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THE SALES PERFORMANCE of Mike Shinabarger of Lowell has earned him recognition as a "Multi-Millionaire." By the week of November 14, Shinabarger's production total \$2,018,715 in combined net paid-for volume and \$32,687 in premium for 3,653 Prudential President's Trophy points. Membership in the "Multi-Millionaires Club" requires a minimum of \$2,000,000 in combined net paid-for volume as reported in the 1977 President's Trophy report.

LAST THURSDAY MORNING, the Lowell Police Department received a call, reporting that two youths were trying to walk across the Flat River on the ice. As a result of this, Chief of Police Barry Emmons has issued a warning to all persons to keep off the ice. "The ice is not thick enough to support anyone," Emmons explained, "Anyone who even tries to attempt it, should be discouraged, and parents should remind their children accordingly." Emmons concluded.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY concert by the Music Department of Lowell Senior High School is slated to be held this Wednesday evening, December 14. Performing in the high school gymnasium will be the band and choirs, starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

THE YMCA ELEMENTARY Basketball clinics are in full swing this week. This YBA program is open to all boys and girls in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Clinics coming up in January will be after school, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call the Y office for specific dates.

V.F.W. POST 8303, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and their auxiliary will conduct their annual Christmas party at their facility on East Main Street, this coming Saturday, December 17. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m. with a \$2.00 gift exchange.

RUSTY STEFFENS of Lowell has won a letter in football for his participation in the fall sports program at Grand Valley State College. Steffens, a senior at Grand Valley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steffens of Lowell, was also picked for all-conference and all-district honors.

THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, the Lowell Middle School Band will present their annual Christmas Concert, in the Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

FOR THE HOLIDAY, Paul's Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street, will be closed December 24 through December 27. Over the New Year's Holiday, the restaurant will be closed on January 1.

THE FIRST SEVERE storm of the season to hit the area dumped 5.5 inches of snow by Friday morning and challenged motorists with wind-whipped drifts. The snow kept City and County Road crews busy. Despite the slippery roads, only minor accidents were reported in the City of Lowell.

INVOLVED IN TWO separate injury accidents last Tuesday evening at 10:45 p.m. were Morgan Wheat, III, and Scott Wolfe. Wheat, who was also arrested for being drunk and disorderly, drove his vehicle into the divider on Lincoln Lake Avenue at Elm Street. Wolfe was seriously injured when he failed to make a turn on Grand River, just over the Division Street bridge, and rolled his vehicle over on the southeast corner of the intersection.

LOSING CONTROL of his vehicle and striking five mail boxes on Gee Drive last Thursday was David Burns. He escaped without any injuries.

SUNDAY, SHORTLY AFTER 5 p.m. John Schneider, III, struck a parked car on Riverside Drive, just off West Main Street. Icy road conditions and vehicle problems were blamed for the mishap.

TWO LOWELL MEN, extradited from Louisiana last week, have plead guilty to the charges against them. Larry Stevens plead guilty to assault with the intent to do great bodily harm less than the crime of murder, and Jeffery Stevens has plead guilty to aggravated assault.

STILLWATER WILL BE appearing for one night only on Sunday, December 18 at 9 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Club on Cascade Road, Lowell.

Fallasburg Photo Listed Among Winners

William Hill of 47 Withey St., SW, Grand Rapids, who submitted a color photograph of the covered bridge at Fallasburg Park north of Lowell, took second place in the first annual fall color photo contest sponsored by the Kent County Park Commission and Spartan Distributors, Inc., of Sparta.

Hill also received an honorable mention for a picture taken in Johnson Park near Grandville. First place winner was Dorothy VanDam of 2947 Chiswick Ave., SE, whose picture was of a road and trees with a "background" of mist in Palmer Park. Mrs. Shirley Piersma of 1243 Spring Ave., NE, took third place with a photograph of a road, bushes and trees in Townsend Park. Mrs. VanDam and Mrs. Piersma reside in Grand Rapids.

Other honorable mentions were won by Ed Bremmer of Cedar Springs and Willard Obenchain of Grand Rapids.

A total of 57 photographs were submitted. Spartan Distributors donated the prizes—\$50, first place; \$30, second place, and \$20, third place. The winners

also received an award certificate.

Townsend Park was the most photographed, with 20 pictures being submitted, and Fallasburg Park was second, with 17 submissions, reports Thomas Townsend of Lowell, administrative aide in the park department.

