

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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

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**JOHN KOWALCZYK** of Lowell won the 1977 Pheasant Contest at Trapp's Sporting Goods in Ada. He claimed the first prize of a pair of Sorrel Boots. Another Lowell resident, Rick Taylor won a hunting knife for second place and Thomas Thompson of Ada, for third, won two boxes of shells.

**BALL FLORAL SHOP** at East Main Street, under new ownership, will hold a holiday open house all-day Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19. Besides serving free punch, they are offering free flowers to the ladies and door prizes. See their ad in this week's edition for other open house specials.

**SIX MICHIGAN HIGH** School students have walked off with top state honors in their 1977 projects. One of the winners was 17-year-old John Folkertsma of Alto, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Folkertsma. As the state 4-H entomology winner, he received a savings bond donated by Hercules Incorporated. His insect collection now numbers more than 1,000 specimens. Rapidly becoming an expert at insect identification, he is planning a career in the area of zoology or veterinary medicine.



Folkertsma

**THERE WILL BE** another "work bee" at the Lowell V.F.W. Hall on East Main Street Monday evening, November 21 at 7:30. All are welcome to come and join us in this project for the Kid's Only Christmas Shopping Spree. All projects must be turned in at the V.F.W. no later than November 28 and at this time, we will be finishing any items and also pricing them.

**HAROLD WILLARD**, American Legion Service officer, will be at the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post on East Main Street, in the club room, on Wednesday afternoon, November 23, to assist Legionnaires and dependents or those on pension with any problems or questions they may have.

**ALL SUBJECTS AND** reading levels will be offered at the Book Fair being held November 15, 16, and 17, at the Bushnell Elementary School. Open to the public, the hours will be Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WITH APPROVAL** of the Lowell Area School Board, the first meeting of the School-Community Health Education Committee will be held at the Board of Education offices on Tuesday, November 29 at 3:15 p.m. The purpose of the committee is to formulate a comprehensive and effective health education plan for our students, K-12. If interested in giving of your time, please call 897-8415.

**ALTHOUGH MICHIGAN** Motorists will travel only half as many miles this Thanksgiving weekend as over a summer holiday season, this could be the most dangerous holiday on state roads this year, predicts the Automobile Club of Michigan. Wherever you go this year, take care, since statistics show that three of every four fatal accidents last Thanksgiving occurred within 25 miles of home.

**DURING THE MONTH** of October, officers of the Lowell Police Department investigated a total of 25 accidents within the city limits. Five mishaps involved personal injuries and six were on private property, making it the worst month for accidents yet this year.

**THREE JUVENILES** HAVE been arrested by Lowell Police Officers in connections with bicycle thefts around the city this summer. Apprehended last Wednesday, the youths also admitted to some breakings and enterings.

**ONLY A FEW** minor accidents were reported around the city last week, as the motorists encountered their first taste of winter. While the snow fall was light, it brought a booming business to service stations and garages, and people were anxious to get their snow tires on and their vehicles winterized. Needless to say, there's more yet to come.

## On Location . . .



ADA TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Co-hosts Bev Mikalonis and Rick D'Amico go "On Location" in Ada Saturday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. on TV 41.

The earliest resident of Ada stood nine feet high and weighed three tons. He did not come west on a wagon train nor belong to an Indian tribe. He was a shrub munching beast and prehistoric ancestor of the elephant. His massive molar tooth was discovered by an Ada construction crew on the grounds of the Amway Corporation. Viewers will discover more about Ada Saturday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. when Rick D'Amico and Bev Mikalonis go "On Location."

In addition to the Ada segments, Rick will visit Ingrid Purk for a look at the "Year-book" from Kalamazoo Central's Class of '67. "At The Doctor" Rick has a cast put on his leg and on "Jobs" he drives a forklift.

## Ada Resident Enters Fall Photo Contest

An Ada resident is one of more than 40 entrants in the Kent County Park Department's first fall color photograph contest for amateurs, reports Thomas Townsend, administrative aide in the park department.

He is James Clark of 315 Greentree Ct., who submitted a photograph of the covered bridge at Fallsburg Park and one of McPherson Street bridge over the Flat River at the north end of the park.

About one-third of all the photographs submitted are views in Fallsburg Park, says Townsend, and other pictures are scenes in Wabasis and Townsend Parks, all three of which are in the Lowell area.

Some photographs were taken in Johnson Park near Grandville and Dwight Lydell Park in Comstock Park.

Deadline for submitting color photographs, which must be of a scene in a Kent County Park, is Thursday.

Winners will be announced Dec. 15 by the three judges, Norton Avery of Lowell, well-known nature photographer; Marvin Laning, Grand Rapids photographer, and Dan Jones, head of the photography studio at Amway Corp., Ada.

The contest is co-sponsored by Spartan Distributors, Inc., of Sparta, which is putting up the awards for the three winners—\$50, first place; \$30, second, and \$20, third.—Dave Barnes.

