which can result in extinction or increase of animals.

In the case of the passenger pigeon, most ecologists believe that over hunting was only a contributing factor in their extinction. Passenger pigeons required massive hardwood forests for food and nesting. Tremendous hunting pressures and logging which removed their nesting habitat decreased the passenger pigeon population. Diseases, possibly introduced by domestic fowl, helped exterminate the remaining few.

In 1810, Alexander Wilson, an artist, observed a flock of passenger pigeons, "14 in height beyond gunshot...from right to left far as the eye could reach" for five hours. Central Michigan was one of the last holdouts for these birds as there were great beech forests. It is difficult to imagine such great flocks, it is harder still to imagine their eradication in the same century.

Read the Ledger Want Ads

Holiday Basketball Tourney

The Lowell Red Arrows will be hosting the semi-finals of the annual Holiday Basketball tournament on Tuesday, December 23, featuring teams from Forest Hills Northern, Ionia, Lowell and Rockford.

The finals will be held at Forest Hills Northern on Saturday, December 27.

Time Schedule
Junior Varsity, Tuesday, December 23, at Lowell.
1 p.m. Rockford vs. Ionia
3 p.m. Lowell vs. Forest Hills Northern

Varsity
7 p.m. Rockford vs. Ionia
8:30 p.m. Lowell vs. Forest Hills Northern

Junior Varsity, Saturday, December 27 at Forest Hills Northern.

1 p.m. Consolation of December 23 games.
3 p.m. Winners

Varsity
7 p.m. Consolation of December 23 games.
8:30 p.m. Winners

Championship trophies will be awarded. Admission prices will be \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults.

The afternoon session will be separate admission; students and adults will be 50 and 75 cents respectively. League passes only will be accepted.

Cagers Lose Non-Leaguer

In a non-league basketball contest last Tuesday night, December 13, the Lowell Red Arrow Cagers were downed by Kelloggsville, 77-71.

The game's high scoring honors were taken by John Ellison, Lowell's sophomore forward, who hit the backboards for 22 points.

Also hitting double figures for the Arrows were Dale Phillips with 14, Joe Collier with 13, and Steve Wittenbach with 12.

Ron Gallert and Steve Butema both tallied 18 points to top the winner's offense.

Saranac And Lowell To Face 'Arkansas Lassies'

The nationally known-all girls' basketball team, the "Arkansas Lassies" are coming to town...to Lowell and Saranac, that is...in January.

The "Lassies" featuring some of the finest female talent from all over America, will make their opponents earn every basket, when they meet the men's faculty at Saranac High School on Saturday, January 3, and the men's faculty of Lowell High School on Wednesday, January 7.

Playing good, solid basketball is a trademark with the "Lassies". Outstanding passing and ball handling will add a great deal to the color of this group of female court wizards. However, there will be plenty of laughs when the girls pick on everyone in sight.

Fans are sure to be amazed at the remarkable shooting percentages of the great girls' team. Few area high school teams could match them in percentage of shots made.

Lowell fans are in for an enjoyable and exciting evening of basketball, when the local men's faculty meet the girls' head on at the high school gymnasium on January 7. The game is being sponsored by the Lowell Girl's basketball team.

Advance ticket prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for students. At-the-door they will sell for \$1.75 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

May a full score of good wishes strike you this jolly Yule time!



May Santa bring you a sleigh-full of wishes for a happy holiday.

Vanity Hair Fashions
Lowell - 897-7506

PEACE
To all his creatures, great and small... Peace!
DICK & OWEN'S
Quality Barber
117 W. MAIN ST. LOWELL



Best Wishes to all of our Customers

J. R. B. INSURANCE AGENCY
835 West Main - Lowell - 897-9253

All Offices Of The **State Savings Bank** OF LOWELL
Will be closed at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
The Bank will also be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

tickets \$1.50 for adults, \$1.25 for students. At the door on game night, \$1.75 for adults, and \$1.50 for students.