Judges were Norton Avery of Lowell, well-known nature photographer; Marvin Laninga, director of photography for the Grand Rapids Press and Dan Jones, creative manager of the photo studio at Amway Corp., Ada.—Dave Barnes.

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Plan Ahead . . . Holiday Schedule

The December 21 edition of the Grand Valley Ledger will be a combined "Holiday Issue," covering the weeks of December 19 and December 26.

All news items for this holiday issue [which will cover any events scheduled between December 21 and January 3] should be in by Monday, December 19, 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 19.

Area Resident A First

Thomas Heintzleman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Heintzleman of Lowell, is the first area resident to take advantage of the Armed Forces co-operative education program. Project AHEAD (Army Help for Education and Development). He recently completed a three-year Army enlistment and entered Aquinas College this fall.

Heintzleman served as an Army military policeman from August 1974 to August 1977. His enlistment included duty with the White House Support Unit stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I believe I had good experience as a military policeman. Eventually, I'd like to become a lawyer and being an MP gave me the opportunity to see the law enforcement perspective of the legal process.

"AHEAD is an excellent program," he continued. "It provides you with a way of knowing where you are going when you get out of the Army."

Heintzleman, now pursuing a pre-law curriculum with a concentration in social sciences, began classes at Aquinas only 10 days after he was discharged. "Without AHEAD," said



Thomas Heintzleman, of Lowell, cracks a book at Aquinas College, where he has become the first area resident to participate in the Armed Services' innovative cooperative education program, Project AHEAD [Army Help for Education and Development].

Project AHEAD allows active duty servicemen and women to pursue a college education with one of more than 1,300 colleges and universities across the country. The program enables military members to take college courses on or near military posts while maintaining a transcript at the school of their choice. When the service member leaves the military, he or she may begin to attend classes at their chosen school or may have their credits transferred to another school.

Heintzleman entered the AHEAD program in the winter of 1975, shortly after the program was initiated, and selected Aquinas college at that time. He decided on Aquinas, after considering several schools, because he feels it is a good school and because it is close to Lowell which enables him to stretch his GI Bill for Education money while living at home.

Partly because of Project AHEAD, Heintzleman views his military experience favorably. "I got everything I wanted out of my Army enlistment," the 21-year-old student said recent-

ly. "I wouldn't have been able to get the courses I wanted because of the short time between my discharge and entering the school."

Sister Harriet Sanborn, Director of Continuing Education at Aquinas, controls the AHEAD program at the college and, according to Heintzleman, was instrumental in smoothing his on-campus entry after he left the Army.

"While I was on active duty," Heintzleman said, "I worked with Sister Harriet by mail and telephone. She helped me immensely."

Heintzleman entered Aquinas this semester with 24 credit hours which he earned while on active duty by taking a series of CLEP (College Level Examination Program) tests and through courses at Fort Belvoir with the University of Virginia. Based on his military service, Aquinas will also give Heintzleman from six to 12 credits.

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Hearings On Ada Projects

Hearings on two major sanitary sewer projects, one in the community of Eastmont and the other in Driftwood Dr. on the east side of the Ada impoundment of the Thornapple River, were held Tuesday in the Ada Township Hall.

The projects, to cost about \$1 million, will be done sometime during the next warm weather season. The Driftwood project is estimated at \$270,000 and the Eastmont project at more than \$200,000.

The projects will be financed by a \$400,000 federal grant, with Ada Township paying the remainder. The sewers will be connected to the Grand Rapids sewage system, says Township Clerk Kenneth Anderson.—Dave Barnes.

APPOINTMENTS NOT — Always Needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open six days, Lowell, 897-7506. e5

To Finalize Fire Station Plans

Bids for the construction of a \$200,000 Ada Township fire station to serve the north half of the township will be advertised for in January, says Kenneth Anderson, Ada clerk.

The township board is scheduled to go over the final plans of the station Dec. 20 and these plans will be presented to the board for final approval Dec. 27, Anderson adds.

Ada voters last Sept. 13 approved 1.25 mills for five years to finance the new station, construction of which will start as soon as possible next spring.

The station will be built on one acre on Knapp Street three-quarters of a mile west of Honey Creek Avenue NE. It will have two truck bays, an apparatus room, a hose tower, meeting room to be used for gatherings and voting, restroom facilities and a storage and utility room.