## One Director Is Elected

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Kent Soil Conservation District was held at the Rockford Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening, November 8.

After an excellent meal the meeting was called to order. The main business of the evening was the election of one director for a three year term. Running for office was Willis Hatch of Lowell and Merrill Post of Rockford. Post was elected to fill the vacancy.

Warren Benjamin of Cedar Springs and Al, Walt, and Lloyd Hill of Alpine Township all received the "Outstanding Co-operator" awards for their numerous conservation practices.

Speaker of the evening was Karl Hosford, Chief of the Division of Land Resource Programs of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Lansing. He gave a delightful slide presentation stressing the need for people to get involved with land use planning.

## Log Cabin Repairs Nearing Completion

Once again the log cabin at Lowell Middle School is nearing completion. Repairs are being made to the roof and structure which were damaged by a fire last spring.

Parents should be aware that they are responsible for the actions of their children and the vandals and/or their families will be expected to make full restitution for damages incurred as a result of vandalism.

The log cabin is used for the maple syrup project in the spring and for units on pioneering.

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# Barber Wins Buck Contest



Jim Barber of 175 South Center Street, Lowell, won this year's Deer Contest sponsored by the Grand Valley Ledger and participating Lowell merchants. Barber shot his eight-pointer around 7 a.m., north of Lowell off Whites Bridge Road. It was the first time he'd been hunting in three years, and his first deer.

For being the first hunter to bring his deer into the Ledger office, Barber won the following prizes: a hot seat from Hahn's Hardware; free deer processing, compliments of the Grand Valley Ledger and Lowell Cut-Rate Market; a flannel shirt from Kaptain's Korner; a framed 8 x 10 photo of hunter with deer from Modern Photographics; wool socks from Lippert's Pharmacy; flashlight and batteries from Curly's Gee Hardware; fold-up camp seat from Ski-Way and orange hat and vest from Anderson Shoe Store.



Paul C. Love of 877 Oakland, S.W., Grand Rapids, shot a nice six point buck, south of Lowell off Hotchkiss Road around 7:10 a.m. on opening day. His first deer in three years of hunting, Love said he never got a chance to sit down in the woods. He had only walked about 20 yards off the road when he made his lucky shot.



Sharon Waters of 320 King Street, Lowell, got this 3 point buck around 8:15 a.m. southeast of Lowell off Riverside Drive. This is her third trophy in seven years of hunting. Her husband, Roger, gutted the deer for her, but doesn't have his yet. Mrs. Waters was one of the former winners of the annual Ledger contest.



Bruce Phillips of 1060 Grindle Drive, Lowell, bagged this six point buck around 8 a.m., north of Lowell, from 80 yards away. Phillips, who just last week downed his first buck, 9-points, with a bow and arrow, related that the firearm season isn't quite as exciting, but the taste of success is always nice.



Getting his second deer in three years, Paul Schramm of 111 North Jefferson Street, Lowell, got this 9-pointer on opening day around 8:30 a.m. Schramm got the deer with one shot; it ran around 100 yards before it dropped. He was hunting north of Lowell in the Fallsburg area.

## Light Vote Elects Carter, Collins, Clack

Three persons were elected to terms on the Lowell City Council, following last Tuesday's general election. The two receiving the highest number of votes will serve four-year terms and the third highest will serve a two-year term. Elected were incumbent Dean

Collins, who caught the most votes, 236, Dave Carter, 216, and Howard Clack, 136. Bill Gardner, who entered the council race as a write-in candidate, received 52 votes. As predicted, it was a light vote, as only 301 ballots were cast out of 1,277 registered voters; a percentage factor of

only 23.5. The candidates, as elected, will be taking their oath of office at the first council meeting in January of 1978. Then, they will join the present councilmembers, Mayor Robert Christian and councilman Art Warning.

## Curtain To Raise On Harvey, Friday

A stage production of the comedy "Harvey" will be given at Lowell Senior High School this Friday and Saturday evening, November 18 and 19.

Elwood P. Dowd, a middle-aged bachelor, portrayed by Tony Schwacha, and his six foot rabbit, "Harvey," will entertain you for the evening. Starting time is 8 p.m.

The story written by Mary Chase is about Elwood P. Dowd, who likes company and liquor, which is how he met Harvey. One day, leaving Charlie's Place after a couple of drinks, Elwood saw Harvey leaning against a lamppost. They started to talk and have since become inseparable. Elwood

does not mind that Harvey is a six-foot-tall rabbit and that other people usually fail to see him. But Veta, Elwood's widowed sister, does mind. A woman of social obligations, determined to marry off her daughter Myrtle Mae, she cannot tolerate an oversized bunny among her respectable guests.

