

The Grand Valley Ledger

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

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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



The Lowell Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing next Tuesday evening, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall to consider a request by Peter O'Neill for a use variance which would allow the Lowell Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to erect a religious building within the township.

The recent arrest of a 19-year-old Lowell youth, by the Lowell Police, has led to the solving of several breaking and enterings in the city, the rural Lowell area, and in Ionia County. Larry Stevens, who was also wanted on a warrant for failure to appear in court, has been remanded to the Kent County Jail, where he awaits a future court appearance. Stevens' arrest came after intensive investigation by the Lowell Police Department and Det. L. Thompson of the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

President-elect Jimmy Carter is getting nearly unanimous advice from his staff, big business and organized labor that tax breaks are needed to boost the economy. That emerging consensus appeared as Carter's budget director warned that "we're in a recession already."

The "paper drop box," maintained by the Lowell Area Jaycees on East Main Street, has been closed temporarily. The reopening date will be announced at a later date.

A Christmas Concert by the Lowell Middle School band will be given this Thursday evening, December 16, at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

This Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, Santa Claus will be at his headquarters at 106 West Main Street. The red-suited gentleman will visit with the kids and present them with a treat on Friday 7 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 2 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Photographs of the kids with Santa will also be taken, if desired.

Better get that "Holiday Cheer" early this year. According to the Michigan State Liquor Commission, there will be no sales of any alcoholic beverages from 9 p.m. Friday, December 24 until 7 a.m. Monday, December 27.

This ruling applies to all establishments with liquor licenses, to include beer and wine and also prohibits take-out sales as well as over-the-bar sales.

A Christmas Hymn-Sing will be held in the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell this Sunday, December 19, at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Santa is coming to bring Saranac children a sack of candy and find out what they want for Christmas. He will be making his appearance Saturday afternoon, December 18 at the Saranac American Legion Hall on Bridge St., Saranac.

A Tradition For Over 25 Yrs.



The huge Christmas wreath that is hung annually in Cary's, has become a tradition here in Lowell. Cary Stiff, owner of Cary's, says that the wreath has been hung for 25 years or more. Stiff says that some people think that the wreath is stored from year to year, "not so" says Stiff, "it is made up in Grand Rapids every year out of fresh evergreen boughs". The cost of having the wreath made has risen over the years so that it now exceeds \$100. Hanging the wreath from the 12 foot ceiling is no small task, Stiff says that the chore required three people besides himself this year.—PHOTO BY MODERN PHOTOGRAPHICS

ROSIE DRIVE INN — 800 W. Main, Lowell. This Week's Special: "Hippie Burgers, 75c." We now have Frozen Yogurt. Large selection of Christmas trees. New Weekday hours: 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Plan Ahead! Ledger's Holiday Schedule

The December 23 edition of the Grand Valley Ledger will be a combined "Holiday Issue," covering the weeks of December 20 and December 27.

All news items for this holiday issue (which will cover any events scheduled between December 23 and January 5) should be in by Monday, December 20, at noon.

The Ledger office is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Saturdays. Items may be called in to 897-9261; mailed to Box 128, Lowell; or slipped into the mail slot at 105 North Broadway Street.

We enlist the cooperation of all our advertisers and readers in helping us prepare this holiday issue, so our employees can enjoy the forthcoming holidays with their families.

Remember, the deadline for the combined issue is noon on Monday, December 20.

Icy Roads Spur Accident Rate

With the arrival of winter weather usually comes a rash of automobile accidents, which are caused when drivers are caught, unprepared for the first snows and ice.

Last week, the Lowell Police Department was called to the scene of five accidents; one which injured two persons.

Involved in an accident on West Main, near the Pleasant Street intersection on December 7, were vehicles driven by Richard Ellison and Douglas Clark. The mishap occurred when Ellison attempted to make a right turn and struck the Clark car as he was passing in the right lane.

Injured as his car slid on icy pavement and struck a sign and telephone pole on West Main Street, near Amity, early Thursday morning was Kenneth Minnie and his passenger, Michael Thomas.