An offstreet, blacktop parking area will be large enough for 12 vehicles.—Dave Barnes.

Chairman Says Thanks

Mrs. Martin (Treva) Johnson, chairman of the south townships for the annual Mothers March of Dimes drive, has issued a thanks to all who helped with the campaign and to those who gave time and money to make this year's drive a successful one.

Helping Mrs. Johnson as area chairman for Lowell was Mrs. John Miner. Serving as her captains were Mrs. Leo Peters, Mrs. Rose Ennis, Mrs. Judy Jacobson, Mrs. William Wiggins, and Mrs. Richard Noskey.

In the City of Lowell, besides Mrs. Johnson, assistance was given by Mrs. Sharon Johnson, Mrs. Roxie Sullivan, Mrs. Robert Elzinga and Mrs. Addie Abel. The FFA Chapter at Lowell Senior High School conducted the march in Section 2.

Handling the business section of the City of Lowell was Mrs. Jessica Schaefer and Mrs. James Lastoczy.

The area chairman for Ada was Mrs. Robert Rooker. For Ada, Mrs. James Willyard and for Vergennes Township, Mrs. Leonard Kerr.

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Above The Board

Reading Program On The Right Track

Lowell School Board members were understandably pleased Monday night when School Guidance Director Gordon Gould reported excellent standings for Lowell students in this year's Michigan Educational Assessment test.

Given early this Fall to all fourth and seventh grade students throughout the state, the assessment program is in its eighth year. It was instituted by state officials as the result of growing national concern for students' reading ability. Although, since 1975, Lowell students have shown a steady and continuous rise in reading scores, this year's unprecedented jump of 14 percent is considered remarkable testimony that the local reading program is certainly on the right track.

Jane Blough, director of reading for the school system is assisted by Greg Clark. Alto: Betty Yeiter and Elizabeth Thompson in the Middle School; Mark Weber and Robert Copeland in the Senior High and a large staff of para-professionals.

The Michigan Assessment Program also tests mathematical progress and in this area the fourth grade showed a slight increase over last year (although they were high to begin with) while the seventh graders showed a slight decline. At the present time a committee headed by Bushnell Principal Dave Burdette and comprised of teachers from each school building, elementary through senior high, is studying new math series from six different publishers in an effort to determine if the local system is using the best available.

Board Member Judy Jansma reported that she felt the response of Lowell residents in contacting their state representative to register dissatisfaction with the state's proposal to pay unemployment compensation to school employees who do not work during the summer months, was at least in part responsible for the passing of legislation to prohibit it.

Many thousands of dollars would have to be added to all school budgets if these employees were allowed to collect on their times off, & Mrs. Jansma (the board's liaison with what's going on in the capitol) spent a great deal of effort warning district residents of this.

Board members were told Monday night that 30 trained volunteers contacted 364 district residents comprising a random cross section in a telephone opinion survey last Friday and Saturday.

The results of the survey will be announced shortly and hopefully will give the board an idea of the community's conception of the Lowell school system. It was noted that the board has received its second check from Charles King and the Committee for Extra Curricular Activities. This small group is entirely responsible for the inclusion of interscholastic sports, drama, forensics, marching band, choir and all the rest of the extra curricular activities in this year's school program.

With only one more payment to go, board members indicated they felt it remarkable what this group has accomplished with many long volunteer hours.

Supt. Don Kelly responded to a query by a spectator, Wally Lotterman, asking about buses running in bad weather to sporting events. Lotterman was referring to last Friday night's basketball game in Fremont.

It was determined that the only other time available to reschedule the game would be on a school night and the distance is too far to keep students out that late and expect them to be in school the following day.

Kelly also stated, "the school never wants to take the place of the parent and if parents feel that it is not safe, then by all means keep your children home."

Getting Into The Spirit Of Things

The festive feelings of the holidays are being widely expressed this year by the merchants along Lowell's Main Street.

Besides the usual Christmas decorations inside the buildings, more merchants this year have taken up the task of decorating their windows.

Also, starting this week, most of the merchants along the main thoroughfare will be open evenings to accommodate Christmas Shoppers.