Elwood will have to be committed to a sanitarium for wacky alcoholics. So she takes him to Chumley's Rest. Unfortunately, once Veta starts talking of Harvey, she gets locked up herself. In the end Elwood is permitted to keep his rabbit companion, who manages to appear to Dr. Chumley himself—at Charlie's Place, naturally. Elwood is an affable, ingratiating fellow who lives up to the author's counsel that we should not take ourselves too seriously. Veta, actually very funny in her confusion, is closer in spirit to her brother than she would admit. The supporting cast—an elderly socialite lady, a judge, and the staff of Chumley's

Rest—are all drawn into comic situations because of the imagined rabbit. Or perhaps Harvey is real.

Besides the part being played by Tony Schwacha, the rest of the cast includes Laurie McMahon as Veta; Randy Adams as Dr. Sanderson; Tony Siciliano as Myrtle; Mary DenBoer as Nurse Kelly; Kent Dickerson as Wilson; Paul Butts as Judge Jaffney; Doug Heintzleman as Dr. Chumley.

Linda Scott as Betty Chumley; Kim Rittersdorf as Mrs. Chauvenet; Tammy Nagy as Miss Johnson and Jeff Falstrom as Lofgren.

The curtain will rise each evening in the Lowell High School Auditorium. Tickets on sale at the door.

This year's play is being directed by Ivan Haney, with the portrait of Harvey being drawn by Dorothy Burton.—Tammy Robinson.

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Mrs. Walter Schrouder of Riverside Drive, Lowell, has received word of the death of her great-grandson, Eddie Lang, aged 8, of Kalamazoo. He had cancer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Haver of 10939-36th Street, Lowell, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, December 4, 1 to 4 p.m., at St. Mary's School, 3222 Amy Street, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Barnes of Lowell will observe their 35th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 18.

Albert Dykstra of Ada and Bruce Bergy of Alto, president and first vice-president of the West Michigan Livestock Show, are making final plans for their 40th annual gathering December 13-15 at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

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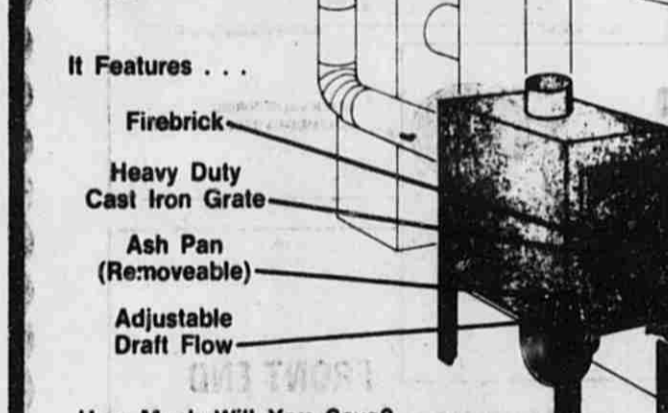
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### OBITUARIES

**WITTENBACH**—Ernest Wittenbach, 81, of 13497 Heffron Road, N.E., died Monday, November 14, at his home. He was a member of the Ashley Baptist Church and a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Cornelia; two sons, Edwin R. 3, Belding and Vernon of Wilmington, Delaware; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Nash of Greenville, and Miss Sannie Wittenbach of Kalamazoo; one brother, Walter of Rt. 3 Belding; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Ashley Baptist Church with Pastor Michael Ball officiating, interment at Ashley Cemetery.

The family will be at the Huffman Funeral Home in Belding on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ashley Baptist Church Building Fund and the American Cancer Society.

### NORCUTT

Services for Howard C. Norcutt, 78, of Lake Odessa who died Saturday, November 12 at Blodgett Medical Center in Grand Rapids were held Tuesday at the Pickett-Koops Chapel in Lake Odessa.

Rev. Arthur Ruder officiated with burial being made in Clarksville Cemetery.

He was born June 23, 1899 at Weidman, the son of Milo and Dora (Olin) Norcutt and graduated from the Clarksville High School in 1917. He moved to Clarksville with his parents as a small child and lived there until moving to Lake Odessa in 1974. He was a self-employed interior decorator and an accomplished pianist and musician.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in a special training attachment PMGIC at Ft. Custer, Battle Creek, and was discharged March 25, 1943.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Bernard (Maryellen) Johnson, brother-in-law and wife, Ben and Josephine Hoekstra of Grand Rapids; and an aunt, Mrs. Blaise (Flossie) Allending of Lake Odessa.

### Edwards Completes Advanced Training

Private Theodore J. Edwards, son of Mrs. Shirley A. Edwards, 222 Cross Street, Clarksville, recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, participating in maneuvers, field communications and combat operations. This quality training was completed by Edwards in a rifle of mortar squad. Pvt. Edwards received the Army last June.

The 18-year-old soldier is a 1977 graduate of Lakewood High School.