Uninjured as two parties backed into each other at Horatio and East Main was Richard Rieri and Paul Erickson, last Wednesday morning.

Heleen McMahon escaped injury when the car she was driving slid through a yield right-of-way sign last Wednesday noon at the intersection of Amity and Chatham.

The McMahon vehicle struck a car driven by Ronald Mathis of Ionia, spun around and hit a parked vehicle.

Monday afternoon, December 6, cars driven by Dennis Vogel of Grand Rapids and Patricia Pierce were involved in an accident at the intersection of Fremont and Washington St. No one was injured.

Post Office Sets Holiday Schedules

Normal mail service for Lowell postal patrons will be provided on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, which will be regular post office business days. Postmaster Charlie Doyle said today.

A holiday schedule will prevail on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, December 25 and January 1, he said.

Postmaster Doyle said that on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Lowell post office will be closed, and no deliveries will be made.

Mail will be collected on these holidays from the "out of town" mail box located in front of the Lowell post office. Mail deposited during these days in this collection box will be dispatched at 6:15 p.m.

Water Bank Program

The Water Bank Program as approved by Congress in 1970 is being offered currently in six counties in Michigan—Lapeer, Shiawassee, Kent, Hillsdale, Jackson and VanBuren.

Robert Zeeb, Chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, points out that this program is enacted to help reserve, restore and improve our fast disappearing wetlands. Zeeb emphasizes that such a conservation measure benefits a broad segment of our people, as well as our wildlife habitat, in that our wetlands are needed as reservoirs to store water and maintain our water tables; contribute to flood control as storage during peak flows; control erosion; and prevent sediment from reaching our streams and lakes.

Any landowner in any of the six approved counties may enter into a ten-year agreement and receive payments from \$5 to \$35 per acre for the designated acreages that provide habitat for waterfowl and upland game. Landowners in these counties should contact their local county ASCS office for more information.

Santa Is Generous



Chuck Lippert, president of the Lowell Showboat Corporation, is shown receiving a \$250 check from Santa. The money is for the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre's Capital Development Project and is part of a continuing program to eliminate the remaining balance owed on the "Community Arena."

Santa Claus also acts as the Secretary of the Lowell Lions Club as part of his other duties. — Photo By Modern Photographics.

Lowell Collegian Earns Adrian Football Honors

Brian Hoseth, of 165 Marble Rd., Lowell, was among the select Adrian College students receiving athletic letters for football during the annual fall sports banquet held recently at the school.



Hoseth, a powerful athlete, earned his 1976 letter playing two new positions for the Adrian Bulldogs, tight end and running back. As a freshman, he dominated a defensive tackle slot and won team honors for his performances.

The two-year varsity football letterman is an Adrian sophomore majoring in English. Next spring, Hoseth, who also holds a varsity letter in track, plans to rejoin the college track team, participating in the quarter-mile, 220-yard, 440-yard relay and one mile events.

Hoseth, who attends the Alton Bible Church in Lowell, graduated from Lowell High School in 1970. He then attended Grand Rapids Junior College and served three years in the Army before enrolling at Adrian.

Brian's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hoseth of Lowell. His brother, Kevin, is a freshman at Adrian College.

FARMERS ADOPT 1977 SLATE OF POLICIES

Voting delegates from throughout the state adopted a comprehensive slate of policies for the Michigan Farm Bureau during the organization's annual meeting in Grand Rapids, November 30 through December 3.

Farmers representing 69 county Farm Bureau units discussed, debated, amended and finally adopted a total of 175 policies dealing with a wide range of issues.

Above The Board

Board Releases Football Coach

With national school test averages dipping lower and lower and causing belated concern in other areas, Lowell Board of Education members were understandably pleased Monday night to receive the results of this year's Michigan Assessment program indicating another sharp rise over the previous year.

In areas of both reading and math for fourth and seventh graders the scores went up another four points for a total rise of 10 in the last four years.

Test results are used to spot weak areas as well as progress and for this reason the program was voluntarily extended to include kindergarten and tenth grade this year even though, at this point, it is not required by the State.