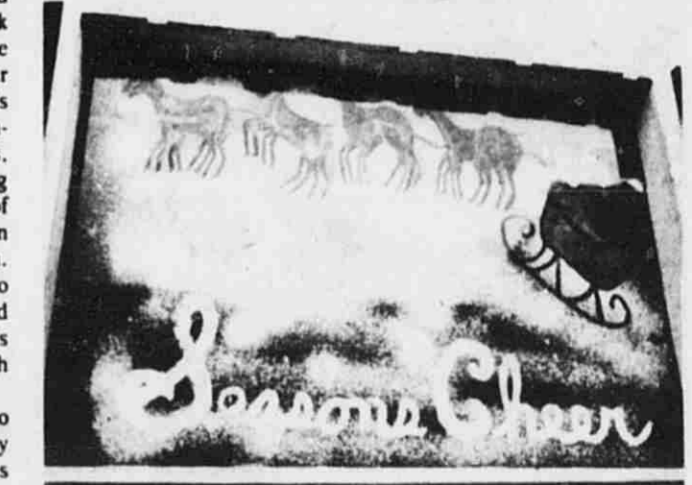
Below, are several camera shots of some of the clever decorations which have been done.



This Snoopy cartoon is just one of four window drawings down at the Bristol Body Shop at 222 W. Main Street.



Russ' Party Store at 209 W. Main Street, has used "Frosty the Snow Man" to advertise their holiday specials.



Passing motorists and patrons are greeted at the Village Inn, 211 W. Main Street, by this window decoration.

Chamber Discuss Parade

Under old business discussion at the December Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday, December 7, in the Village Inn, was the Christmas Parade for 1977.

The majority of those present thought the hour was too early, and suggested a 1 p.m. starting time next year.

It was agreed that people needed a phone call to remind them of the monthly meetings. Therefore, a phone call will be made on the Monday or Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month. This procedure should get more members to turn out for meetings.

Retail members agreed to try to coordinate January Clearance sales to give shoppers a better selection.

All present were asked to come up with names of persons to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors. These people would act as chairpersons for Chamber projects during the coming year.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the by-laws to read that any board member who misses three consecutive meetings without an excused absence would automatically be dropped.

Under new business, an annual dinner was discussed, for sometime in February.

Activities for July 4, suggested were a ball game between city employees and business persons, an old-fashioned county fair, and evening fireworks.

It was agreed that the Chamber should try to fill Showboat week with daytime activities. Among things to be added to last year's parade, canoe race and arts and crafts fair were game booths, horse shoe pitching contest and any other thing to create a carnival feeling in town.

POTPOURRI

A toll-free hotline for reporting possible fraud by Medicaid providers is now in operation as the latest step in a continuing crackdown on alleged abuses in the state's \$908 million Medicaid system. In announcing the hotline, Michigan Department of Social Services (MDSS) Director John T. Dempsey emphasized that the phone number—(800) 292-5404—is intended to handle only calls dealing specifically with complaints of fraud by physicians, laboratories, nursing homes or others providing Medicaid services. Persons who want to forward information concerning provider fraud may call anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reports may also be made in writing to Post Office Box 12158, Lansing, MI 48901.

Regulatory activities of the State Health Department's Division of Health Facility Standards and Licensing, in November, renewed the annual license of the 153 bed Cherry Creek Nursing Home at 350 N. Center Street, Lowell. At the end of November, Michigan had under license and/or certification, and

in operation: 467 nursing care facilities with 52,792 beds, 132 homes for the aged with 9,663 beds, and 228 general hospitals with 42,000 beds.

Forest Hills Central High School's Pompano squad, "The Rangenettes," recently attended a Badgerette clinic hosted by Holland High School. The Forest Hills squad took a first place trophy for originality and won third place for prop; a routine done with lights and music. The squad is coached by Shere Martin with Irene Nowak and Mary Jane Martin acting as advisers. Participating in the clinic were Betsi Bohoven, Shari Chertleburgh, Mary Chlystek, Susie Seware, Amy Dunn, Deb Edwards, Barb Fitz, Sue Jones, Sue Schneider, Kim Schweitzer, Lucy Snyder, Cindy Tesmer, and Gayle Verberkmoes.

Three area residents have been named donors at the Grand Valley Blood Program. They are: Leo J. Hun and Gary Rash of Lowell and Dale Shade of Alto.

OBITUARIES

BARTON—Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, December 9, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with William H. Barton, The Rev. Dean Bailey of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell as the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Barton of Kentwood Street, Lowell, died Monday evening, December 5, at the age of 78.