TOURNEY FINALS
On Saturday, December 27, during the holiday vacation, the Red Arrows will meet the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern High School in a special tournament.

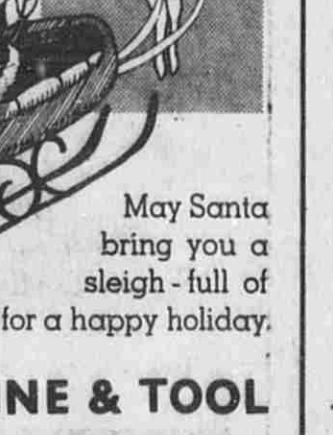
The final round of play on Northern's court, on the 27th, will see the preliminary game starting at 7 p.m.



American Legion Lanes
805 E. Main, Lowell - 897-7566



DEY MACHINE & TOOL
330 Lincoln Lake - Lowell



Season's Greetings
For Christmas and the New Year



FRY & FRY READY MIX CONCRETE
ADA, MICHIGAN 897-8451
SARANAC, MICHIGAN 876-9652



The Canning Lid Shortage - Who's Fooling Whom?

by Sherry Kayt

As I looked up at that massive stone structure in the heart of downtown Muncie (about comparable to Lowell and Ionia, combined), all my firm resolutions about "getting to the bottom of this canning lid mess" began to quake in their boots. After all, this was the nationally known Ball Dome Canning Lid Plant, Est. in 1884, and I was a slight, young, novice reporter from the Lowell (now Grand Valley) Ledger. Not exactly a claim to fame, by any means. However, one thought of all those women lined up outside the truck at Eberhard's (see last week's article) and my strength and determination returned. I walked through the doors and announced myself at the desk.

To my utter amazement, that very afternoon I sat in the plush office of Mr. Verne Schranz, Director of Public Relations and Corporate Secretary for Ball. My worst fears of not being able to talk to anyone who "was anybody" and/or who "knew anything" had never materialized. Nor had Mr. Schranz's secretary, Liz Overmyer, uttered the obvious, "You're who, from the Lowell what?" Instead, now I sat face-to-face with the one man who could answer my, or anyone else's, questions about the canning lid

industry. I wasted no time in taking advantage of the situation. "Mr. Schranz," I asked, "What is your answer to the charge of collusion at the manufacturers level of the canning lid industry?" "I could tell this was not the first time he had heard such an accusation. Tiredly, he explained that the rumors suggesting collaboration with companies like Green Giant, Van Camp, etc., were "completely false". No, he said, there was no truth to the "scare stories" heard on several radio stations, that truckers were being paid to dump loads of lids just so Ball could charge higher prices, or so the major food-canning companies wouldn't lose business to home canners.

I then asked about such things as causes of the "shortage" (his answer: 1. Inflation, 2. More gardens, 3. Good weather over past 2 years), as well as shipping techniques, methods of selling lids to wholesalers, and black marketing. Most of what I learned fell under the "informative, but not explanatory" category. And then my reporter's radar caught a couple of details which haven't been too well-publicized.

I had expected Mr. Schranz to

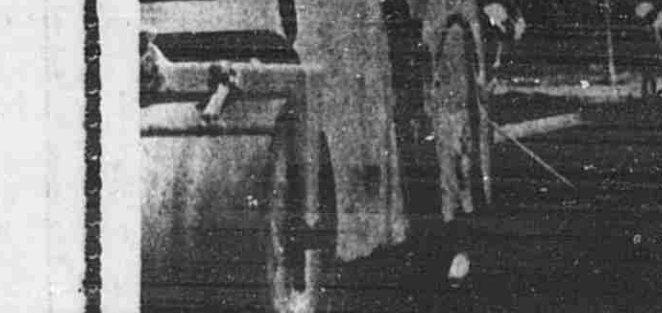
mean to do with the shipping schedule of lids from Ball and other lid plants. Traditionally (that means, in non-shortage years) there hasn't been much call for lids in any particular area until just before harvesting time. So, lids have always been shipped South in the winter and spring, and Northerners have usually received their lids in the summer and fall. Now, in normal years, that would seem to be a very efficient way of distributing lids-but what happened this year? Southerners, frightened by the shortages of the past two years, bought up lids as early as they could, while Michiganders were forced to wait until the lids came their way, not knowing whether there would be enough lids left to supply their needs when the crops were ready to be harvested. And unfortunately, there weren't.