Also for the first time, the results were shared with parents of the students tested.

Get Grant
Along the same line, and as a direct result of the local school system's constant pursuit of better methods to stimulate and facilitate learning in students, board members were informed that Lowell's recent request for a \$4,500 grant from the State was approved to implement "Cognitive Mapping," at the elementary level.

Cognitive mapping is one more step designed to give teachers more insight into each child's individual learning pattern so that the teacher can develop the best and easiest method for that child to learn.

Coach
In an unexpected, but unanimous decision, all members of the Board of Education voted not to renew Al Rowe's contract as football coach of the Lowell Red Arrows.

The action followed a special meeting held between the board and school administrators at which Rowe's performance as head coach was discussed at length.

Supt. Leonard Sinke was instructed to give Rowe a detailed account of the decision. Rowe may, if he wishes then request either a public or private hearing on the issue. The move

does not affect his position as high school phys. ed. instructor or his tenure status.

Rowe has been head football coach here for the past eight years.

Activity
The final report of the extra-curricular activity committee was given by Asst. Supt. Don Kelly and indicated mainly that there are as many different opinions as to activity preference and priorities as there are committee members.

Community-wise it is apparently difficult to compare the value of football with debate but all were in agreement that if money is not forthcoming by next Fall, drastic changes will have to be made in all activities.

Bond Funds
Board members were also informed that approval has been received from the Michigan Department of Education to use a portion of the 1971 Residue Bond Funds to construct new tennis courts, add a greenhouse to the high school, provide additional administrative space, and add needed equipment for Alto and Bushnell Elementary Schools.

Drafting
A contract was approved for Ned Henley to teach drafting in the senior high school and the low bid of Harold Zeigler Ford for the school's two leased cars was accepted.

Convention
Board President Roger Roberts brought up the National School Board Convention to be held in Houston this year and remarked that in view of the tight budget it was thought that it might be wise to limit the number attending this year.

Cancelled
Because of the Christmas holidays the second meeting of the month, scheduled for December 27, was cancelled and the next regular board meeting will be Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bushnell Kiva.

Snow Trail Opening

The Western Michigan Snowmobile Trail was opened December 11, according to Larry DeVormer, Trail Chairman for the Western Michigan Snowmobile Council.

The marked trail, which will be patrolled, is about 30 miles long across leased private land. Originating on the south at the Park Headquarters at the North end of Gun Lake on Briggs Road, and going North through Yankee Springs Golf Course, (a scramble area) on Damoth Rd., 1/2 mile East of Patterson Road, and ending at Deer Run Golf Club on Cascade Road, just east of Pratt Lake Road.

A Park sticker is mandatory on both Snowmobile and car if both are in the park.

Snowmobilers are asked to obey the following simple but very important rules for continued trail use.

1. Stay on marked trail
2. There must be at least 4" of Snow on Portion of trail being used.
3. Snowmobiles must be legally registered with the state.
4. No wheeled vehicles are allowed on the trail.

Red Arrows Surprise Fremont



Lowell Red Arrow Basketball Coach, Gerald Meredith, glances at the scoreboard at halftime during last Friday's game against Fremont. See complete story on Page 8.—Photo By Paul Miller.

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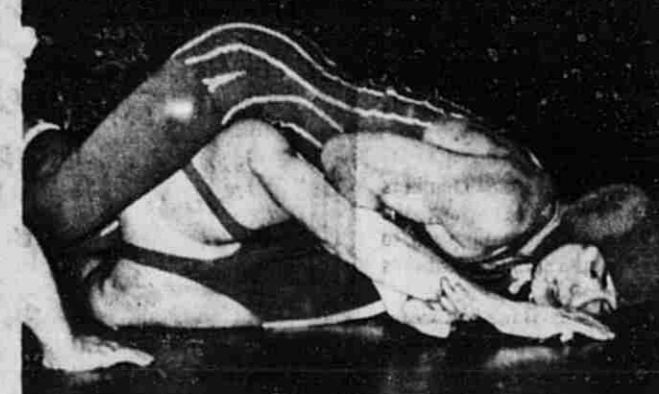
The Lowell Middle School Choir will present "This Christmas Day," and "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, on Monday evening, December 20. These two productions give the story of the birth of Christ, and the story of the famous character "Scrooge," as played by Ron Wood.