She is survived by a son, Norman and daughter-in-law, Emma Farlee of Ada; two grandchildren, the Rev. Fred Chino Valley, Arizona, and Mrs. Carolyn Nash of St. Petersburg, Florida; and four great-grandchildren.

GOODSELL—Miss Alice L. Goodsell, 68, of 112 Fernwood St., Clarksville, died Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, upon arrival at Pennock Hospital in Hastings.

Services are to be at Pickens Keops Chapel in Lake Odessa on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Rev. Arthur Ruder is to officiate.

She was born Jan. 20, 1909, in Campbell Twp., the daughter of Clare and Ruth (Rosenberger) Goodsell. She lived in Lake Odessa until 1943 when she moved to Clarksville and lived with her aunt, Miss Grace Rosenberger.

Surviving are her aunt, Miss Grace Rosenberger and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence (Helen) Wait and Mrs. Lester (Virginia) Yonkers, both of Lake Odessa.

a great deal of body heat is radiated from the ears which will cool the entire body. Mittens also provide better protection than gloves and it is a good idea to wear good footwear even if you plan to be out for a short time.

The best idea for outdoor enthusiasts is prevention. Travel in backcountry with a partner and watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.—Steve Harrington.

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A Happy Shopper!



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After each child selected their gifts for mom and dad, they were gift wrapped by the ladies of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

All in all, it was a great day for the kids. Plans are already being made for another shopping spree next year.

RUN-AWAY BUREAUCRACY

The U. S. "News and World Report" of October 3, 1977 reported that total Federal civilian employment on June 30, 1950 was 1,960,708 and had increased to 2,901,973 in July 1977. The figures reveal that there is some decrease from a peak of approximately 3 million employed in June of 1970. Annual salaries and wages of federal civilian workers in 1950 were \$7.0 billion and this figure has increased to \$46.5 billion, estimated for 1977. The article reveals that some of these workers really do not have a job, they simply occupy a place and receive pay.

LOWELL OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Colder weather brings with it the threat of injuries as a result of exposure to the cold. Snowmobilers, skiers, ice fishermen and snow shovelers are especially susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia.

Most people are familiar with frostbite, a condition of frozen skin tissue that must be warmed. The skin may feel numb and will appear white or gray. Gentle pressure with a warm hand or immersing the affected part in warm, not hot, water are the best treatments. Do no rub the affected area as this will only cause greater tissue damage.

Hypothermia is a condition in which the core body temperature is lowered to the point where the individual cannot rewarm himself. When the core body temperature drops, judgement is affected which further compounds the problem. Victims may become drowsy, dizzy and speak with a slur.

If the victim can drink, it is best to treat hypothermia with warm liquids and gradual rewarming of the body. Since the victim will be unable to rewarm himself naturally, placing blankets on top will not suffice, an external heat source is needed.

The best way to avoid frost bite or hypothermia is by using common sense when it comes to outdoor activity. Be sure you have extra well and are well rested before engaging in strenuous outdoor activity. Clothing is also an important consideration. Dress in layers to allow the shedding of clothing if you get too hot, these layers should be replaced if the activity ceases and you begin to get cold.

Be sure to drink lots of fluids but not alcohol. Alcohol gives the illusion of warming the body but is actually allowing a greater than normal supply of blood to reach the skin where it is cooled down. If you get thirsty don't eat snow. Your body will use a great amount of valuable energy to melt the snow to ice for a relatively small amount of moisture.

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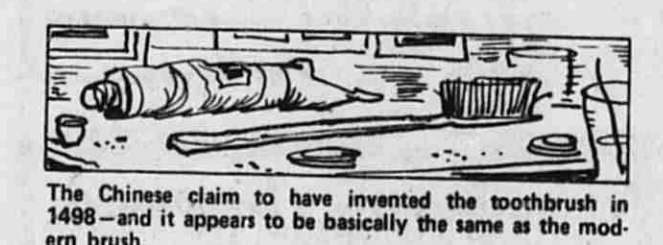
Engagement Told



Mr. and Mrs. Milton Homolka of Lowell are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gay Lyn, to Robert George Pfaller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfaller of Lowell.

The couple are 1975 graduates of Lowell Senior High. Gay is employed at Cascade Christian Nursery School and Robert is employed at Lippert Pharmacies, Inc.

A March 31st wedding is being planned.