### LUNCH MENU

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

Monday, NOV. 21: Pizza on a Bun, Cole Slaw, Buttered Vegetables, Chilled Fruit or Apples, Milk.

Tuesday, NOV. 22: Turkey and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes or Rice, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly, Assorted Jello W Whip, Milk.

Wednesday, NOV. 23: Barbeques, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Chilled Peaches, Molasses Cookies/Milk.

Thursday, NOV. 24: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, NOV. 25: No School! Happy Days!

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## Stalled Vehicles Cause Concern New Children's Book Review

Motorists who stall their cars in winter weather are causing concern for the Chief of Police Barry D. Emmons and Lowell city officials responsible for keeping traffic moving during severe winter weather.

Stalled vehicles choke off vital community services and Chief Emmons contends that future winter tie-ups can be avoided by a little advance preparation now.

"Motorists who drive cars that stall in today's weather are sure to stall later when snow and colder temperatures set in. That means that drivers who 'stall off' needed vehicle maintenance now are apt to wind up waiting in line at a service station on the first bad winter day—assuming they're lucky enough to get that far!"

Getting a car ready for winter's worst isn't difficult, according to the Chief. Basic suggestions and tips endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, have been recommended by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards.

Get a complete tune-up for your car. This is important, not just to get going on cold mornings, but to prevent erratic engine behavior that could cause skidding on winter slick roads.

In addition to timing and plugs, have the mechanic check your car's battery, wiper electrical and heater-defroster systems. Anti-freeze and windshield washer fluid must be adequate. Protection for the coldest temperatures you'll encounter.

Have brakes checked. Unequal braking or slippery surfaces is almost sure to cause dangerous skidding.

Have exhaust system checked. Even a small leak can result in a deadly carbon monoxide build-up in the driver's compartment.

Replace worn windshield wiper blades. Wipers creak and go dead during summer heat. If wipers streak in rain, the problem will be magnified when they must move snow or sleet from a cold windshield.

Check All Vehicle lights—Keep lenses clean. Reduced visibility and increased stopping distance in winter make good lighting critical.

Check your tires. Worn treads significantly reduce stopping and starting traction on slippery pavements. But remember, regardless of the type of special treads you might use on your car, reinforced tire chains are by far your best traction aids for starting, going and stopping under severe winter conditions.

Carry Emergency Equipment in your trunk. Safety gear should include: booster cables; reinforced tire chains in good repair; sand, rock salt and a traction mat; a shovel; safety flares or reflectors; a tow chain, cable or strap; extra windshield washer solvent; a window scraper and paper towels; heavy gloves and extra winter clothing.

Do these suggestions work? "We're wintering our department's vehicles using these same guidelines right now," Chief Emmons concluded.

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are anticipating another banner year... perhaps even a record breaking year. With over a million deer in the woods (many of them big racked bucks) it's not hard to see why the state's whitetail hunters haven't been able to think about much else lately.

But, as pre-occupied with the season as hunters are, one very important consideration that cannot be overlooked—SAFETY! Safety and hunting should always go hand in hand, especially safety and deer hunting.

Every year, one reads in the newspapers or hears on radio and TV reports of serious accidents which occur during hunting seasons. Most of these tragedies are caused by carelessness. Take for instance some of the following examples of careless (supposed) hunting mistakes from a few years back:

—There was a man who shot both feet while trying to kill a spotted rabbit that ran up his pant leg.

—Someone else, while bending over to search for a knife he thought he lost, stabbed himself because he forgot to put the knife in the pocket of his hunting suit.

—A man with red-colored hair and beard was killed after another hunter spotted him in a tree and mistook him for a squirrel.

—Another hunter laid his shotgun on the ground beside him, only to have his dog step on the trigger and in effect shoot him.

One of the new twists to hunting in Michigan this year, which is designed to reduce some of these accidental shootings, is the "Hunter Orange" law. The new rule requires hunters to wear either a vest, jacket or cap of a highly visible color commonly referred to as "Hunter Orange."

"The wide use of hunter orange," says James R. Walker, DNR safety specialist, "contributed to the low rate of hunting accidents we had last year."

Although not required by law last year, many hunters took advantage of the highly visible clothing which was in good supply a year ago.

There were 5 fatalities during the 1976/77 hunting season, and 14 during the 1975/76 season.

Walker says hunter orange has reduced accidental shootings in other states where it has been required.

"Many states report an extreme reduction in accidental shootings," he says. "Massachusetts reduced accidents by 88 per cent."

Walker, however, emphasizes that hunter orange will not eliminate accidents caused by careless handling of firearms.