SNOW CLUB TO HOST CHILDREN
The Forest Hills Snowmobile Association's gift to the little ones will be in the form of a Christmas party, this Saturday, December 18, at 10 a.m. sharp. Besides the appearance of Santa Claus, there will be a puppet show; Christmas music; a magician; and Mr. Slide, a very funny and clever clown.

Lowell Grapplers Outwrestle Vikings



In the 165 pound classification, Lowell's Jeff Oesch, came from behind, and pinned his Viking opponent.



Lowell's Dan Kropp, wrestling in the 112 pound division, stop his opponent, scored a 7-4 decision.

The Lowell Red Arrow Grapplers outwrestled the Lakewood Vikings last Thursday in a conference match, 59-8. Lowell won 11 of the 13 matches. Pining for the Arrows were Tom Reedy, Matt Rehl, Jeff Oesch, John Wilder, Tom Oesch and Ken Olson. Ted Kazemier won by a superior decision, 17-0.

The Junior Varsity Team also won with a score of 45-18. Pining for the J.V.'s were Tony Posthumus, Randy Glidew, Sam Wilder, and Nate Swift. The final results of the first conference wrestling match were:
98 lbs., Ted Kazemier (L) d. 17-0 Perry Thomas (LA). 105 lbs., Ray Alexander won by a forfeit. 112 lbs., Dan Kropp (L) d. 7-4 Dan Cobb (LA). 119 lbs., Gene Conley (LA) d. 6-0 Mike Mauric (L). 126 lbs., Ed Loughlin (L) d. 11-6 Denny Thomas (LA). 132 lbs., Tom Reedy (L) p. 45 Randy Welshans (LA). 138 lbs., Matt Rehl (L) p. 1-23 Lee Williams (LA). 145 lbs., Bill Heintzleman won by a forfeit. 155 lbs., Bret Reed d. 17-2 Randy Kropp (L). 165 lbs., Jeff Oesch (L) p. 5-12 Greg Thiel (LA). 178 lbs., John Wilder p. 1-48 Doug Stadel (LA). 191 lbs., Tom Oesch p. 1-03 Doug Brooks (LA). HWI, Ken Olson (L) p. 1-07, Brad Barrone (LA).

City Of Lowell NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held before the Lowell Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee on Monday, December 27

at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street.

The purpose of the Hearing will be to inform citizens of eligible activities and program requirements, grant amounts, priority system, and ranking criteria for the City's preapplication for the Community Development Block Grant Program for 1977 funding.

Citizens will be given the opportunity to express needs and preferences and to participate in the development of the preapplication.

Ray E. Guada, City Clerk

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A superior decision, 17-0, was recorded by Lowell's 98-pound wrestler, Ted Kazemier.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to make a correction of the letter that Mrs. DeY wrote in the Grand Valley Ledger, December 9, 1976. The Color Guard that led the Christmas Parade was from Flat River Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303, not the American Legion. I know the public thinks that both organizations are the same, they are not. They are two separate organizations, both with the same objectives for the Veteran and the community. To be a Veteran of Foreign Wars member you must have served outside the continental United States. During a war, conflict, or a police action on foreign soil, or foreign waters, obtained a campaign badge, and have an honorable discharge. We have members that belong to both organizations. Both organizations do a wonderful service for the community, but I want to make it perfectly clear that the two organizations are separate from one another, and that we, the VFW, are very proud to carry the flag that we fought for in so many wars, on so many foreign soils.

I hope this letter does not stir up any conflict between the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, but I want to make aware to the citizens of Lowell that there are two service organizations in the community that benefit the community as well as the members that belong to them.

I would like to commend Mrs. DeY for her efforts to make the parade a success.