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New Simplified Tax Tables, Forms

Many taxpayers complained that the tax forms and tables were especially complicated last year. This year, the forms have been improved and new simplified tax tables can be used by most taxpayers. Here are some questions, with answers, about some of the changes and improvements:

Q: I understand there are going to be simpler tax tables this year. Will they really be easier than last year's?

A: Definitely so. Last year, you were required to make several mathematical computations before even coming to the tables. This year, most taxpayers won't have to make any computations before finding their tax in the tables.

Q: What about my exemptions and any zero bracket amount?

A: Exemptions, the new zero bracket amount, and the general tax credit, are built right into the tables. You simply look up your adjusted gross income on the proper table and find your tax. The zero bracket amount has replaced the old standard deduction.

Q: You said most, but not all, taxpayers won't have to make any computations. Will taxpayers who itemize their deductions still have to make a computation before going to the tax tables. They will have to subtract the excess of their itemized deductions over the flat zero bracket amount from their adjusted gross income. The flat standard deduction is \$2,200 for singles and \$3,200 for married persons filing jointly.

Q: Will any other taxpayers have to make computations?

A: Yes. Other categories of tax-

"Letter From Washington"
By Congressman Hal Sawyer

Increasingly people are believing that their voice does not count, that their opinions don't matter.

I strongly believe that is one of the main reasons why people stay home on election day. In short, they register their lack of confidence by withdrawing from the system.

The Congress needs to take the lead in restoring people's faith that they can have direct access to decision-making at the national level. That's why I agreed to be one of the prime sponsors of a constitutional amendment that will give citizens a greater voice in determining federal laws.

The amendment, which I'm introducing along with Rep. James R. Jones, D-Ola., would establish a national initiative.

Under this mechanism, citizens can get an issue placed on the ballot if they can gather a required number of signatures from registered voters. Twenty-three states, including Michigan, already permit the use of the initiative in the making of state laws.

I expect some people may oppose this idea on the grounds that the people cannot be trusted to understand complicated legislative proposals and vote on them intelligently.

However, I do not share that view. From my experience as a trial attorney, I'm convinced that given the facts people tend to make good, fair decisions.

Research of the 23 states that use the initiative process backs this up. There has not been a rash of frivolous or unsound laws resulting from the initiative process.

Recent examples of the initiative include the passage of a statewide bottle bill last year in Michigan, open meetings legislation in Florida and banning of the Olympic Games in Colorado. This November, voters in Ohio will decide whether to repeal that state's recently enacted "instant voter registration" law.

Under the constitutional amendment Rep. Jones and I are proposing, it would take signatures of three percent of registered voters in each of 10 states to put an issue on the national ballot. On the basis of 1976 election returns, that would mean about 2.45 million signatures.

To win approval, a proposed constitutional amendment must receive a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate, then be adopted by three-fourths of the states.

Let me know your reaction to this idea by writing me in care of: "Letter From Washington," Room 166 Federal Bldg., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Two Former Lowell Residents Team-up

A former Lowell High School teacher and a former Lowell High School student have combined their coaching talents successfully in the recently completed football season.

Richard Brennan and Steve Thaler, are both teachers and coaches at Kent City High School, located five miles northwest of Sparta, Kent County.

Brennan taught math and shop at Lowell in the Middle School from 1969-1972 and High School math from 1972-1976. He was also assistant football coach on some of Lowell's champion football teams during that time.

He left teaching in 1976 to go into private business in Texas, but after one year desired to return to teaching and Michigan, both of which he missed.

Dick, his wife Sherry, and four sons now reside in Kent City.

Thaler is a 1967 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1971 graduate of M.S.U. He has taught at Kent City for six years and has been coaching football for three years.

The J.V. team under Thaler's assistantship has compiled a 20-3 record in that time, including an undefeated season and a 17 game win streak.

Steve and his wife, Linda, reside in Sparta. Their J.V. football team completed a fine 7-1 season, which included a victory over a varsity team. The only loss they suffered, was a 6-0 loss to Hesperia in which a score was called back.

Congratulations on a fine season to a couple of former Lowell products.

GAME VIOLATOR RECEIVES FINE

A game law violator is more than \$500 poorer today and the man who turned him in is \$500 richer.

Gilbert Kuehl, 56, of Livonia, who pleaded guilty to driving a bull elk Nov. 20, was ordered by District Judge John Mach to pay a fine of \$500 plus \$250 in restitution charges and \$100 in court costs.