"In the end, it is up to the individual to make sure he handles his firearm safely," Walker says in this vein that the DNR urges hunters to follow the "ten commandments" of gun safety when out in the woods this season: (1) Treat every gun as if it is loaded, even if he thinks it is not. (2) Unload his gun before taking it into home, camp or car. (3) Check now and then to make sure his gun's barrel and action are clear of obstructions such as mud, snow and ice. (4) Always carry his gun

### ROTARY NOTES

Rotary Vice-President Don Rocheleau presided at the November 9 meeting of the Lowell Club.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Gil Wise introduced the Club guests which included Dale Hanson, Dave Frick, Paula Hamlin, Ronald Russell & John Cunard. Bob Elzinga presented the twelve Jr. Rotarians, two of whom will be attending a month at a time during the school year.

Stan Gardner reported on Rotary's participation in the United Way.

"The St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital" was the topic presented by Joe Nicola. St. Jude's Hospital, of Memphis, Tennessee, is basically an out-patient hospital, that offers its services free to any children with a rare or catastrophic disease. Local doctors must refer children to the hospital for treatment.

Rotary News editor of the week, Bob DeBoer, reminds all Rotary Ann's that on January 17, 1978, there will be a tour of Voight House on Heritage Hill. They are to call Jean Rocheleau to make reservations.

### On Homecoming Court At Bethel

Miss Marlene Marks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Marks, 10258 Foreman Road, Ada, has been selected by the senior class of Bethel College as a representative in the 1977 Homecoming Queen Pageant.

On Friday, Nov. 11, four senior girls and three girls from each of the other three classes will present talent selections in this year's pageant. Students and staff and faculty members will vote for a representative from each class and their choice for 1977 Homecoming Queen.

The queen and the four members of her court will be crowned by Mrs. Dennis Cramer, 1976 Homecoming Queen. The girls and their escorts will be presented to the audience of the Truth Concert on Saturday, Nov. 12. A reception to honor the queen and her court will be held following the concert.

### Abroad USS Sample

Navy Electrician's Mate Third Class Calvin P. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold D. McCaul of 4301 Hotchkiss Road, Lowell, recently departed for an extended deployment in the Western Pacific.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Sample, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While deployed, his ship will operate as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

During the cruise, his ship is scheduled to participate in training exercises with other Seventh Fleet units and with ships of allied nations. Additionally, port visits are scheduled in several Far Eastern countries.

His ship is a 414 foot-long "Garcia" class frigate and carries a crew of 247 officers and enlisted men. She is equipped with guns, torpedos tubes and an anti-submarine rocket launcher and can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, she is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarines.

He joined the Navy in July 1975.

## State Distributes Highway Funds

Gasoline sales in Michigan showed a slight 1.4 percent increase during the heavy travel months of July through September in comparison with the same three months of 1976, the State Highway Commission reports today.

Receipts from the nine-cent-a-gallon tax totaled \$106,283,653, up by \$1,419,050 over the same quarter last year. Tax revenue on diesel fuel, used mainly by trucks, rose from \$5,355,891 to \$6,429,591 in the same period, an increase of \$1,073,771 or 20.1 percent.

Total motor fuel taxes, including the liquid petroleum gas tax, increased by 2.3 percent to \$112,765,338.

For the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, fuel tax receipts climbed to \$425,990,375, an increase of 4.8 percent.

All the tax revenues go to the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. Proceeds, including earned interest, are being distributed to the state, the counties and the municipalities after deductions of \$10.23 million for grants and collection costs.

Third quarter distribution amounts to cities and villages in this area, compared to the same period of 1976, include:

	1977	1976
Belding	22,678	22,647
Caledonia	3,298	3,294
Clarksville	2,129	2,125
Ionia	22,514	22,508
Lowell	14,378	14,352
Saranac	5,732	5,726

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### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: This year's Lowell Freshman football season has been very good. We went undefeated Thursday, October 27. The Lakewood freshman team played host to us. Our team defeated Lakewood 22-6, which won us the Tri-River Freshman championship. And last week Thursday, we played at the Forest Hills Northern High School field and beat them.

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I speak for the whole freshman team. Our coach and a fine teacher, Jack Ogile, led our team to a terrific season, and personally I hope he has a fine season next year.

We've learned how to appreciate our coach Mr. Ogile and our manager who worked very hard on helping us with the season. Thank you Mr. Ogile. William Brown #82



Library Friends at Cascade To Meet... "A New Look at the Old Christmas Story," a reading by Elaine Smith will be the program sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Library on Monday, November 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall of Cascade Christian Church.

cooking. Reservations are necessary by calling the Cascade Library at 949-3130. The Cascade Christian Church is at 2829 Thorpore River Drive, S.E.

Dr. Crandall Speaks To Local Club

The Women's Club of Lowell met Wednesday, November 9, in the lounge of Schneider Manor. Mrs. E. E. Randall, program chairman, introduced the speaker, Dr. Joan Crandall, executive director of the Women's Resource Center.

She has been associated with the Center from its beginnings in 1973, and is active in the Grand Rapids Area for Humanities, and also serves as a volunteer for their speaker's bureau.