Olen E. Miller, Jr.
VFW 8303

CUSTOM CAR SHOW
DECEMBER 17, 18 and 19

Baseball's American League rookie of the year, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych and Detroit Tiger 10-year veteran Mickey Stanley will literally be joining the Second Annual Motorama Holiday Custom Car Show. The dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 17, 18 and 19th.

The event will take place in the Grand Rapids Show Building which is located at 3333 South Division Avenue.

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Frank VanDusen's address for the next few months is: Frank VanDusen, S.S. Longbeach, c/o Sealand Service, Inc., P.O. Box 24105, Oakland, California 94623.

Edward P. Sussell, 64, of Jackson passed away November 23. An instructor at Jackson Community Union College, he is the daughter of her peers. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Mueller of 216 Riverside Drive, Lowell.

Colleen Nugent of Lowell, a member of the 1976 Northern Michigan University women's volleyball team at Marquette, received a varsity award. Ms. Nugent, a freshman at NMU was a first year award.

Rusty Steffens of Lowell has been awarded a letter in football at Grand Valley State College. He accepted his award at a banquet December 2. The former Lowell High School athlete is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steffens of Lowell.

Richard Doezema of the Snow United Methodist Church was a recent delegate to a National Conference on the Food and Farm Policy of the United States, held in Oberlin Park, Kansas, sponsored by the Board of Global Ministries.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Johnson of Lakeside Drive, SE, Grand Rapids, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, December 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Cascade Christian Church.

Steve VanHorn, a resident at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home in Lowell, celebrated his 96th birthday on December 11. He has five daughters, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

John F. Gahan, aged 72, of Muskegon passed away Sunday afternoon, December 12, at his residence. He was born October 9, 1904, in Parnell.

Our annual Christmas party hosted by the Camp Fire Girls, for their Mothers, was a tremendous success, with approximately 150 attending.

The School Chairman, Betty Coons, acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. We started our party with the introduction of Judy Ellison's Adventure group that made the float "Visions of Sugar Plums" for the Lowell Christmas parade.

The girls, dressed in their costumes they wore in the parade, added a more festive atmosphere to the program. The leaders were introduced next, followed by everyone joining in, singing Christmas Carols, with Donna Gerard at the piano.

We were honored that the District Director from the South East District of Kewano Council was able to be with us to enjoy the program.

The program "Nature's Christmas Legends" written by Betty was a delight to all. The following is a list of each Blue Bird and Camp Fire Girl participating in the program.

Lisa Rector, Karen Kellogg, Tracy Condon, Shannon Scott, Page Lombardo, Irene Lynch, Tammy Stegulis, Donna Conrad, Stephanie Miner, Kim McFall and Pam Westcott.

After the program, refreshments were served by Mary Ellen River's Discovery Group, Carla Shores, Ann Rivers, Elizabeth Alkema, Toni Potter and Meredith Althaus.

The engagement of Elizabeth Ann DeShane to Mark Alan Stockwell has been announced. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeShane of Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stockwell of Grand Rapids are the prospective bridegroom's parents.

Notes From Lowell Library

The Lowell Public Library Board, Librarian and Page would like to wish all of our patrons a "Joyous Holiday Season." You are invited to visit the library anytime, but especially during this Christmas season, to see the decorations, to choose Christmas books and records.

On Tuesday, December 21 we will be serving coffee and cookies from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for your enjoyment. The library will be closed December 24 and 25.

For the businessman who may want to learn more about the small business tax, we now have the book "Intrins Report of the Governor's Advisory Task Force on the Single Business Tax" and "Guide to Michigan's Single Business Tax Act of 1975."

Story Hour
Story hour for 4 year olds will begin again February 7, 1977. Please register your child for the class as soon as possible. There is no charge for this 12 week's adventure in the library.

Your library board members are faithful workers who make the library a pleasant place to visit. The present board consists of the following people: Mrs. Donna Hahn, treasurer and Vergennes Township representative.

Mrs. Charlene Butler, Ada Township representative. Mrs. Nancy Willis, Lowell Township representative. Mrs. Beverly Hall, President and City representative.