In addition, Kuehl was given a 30 day suspended jail sentence and had his rifle and scope confiscated. His hunting privileges were revoked for three years.

SCHULER'S EMBARKS ON NEW FORMAT

With 50 years of hosting Michigan diners under its belt, Michigan's well-known Win Schuler's Restaurants are charting a new course for the second 50. According to President Hans Schuler, the restaurants have developed a new format and will be opening restaurants under a new name, incorporating this new format.

The new eateries will be dubbed The Grate Steak. The concept has evolved, Schuler said, as a response to what the firm believes today's dining-out crowd wants. The Grate Steak concept was test marketed for four years in East Lansing before expanding to other cities.

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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

By Pauline E. Spray

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth... (Proverbs 3:12). One of our children used to "ask" for spankings when she was a little girl. She persisted in acting naughty until she was soundly spanked. After a good cry, she became her sweet and contented self again.

COMING EVENTS

SAT., DEC. 17: The Lowell V.F.W. Post 8303 and Auxiliary will have their Christmas Party Saturday, December 17.

SUN., DEC. 18: A "Hymn Sing" will be held at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 West Main Street, Lowell.

THURS., DEC. 22: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Avenue.

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A Festival Of Lessons

By Pauline E. Spray

St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Cascade is inviting all the churches of the area to share in a very special service of lessons and carols this coming Sunday, December 18, at 3 p.m. at their church.

Engaged

Janice K. Vink and Dale B. Hanson announce their engagement and plans for a May 6 wedding.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Effie Vink of Kentwood and the late John Vink, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hanson of Lowell.

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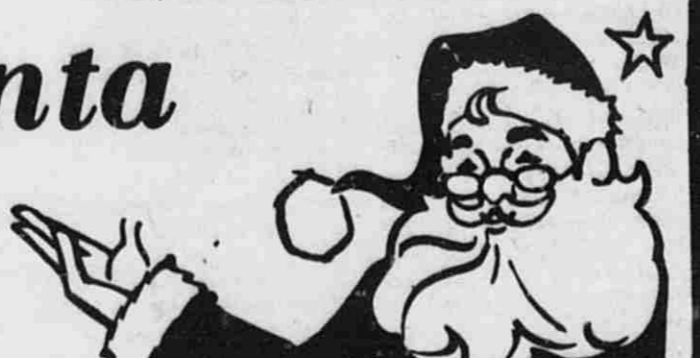
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New Olympians Tour Wales

Monday, August 15, the new Olympians left Grand Rapids for a two week visit to Southern Wales. Included on the team were local performers Karen Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Biggs, 210 Wyandotte Court, Saranac, Melody and Selma Stahl, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stahl, 11554 Ware Road, Lowell, and Mike and Julie Rowe, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Rowe, 1033 Lincoln Lake, Lowell.

The following is an account given of their stay in Wales, and trips that took them to London. After seven hours and fifteen minutes aboard the World Airways DCB, they arrived at Gatwick Airport in London, England. There, they boarded a bus for a four-hour drive to Machen, Wales.

The first thing to be seen at Machen on Tuesday was the American flag flying over the British Legion Hall, and a line of people waiting to greet them. TV cameras and radio reporters were eager to interview them all. After a buffet, they were bused to the Machen Community Center where they met their Welsh families and spent the day getting acquainted.

Wednesday was spent shopping in Caerphilly, famous because of its huge castle in the center of town. After a short practice, they performed at the Machen Royal British Legion Club where the Welsh people sang "Welcome in the Hill-side," for the group.

Thursday, visits were made to Castle Coch and St. Fagans Castle. The evening was spent at St. Donata's for a performance, barbecue and disco.

Friday, after a performance at a jazz band competition, the Olympians were mobbed for autographs. At Maesteg, the Lord Mayor was presented a key to the city of Grand Rapids, after which the group was given a luncheon. In the evening, they performed at a night club.

Saturday, as guests of the Lewyncllyn Zodiac Jazz Band, they gave three performances and took part in a parade in Leaneradach and Barry.

Sunday, after church, they watched their host band, the Masqueraders, perform on a nearby rugby field, hunted down the local ice cream truck and in the evening went to the exclusive Stardust Club where recording artist Bryn Yemm directed the group a new dance.

Monday, it was off to London, England. After some of the group rode a subway for the first time and suffered a slight shock when the train stopped involuntarily between stations for five minutes. They saw Buckingham Palace, London Bridge, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square and Big Ben.