Another little-known fact about the business end of the industry is that, while salesmen normally "sour" the "inventory" to get wholesalers to buy their supplies, because of the situations of the last two years, such selling techniques were unnecessary. Everyone wanted lids, as many as they could get. So what Ball and other companies did last year was to discontinue lids on an allotment basis, sending to each customer of 1974 the average number of lids they purchased over 1973 and 1974. That meant: a. No new customers, b. Insufficient lids for those soiling to areas experiencing a recent rise in canning lid needs, and, c. No real attempt to evenly distribute lids on the basis of actual, present need.

(Granted, some of these conditions have existed in the lid industry for years, and it would be difficult to change them. But isn't a crisis situation like that of last summer, serious enough to warrant some "bending and stretching" of traditional company policy?)

As my interview with Mr. Schranz drew to a close, ending with a personally-guided tour through the lid plant, I asked him his outlook for next year. "I am very optimistic," he said. "We are expanding our facilities and should be able to adequately meet the needs of all home canners by next year." He pointed out several machines in his line that could handle 1200 lids per minute, and explained that the plant was now employing sufficient workers to keep the line running around-the-clock, all week long. It did seem that Ball Corporation was doing all it could to meet the needs of its customers. But what if the situation could not be improved by next year? What if it even became worse?

Hopefully, the American



To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

pool-pooch any mention of "black marketing" of canning lids (buying in quantity from a retailer to sell again at exorbitant prices). To my surprise, he not only agreed that such practices were relatively common, he furnished me with several examples, naming names and quoting figures. One incident involved people backing up a truck to a retail store where lids were available, buying out the supply, and taking the lids back to their own area to be sold for several times as much to desperate canners.

"But," I gaped, "aren't things like that illegal?" Amazingly enough, I found, in most cases they're not. Black marketers are allowed to practice their despicable art freely in this country, as long as no specific laws are broken. And by the way, you can tell that friend of yours who bought a couple cases of lids down South last summer to sell to her "friends" at twice the price that she, too, is a black marketer. See what she says to that!

Now, in that last statement, why did I mention "down South"? Well, the truth is, in many areas of the South lids were plentiful supply, while uncantered fruits and vegetables were rotting up North. The reason for this strange pheno-

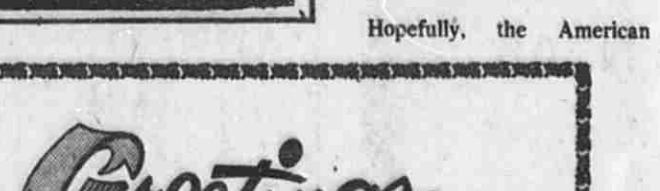
menon has to do with the shipping schedule of lids from Ball and other lid plants. Traditionally (that means, in non-shortage years) there hasn't been much call for lids in any particular area until just before harvesting time. So, lids have always been shipped South in the winter and spring, and Northerners have usually received their lids in the summer and fall. Now, in normal years, that would seem to be a very efficient way of distributing lids-but what happened this year? Southerners, frightened by the shortages of the past two years, bought up lids as early as they could, while Michiganders were forced to wait until the lids came their way, not knowing whether there would be enough lids left to supply their needs when the crops were ready to be harvested. And unfortunately, there weren't.

Another little-known fact about the business end of the industry is that, while salesmen normally "sour" the "inventory" to get wholesalers to buy their supplies, because of the situations of the last two years, such selling techniques were unnecessary. Everyone wanted lids, as many as they could get. So what Ball and other companies did last year was to discontinue lids on an allotment basis, sending to each customer of 1974 the average number of lids they purchased over 1973 and 1974. That meant: a. No new customers, b. Insufficient lids for those soiling to areas experiencing a recent rise in canning lid needs, and, c. No real attempt to evenly distribute lids on the basis of actual, present need.