Mrs. Beverley Hagen, Secretary and City representative. Mrs. Albert Ojenes, Grattan Township representative.

Open Hours
Mondays, 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Flat River Snow Club To Meet
Sunday, December 19, is another busy day for the Flat River Snowmobile Club. Potluck dinner at 12:30, meeting at 1:30.

Turkey give-away, Kid's Christmas Party, an auction, plans for New Year's Eve and hopefully snow on the snow!

Parents don't forget to bring a gift, not more than \$1.50, for your child or children for under the tree. See you then and think snow!

Engagements Announced
The engagement of Elizabeth Ann DeShane to Mark Alan Stockwell has been announced. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeShane of Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stockwell of Grand Rapids are the prospective bridegroom's parents.

A January 29 wedding is being planned by Miss DeShane and her fiancé.

Helbel-White
Mr. and Mrs. John Helbel of Ada have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Virginia Kay, to Fred William Witte.

The future bridegroom, son of Gerald F. Witte of Ada, attended Grand Valley State College. Miss Helbel is a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College. Plans for a March 25th wedding are being made.

Delilah did not cut Samson's hair. She made him sleep while someone else shaved his head.

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Candy Canes	49¢
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Church School Christmas Program

Sunday at 5 p.m. the Annual Church School Christmas Program will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

St. Mary's Schedules

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell has announced the schedule of events for the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the New Year's week.

The church, located at 222 Lincoln Lake Road, will maintain the following schedule: Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, December 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Confessions will begin at these hours and last only as long as there are penitents. There will be no confessions on Friday or Saturday, December 24 and 25.

Sacrament of the Eucharist, Masses: Christmas Eve, 5:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREES! FRESH CUT. Proceeds Go To Lowell's CUB SCOUT PACK 3102. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102.

Methodist Church. All families of the church and community are invited to join in this festive program.

Sunday, December 26, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Note, no mass Saturday evening).

New Year's Weekend Schedule: New Year's Eve, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. New Year's Day, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 2, 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Note, no mass Saturday evening).

Come to Church

ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH. 7152 Bradford St., S.E. - 876-1698. REV. ANGUS M. MacLEOD.

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH. 7227 Thornapple River Dr. - 876-1032. REV. WILFRED FIET.

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH. 3900 East Fulton. REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS.

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Moose Women To Meet Dec. 20

The Lowell Women of the Moose, Chapter 1388, will hold their monthly business meeting and annual Christmas party on Monday evening, December 20.

The get-together will be held at the club's facility on East Main Street, with Senior Regent Ruth Wesser calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. one hour earlier than usual.

The first order of business will be the partaking of a potluck supper. Each member is to bring a dish to pass, plus a \$2 gift for exchange.

All members are urged to be in attendance for this year-end event.

Choral Cantata This Sunday At Methodist Church

The Adult Choir, under the direction of Richard McNeal, will sing the Christmas portions of "The Messiah" during the 11 a.m. worship this Sunday.

All members are urged to be in attendance for this year-end event.

The public is cordially invited to attend this special service of music by George Frederic Handel.

Patti Janose, Michael Markeo Are Married

Miss Patti Jo Janose and Michael J. Markeo exchanged their vows of Holy Matrimony on Saturday afternoon, December 11, in St. Patrick's Church, Parnell.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Janose of Ada and Mr. and Mrs. William Markeo of Rockford.

The bridesmaids were Carol Preston, Robin Bailey, Maria Lanza and Judy Hamalick. Kelli Janose was the flower girl.

The groom's best man was Chuck Morrison. Seating the guests were Dan Buckenledge, Steve Markeo, Tom Gogo and Dennis Richard. The rings were carried by Danny Fletcher.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Forest Hills Spinnaker Club's facility.

The bride and groom will be married on Tuesday, December 21, at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Showboat Restaurant. The public is invited and all CB'ers are welcome.

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IN AND AROUND SARANAC with Karen Gregory. The Grand Valley Ledger, this week, welcomes Mrs. Elmer (Karen) Gregory, as the winner of the Saranac area.