The Women's Resource Center is a non-profit, multi-service information and counseling agency for women of all ages.

Dr. Crandall is an outstanding speaker, and kept the members' attention. A question and answer period followed.

The annual white elephant sale, conducted by Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Laux, was enjoyed by all and the receipts from it will be used for future donations to worthy causes.

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HOMESpun DEVOTIONS

By Pauline E. Spray

It is a good thing to give thanks into the Lord... (Psalm 92:1). Thanksgiving—one of the joyous days in the year. To Mother and Grandmother it means hours of work preparing the turkey and dressing for roasting, candying the yams, baking stacks of pies, and setting the table.

free from the rule of tyranny where we can worship Him as we choose. We give thanks to God for health, home, loved ones, food, shelter, and all the spiritual blessings we enjoy.

Prayer: "Many, O Lord our God, are thy wonderful works which thou has done, and thy thoughts which are to us:ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered."

Oldest Recipe, And More Final approval of the 400 cookbooks published and bound by the United Methodist Women is given by Carol Biggs, Doty Bay, and Kay Collins.

COMING EVENTS WED., NOV. 16: Christian Fellowship for Single Adults will hold a dinner at Savory Street Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY November 18: Carl Shores, November 19: Leo Linnars, Joyce Giffith, Kenneth Mulder, Garrit Kral, John Pasanen, John Prys, Lula Read, Anthony Ver Hoeven.

THURS., NOV. 17: Hooker Chapter #73 RYM will meet for their regular convocation in the Masonic Temple at 119 Lincoln Lake Avenue.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25: Lowell Lodge #90 M.M. 3rd degree team will practice Friday, November 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Temple.

MON., NOV. 28: The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Vanity Beauty S. op. 203 E. Main St.

Surprise Open House



Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John (Marle) Thomas of 510 North Hudson Street, Lowell, were honored at their home with a surprise open house to celebrate their golden anniversary.

The lifetime residents of Lowell have two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) First of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Richard (Shirley) Robinson of Grand Haven, and eight grandchildren.

Other Saranac players named to the all-conference football team: Nine players from Portland and six from Saranac were named to the first and second teams.

Retired Custodian Passes, Rites Held Arley Travis, 73, of Ionia, passed away Thursday, November 10, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Galilee Baptist Church of Saranac Corner of Orchard & Pleasant Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

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Metternick Heads All-Conference

The Saranac Redskins in the Class D football playoffs last Saturday at St. John's didn't come home winners, but they certainly put on a tremendous performance against the state's No. 2 Class D team, Fulton-Middletown.

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Services Held For Margaret Ypma, 70

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, November 12, at the Roseman-Young Funeral Home in Saranac for Mrs. Margaret J. Ypma, 70.

Card Shower Mrs. Ralph (Edith) Wheaton of 530 West Main Street, Saranac, a former Ledger correspondent, will observe her birthday on Saturday, November 19.

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I'm writing this column on Tuesday, November 15, 1977 and besides being the opening day of the Michigan Stream deer hunting season, it is the second anniversary of our purchasing the Ledger. I find it absolutely impossible to believe that this past two years has gone by so quickly, and with this anniversary in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to do a little reminiscing of some of the things that have happened to us especially during those first few months of ownership.

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In Case Contest



Buyer Farm Supply of 6445 Alden Nash, S.E. Alto, is one of the top ten J I Case dealers in the Indianapolis Branch area in contention to receive this Model A Ford by Replicas. This 1977 version of the tractor, with power steering, lift steering wheel, air conditioner, and all the rest, will be given to the Case dealer who sells the most two-wheel drive tractors during the second half of 1977.

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### CECA Plans Candy Sale

Congratulations to Everett VanderWal, winner of the October 28 game ball and Stu Thomet, winner of November 4 ball. That's right, Stu Thomet—he won the very first game ball back in September. Thanks to all that participated in this event.

There will be a candy sale this Saturday, November 19. The students will be going door-to-door. Please watch for them.

A paper drive for December 3 is being planned. Please keep saving those papers. And again, students will be walking door-to-door. If you need some assistance in this area call 897-8257.

We have a beef and a quality made fishing pole to raffie off. Tickets are being printed. More to be announced later.

The students thank you for all your support. We are ready to pay the second payment, leaving one payment to go. Doesn't that sound great! The task is still before us. Please stop and think of how the extra curriculars have touched your lives. It feels so good to see youth achieve.

CECA members have worked hard and are still working hard to achieve the goal. If you have fund raising ideas or wish to help please let us know. We meet Tuesday night, 7:30 at the Middle School. Please feel welcome. We will look for you.

### Cross-Country Letter Winners



Varsity letter winners from the 1977 Lowell High School Cross-Country team were, from left, Steve Doyle, freshman Randy Adams, junior Mark Smith, senior Roger Rollins, sophomore John Elliott, senior Steve DeNolf, freshman Cliff Mulder, sophomore Scott Foster, freshman John Gourd, senior.