(Granted, some of these conditions have existed in the lid industry for years, and it would be difficult to change them. But isn't a crisis situation like that of last summer, serious enough to warrant some "bending and stretching" of traditional company policy?)

As my interview with Mr. Schranz drew to a close, ending with a personally-guided tour through the lid plant, I asked him his outlook for next year. "I am very optimistic," he said. "We are expanding our facilities and should be able to adequately meet the needs of all home canners by next year." He pointed out several machines in his line that could handle 1200 lids per minute, and explained that the plant was now employing sufficient workers to keep the line running around-the-clock, all week long. It did seem that Ball Corporation was doing all it could to meet the needs of its customers. But what if the situation could not be improved by next year? What if it even became worse?

Hopefully, the American



To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

RIETH-RILEY
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.
ASPHALT PAVING
COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS • PARKING LOTS • RECREATION AREAS
SUBDIVISIONS • CURBS • SEALERS • AGGREGATES

2800 WILSON DR LOCATED ON W BELTLINE

absolutely need. Please, please, don't add to the problem by hoarding.

1. Whenever possible, freeze or dry foods instead of canning them. Ask your neighbor to lend you a little freezer space, or buy your own. It may be cheaper in the long run than letting your produce go to waste.

2. Use paraffin when making your jelly and put it in jars that don't need regular canning lids.

3. Whenever possible, make jam or jelly out of fruits instead of canning them.

4. Can quarts instead of pints; you save half your lids that way.

5. Buy lids whenever you can, wherever you can, but do not buy any more lids than you will

6. Do not patronize black marketers. Refuse to pay more than fair market price for any lids.

7. Have you figured out the cost of each batch of jelly, fruit or vegetables that you can't? Perhaps some of the items you are preserving could be bought already canned or frozen at the supermarket next year for only a few cents more, saving you the labor of canning and the headache of trying to buy lids when none are available.

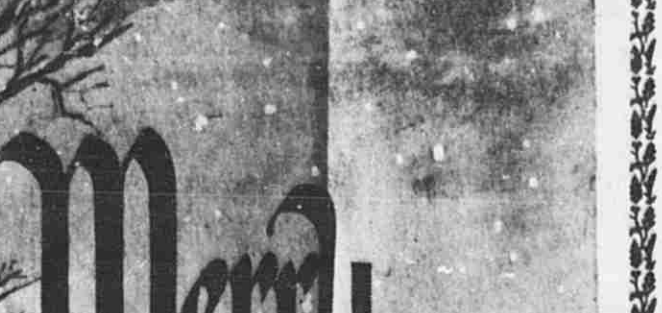
8. Have you ever considered reusing lids? Some people do, and while I am not necessarily recommending it, here are some guidelines to follow if you decide that reusing lids is your only alternative:

a. When removing lids to be re-used, do not pry them off. Set the jars in boiling water until the contents heat and expand to the point where you can just lift the lid off.