Redskins Grappers Lose To Tri-County. Chris Krieger and Steve Rose both pinned their opponents in Saranac's 48-21 loss to a class B Belding wrestling team December 7.

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Try A Gift From The Post Office

Christmas shoppers should keep their local post offices in mind as a source of gifts. Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle suggests.

Several varieties of inexpensive philatelic items suitable for Christmas gifts are on sale at the Lowell post office and at most post offices throughout the country and are also available by mail order from the Philatelic Sales Division in Washington.

The products are key items in Postal Service efforts to create new stamp collectors. They include Stamp Collecting Kits, the 1974 edition of Stamps &

Stories and Souvenir Mint Sets.

The topical Stamp Collecting Kits, priced at \$2 each, have topics ranging from space to sports, and each kit contains enough stamps to start a collection. Also included are a small album, mounting hinges, insert sheets for additional stamps, and a 32-page booklet entitled "The ABC's of Stamp Collecting."

Stamps & Stories is the popular pocket-size book which tells the stories of more than 2,000 stamps with illustrations and other information such as current catalog values. It also

sells for \$2.

Souvenir Mint Sets are offered for sale annually by the Postal Service and contain all the special, memorial, and commemorative stamps issued during the year. Space is provided for mounting the stamps, and a brief description of each issue is included.

The 1972 and 1973 Mint Sets are available at the Lowell post office and sell for \$3. The 1974, 1975 and 1976 Mint Sets sell for \$3.50.

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Score Stunning Victory Over Fremont's Packers



The Arrows kept a steady pace throughout the game. Here, (left to right), Steve Wittenbach, John Ellison, Mike Stuckey and Warren Church fight for possession of the ball with four Fremont opponents. Photo by Paul Miller.

Bouncing back from a bad defeat Tuesday night by the Rockford Rams, the Red Arrows saw their first victory of the season in downing the Fremont Packers, 77 to 57.

Rockford had beaten the Arrows 76 to 56 Tuesday night. With a balanced scoring attack Rockford placed four out of the five starters in double figures. Jeff Holcomb took game scoring honors with 23 points.

Lowell placed three players in double figures, with John Elli-

son at 20, Tom Kempker 13, and Mike Stuckey with 11 points.

Friday night before an enthusiastic home town crowd, the Red Arrows put together the right combination to pull a stunning victory over the Packers.

Hitting 50% from the floor through the first quarter, the Arrows took a commanding 12 point lead and continued it all through the game.

The half time score was 41-26 but the Arrows didn't let up. At

the end of three quarters, the Arrows had a 61-35 advantage.

Lowell placed all five starters in double figures, with Warren Church taking scoring honors with 20. Kempker and Ellison had 14, Wittenbach hit for 11, and Stuckey contributed 10.

The Arrows' front line out rebounded the Packers 47-39 with Church and Ellison each having 12, Stuckey 8.

The Red Arrows face the Spartans Friday night at Sparta.

LUNCH MENU

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF DECEMBER 20
MON., DEC. 20: Italian Spaghetti or Goulash, Cole Slaw, Rolls or Garlic Bread, Chilled Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

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WED., DEC. 22: Pizza on a Bun, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Apples, Oranges or Applesauce, Milk.

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Dr. Dean Lovitt, third from left, was the speaker at Lowell Rotary Club's meeting, December 8. Dr. Lovitt is known internationally as Director of the Green Plant Industry at Michigan State University. Dr. Gil Wise, left, introduced the speaker. Mark Kimball, second from left, and Jim Doyle, right, were among the many guests in attendance.

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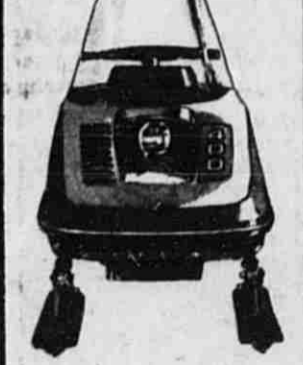
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