### Mini Tumbling Class

The YMCA tumbling class at Runman has stressed individual instruction in a small group setting. On the balance beam, far left, is Sonny North and Nicole Richards, supported by Dawn Anderson. Headstart by Stacy Shipnagar, supported by Tasha Hovey. Heather North is in a squat position. A mini tumbling class will start Monday, November 21, at Bushnell. Group instruction will include work on the mats, beam, vaulting horse, and trampoline.



The walnut tree is a common tree of Michigan and there are an abundance of the trees locally. There are six species of walnuts in the United States but we are most familiar with the thick-shelled black walnut that is often found along roads and fields.

The walnut will grow to heights of 100 feet and widths of 3 feet when fully grown. The mature tree is highly valued for its rich fine grained wood which is used for gun stocks, cabinet making, and furniture. One of the largest of all black walnuts was 150 feet high with a diameter of 7 feet.

The black walnut will grow in a mixed stand with other trees, primarily oaks and hickories. It is a long-lived tree that grows fast in moist soil. Locally, there are areas of nearly pure walnut stands of many ages. Proper harvesting of these trees would entail cutting only the larger mature trees, leaving the smaller trees more sunlight and room to grow.

The fruit of the walnut is as tasty as it is inaccessable. The nut is protected by a thick, soft green husk. Beneath the husk is a very thick and hard black shell which is the only outer barrier between the nut and the outside world. Even squirrels find that mother nature has overdone the packaging job and must earn their food by gnawing through the shell.

The green husk will yield a brown substance that will adhere to your hands and clothing. This dye has been used by Indians and white men alike for centuries. The Indians also used the green husk to poison fish in small pools in a stream. The toxic substance would pass from the husks to the water and stun the fish which could be gathered and eaten. —Steve Harrington.

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## Traffic Will Flow Both Ways, If There's No Delays

North and southbound traffic will flow on the East Beltline between M-21 and Int. 96 by Dec. 1 if there are no delays, reports Robert Becker, project engineer for the Grand Rapids district office of the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation.

This section is part of the \$1,853,285 highway rebuilding and widening project that includes M-21 between the East Beltline and Int. 96.

There has been some delay on these two parts of the project due to rains last summer and earlier in the fall, Becker says.

The East Beltline section was to have been fully completed early this month, but only the traffic lanes are almost finished that will permit the flow of traffic. Rest of the work will be completed next spring.

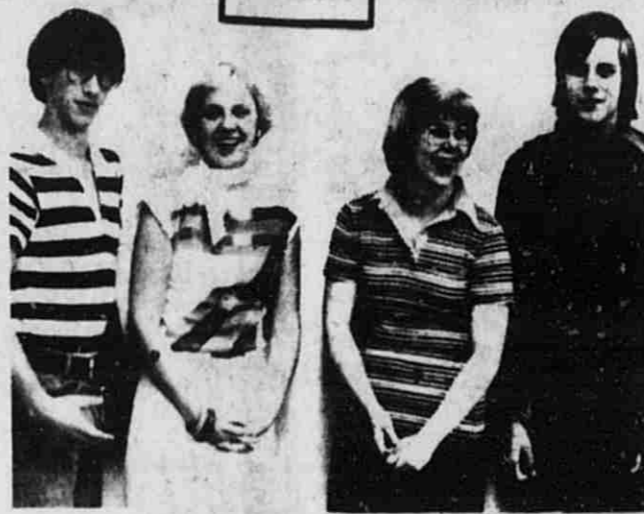
The M-21 section of the project is slated to be finished next June, but completion of two lanes in October allows the flow of east and westbound traffic between the East Beltline and Ada.

Major phases of the L-shaped highway project include four-lane, divided roads, turn lanes, relocation of the east end of Michigan Street at the East Beltline for safety, and a five-lane-wide bridge over the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks at the Int. 96 interchange.

The Michigan Street relocation eliminates a blind spot for eastbound drivers wanting to turn north onto the Beltline.

Grand Rapids is paying \$415,000 as its share of the cost because part of the East Beltline improvement is in Grand Rapids. The money is coming from one of its federal funds. The MDHT is paying for the remainder.—Dave Barnes.

## Special Honors Choir



Four members of the Lowell High School Choir—Randy Adams, Patty Timlake, Mary Magle and Jon Gerard—went to Adrian College, November 11, 12 and 13, to participate in a mass choir. This is a special honors choir consisting of representatives from different schools all over Michigan.

## Improvements Being Made To Ski Trails



New Buds On

### The Family Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Bonnie) Roudabush of Lowell are the proud parents of twin boys, born Friday, November 11.

Thomas Lee tipped the scales at six pounds, eight and a half ounces and Michael Lewis weighed three pounds, 10 ounces.

Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Roudabush, all of Lowell. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Powell, also of Lowell.

Improvements for the cross-country skiing and hiking trails from Seidman Park to Townsend Park to the State Game Area and back to Seidman Park will be completed this weekend, says Miss Nancy Zimmerman, administrative aide to Thomas Townsend of the Kent County Park Department.

A park crew and members of the Sierra Club have been clearing away brush, chopping down weeds, putting up signs and markers along the trails. A map protected by plexiglas has been placed at Seidman Park, Honeycreek Avenue and Two-Mile Road NE.

The workers also have built comfort stations at Seidman Park, improved the park's off-road parking area and constructed a bridge over a large swampy area, Miss Zimmerman adds.

The trails were opened last January, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Seidman Park. The project originally was spearheaded by Mrs. Patsy Allen of the Sierra Club. Other groups which aided in laying out the trails a year ago included Michigan Trailfinders, Fountain Street Church Ski Club, Department of Natural Resources, Explorer Scouts and a CETA crew. CETA stands for Comprehensive Education and Training Act, a federally funded act for the unemployed.

"Hikers are welcome to traverse the trails the entire year, but obviously, snow is needed for cross-country skiers," says Miss Zimmerman, who adds "there is no charge for use of the facilities."—Dave Barnes.

## Get Awards

Two Lowell girls were among the twelve members of coach Jane Schep's Northern Michigan University girls' volleyball squad that earned varsity awards for the 1977 season.

They were sophomores Kelly Nugent who earned her second award, and freshman Deborah Canning who earned her first. Under Schep's first-year guidance, the Wildcat women finished with a 6-16 regular season record.

## What's cooking in Michigan...

by Carl B. Olson  
Michigan Dept. of Agriculture  
I've said before that as a hunter, I make a much better camp cook. But I still appreciate a good venison roast as much as the next person.

I've been somewhat lucky to have a few hunter friends who have small freezers, and I love it when their trophies are too big for the locker. Understandably, they usually try to get rid of roasts and hamburger first, saving the steaks for themselves.

If you get a roast, try beer-baked venison, but don't invite the hunter who gave you the roast. You may never get another one.

Place a three to four-pound roast in a Dutch oven, salt and pepper well. Then slice one large onion into the pot and add on clove of garlic, cut in half. Pour a 12-ounce can of beer over everything.

Bake covered for about four hours or until tender in a 325 degree oven. The wait is worth it.

It's great with noodles or mashed potatoes, but make sure you skim the fat from the cooking liquid if you plan to make gravy.

Should you go hunting this year, the Michigan Department of Agriculture would like to remind you that much of our state's hunting land is owned by farmers.

If you want to hunt on private property, be sure to get written permission from the landowner. Under Michigan's new Recreational Trespass act, it's the law. Besides, when you approach the farmer for permission, he might even tell you the location of some choice areas to hunt.

### DISASTER PAYMENTS FOR LOSS OF WHEAT

Over 8,000 farmers have filed for 1977 disaster payments for loss of wheat and feed grains, due mostly to drought in the fall of 1976 and the early part of 1977, according to Vernon L. Kretschmer, Chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Kretschmer points out that the most severe losses were in the central part of the lower peninsula. He further states that corn harvest is not complete and if any producer finds that his production is less than 60 percent of his established yield, he should contact his local county ASCS office for complete details.

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## Food Marketing Bill

Consumers may spend around \$180 billion in 1977 for U.S. farm goods—4 to 5 percent more than last year, according to Andrew Weiser of the USDA Economic Research Service. Most of the added expenditures will be due to higher retail prices in contrast to 1976 when a larger volume of food purchased amounted for much of the rise, he said.

The marketing bill—that share of the consumers' food dollar going for transportation, processing and distribution—will be up about 6 to 7 percent from 1976's \$116 billion. This is in contrast to the steep rises of more than 10 percent in 1974 and 9 percent in 1976. Nevertheless, increased marketing costs will again account for most of the rise in consumer food expenditures, Weiser said.

Labor costs are the largest component of the farm food marketing bill, accounting for just under 47 percent of the total in 1976, slightly higher than in 1975. Labor costs totaled \$54.3 billion in 1976, up about a tenth from the previous year.

The farm value of U.S. produced foods this year apparently will hold near the \$56 billion of 1976. The farm value of animal products in 1976 was more than double the farm value of crop foods. Among commodities, farm values were largest for beef which alone exceeded the farm value of all crop foods combined.

## School Board Agenda

Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting on November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School Choir Room.

1. Committee Report
2. Alto Sanitary Drain
3. Disposal of Used School Buses

## STATEWIDE CORN SYMPOSIUM JAN. 4-5

More than 200 corn growers from 44 Michigan counties will compete for first place production honors during the Michigan Corn Symposium in Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 4-5.

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