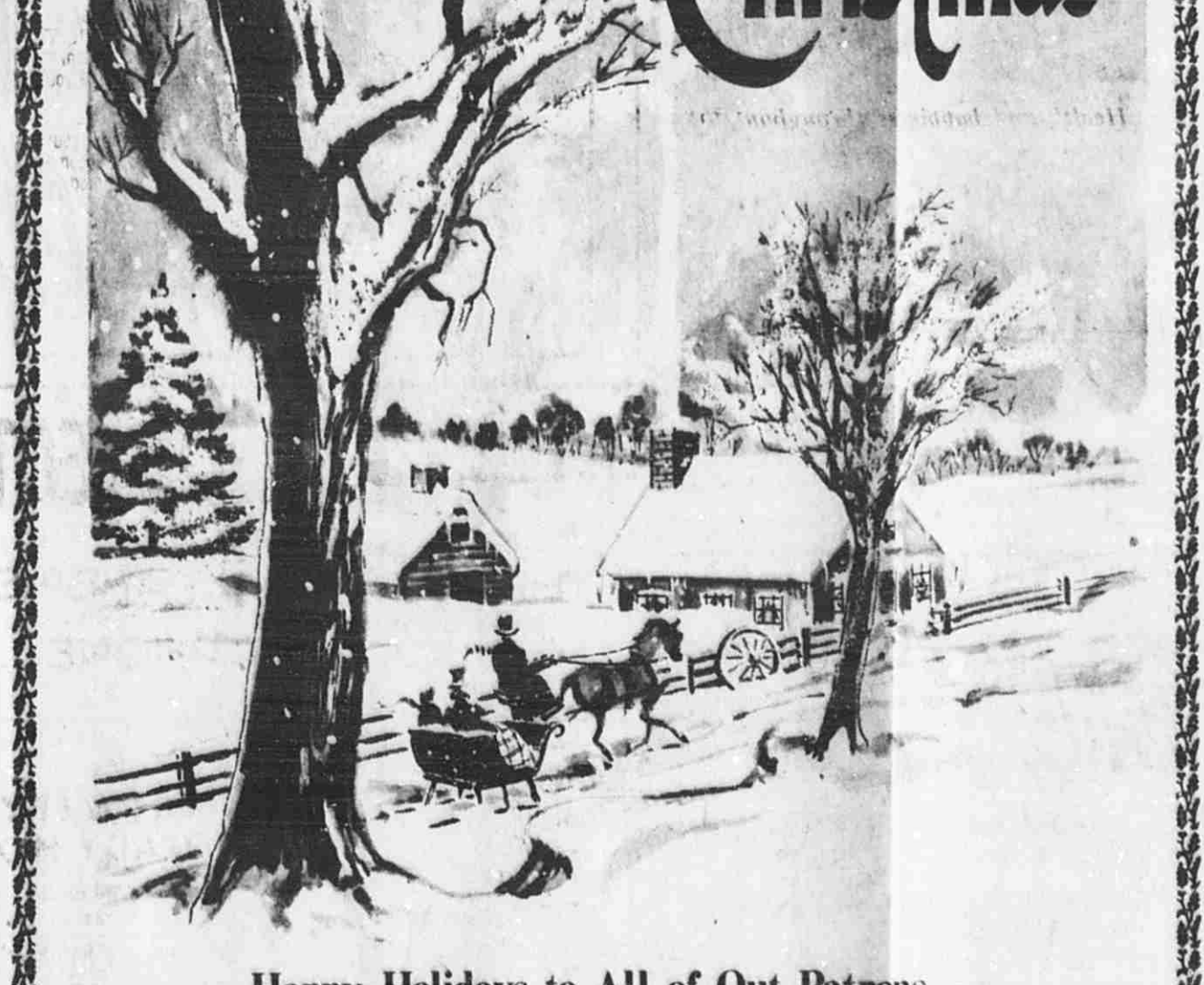
b. Do not re-use any lid that is bent, chipped or altered in any way.

c. To be safe, use lids the second time only on jars of jelly, jam, and high-acid fruits such as

suggestions for all those considering home canning next year. Follow them carefully, use common sense, and-HAPPY CANNING!



Christmas Cheer
Have a deliciously seasoned Holiday!
JIMMY'S GRILL
10878 Grand River Avenue - Lowell - 897-7688



Happy Holidays to All of Our Patrons
May the Spirit and Joy of the Holiday Season stay with you always

LOWELL AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

- JACKSON MOTOR SALES Dodge Cars & Trucks
- THOMET CHEVROLET & BUICK Opel Sales
- HAROLD ZEIGLER FORD Ford Cars & Trucks
- SMITH-CLEMENZ Used Cars & Trucks
- DeMULL'S AUTO PARTS Lowell
- WITTENBACH SALES & SERVICE Pontiac-Olds-MC-International
- GENE'S CYCLE SALES & USED CARS