The following morning, at a civic reception in Caerphilly they toured the castle and shopped. At Ynshir, they led a parade and did two performances and presented an American flag to the Lord Mayor of that City.

Wednesday, at another civic reception at Pontypool the Lord Mayor was given the key to Grand Rapids and despite the rain, some of the troupe did some shopping in the open air market. At another civic reception at Aberdare, the Olympians gave two performances at the Sports Center.

Thursday, at Thehabod, a lunch, reception, disco, parade, performances and dance with a live band was the day's order.

Friday, in Cardiff, after a civic reception, a performance was given at the Machen Legion.

On Saturday, the group went to the Aberdare Carnival and a parade, where they received immense applause. After an afternoon of swimming and shopping, a party was held for the members of the group only.

Monday, a quiet day was spent with the host families at Bristol Channel and Coney Park amusement park.

Monday, following a performance at Treharis, during which they headed the parade, they returned to the Machen Carnival for their final performance.

Tuesday, it was time to say good-bye to their Welsh families as they boarded the bus for the Gatwick Airport, and headed home.

It was a great feeling by the Olympians to be shown the warm and personal hospitality by their Welsh families, they made many friends, and parting was not easy.

For WEST MICHIGAN Sportsmen

Picture this in mind if you will... It's one of those "so cold you can see your breath mornings." The snow squeaks and crackles beneath your feet. Tears run out of your eyes and freeze halfway down your cheeks. Your wet, snowy gloves stick to the car door handle. It's so cold that... well, if you were out on the school playground you certainly wouldn't be sticking your tongue on the monkey bars! It's downright bonechilling, eye watering, nose running, finger numbing, miserable, nasty cold is what it is!

O.K., now picture a couple of guys bumping into each other on the parking lot. The conversation goes something like this: "Hi, Joe! Mean night last night, eh?" "Hey, Mac! Sure was. Weatherman said it got down to -12 below. Froze up the water pipes out to my barn. Split 'em wide open, it did. That was some kind of nifty freeze all right!"

"A dandy! Couldn't even get my car started this morning. First the doors were all froze shut, and after I finally did manage to get them open with a tea kettle of hot water, the motor wouldn't so much as turn half way over. Froze stiff! Had to dally for sure!"

"Yeah, colder than a well digger's arse! It was. We're supposed to get a couple of more nights of this. Sure hope so. We could use at least another day or two with the temp near zero!"

Sound like a couple of wackos? Well, they're not, really. The doors were all froze shut, and after I finally did manage to get them open with a tea kettle of hot water, the motor wouldn't so much as turn half way over. Froze stiff! Had to dally for sure!

Now I know there are those who will say, "Ice fishermen—wacky for sure!" For there are those who believe that this is a characteristic trait of those who identify themselves as such. But that is, I believe, a prejudiced opinion based on little—or no—serious forethought!

Besides, what else would you expect a couple of full grown, dyed-in-the-wool ice fishermen to talk about at this time of year? It's the main pre-occupation of the mind at the moment.

Four of the Welsh Jazz Bands are looking forward to visiting the United States in the future, and the Olympians are hoping to make their visit here as enjoyable as theirs was there.

The Welsh Jazz bands are something that don't exist in the United States, and it is an old art brought back to Wales in the past five years.

Two of the bands are hoping to be in the Lowell area in 1978.

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| Feb. 18 | Ionia | Away |
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| Mar. 7-11 | Regionals (Site to be Assigned) | |
| Mar. 15 | Quarter Finals | |
| Mar. 17 | Semi-Finals | |
| Mar. 18 | Finals | |
| Wrestling 6:30-Junior Varsity 7:00-Varsity High School Gymnasium | | |
| Dec. 15 | Sparta | Home |
| Dec. 17 | Olivet Tourn. (12:00) | Away |
| Dec. 22 | Cedar Springs | Away |
| Dec. 30 | Lowell Invitational (Tentative) | |
| Jan. 5 | Greenville | Away |
| Jan. 12 | Belding | Home |
| Jan. 14 | Mt. Pleasant Inv. (12:00) | Away |
| Jan. 17 | Union (G.R.) | Away |

It's Fun To Collect Stamps



Potential stamp collectors Jim Evans, Andrea Emmons and Jennifer Speerstra learn about the aspects of starting a stamp collection from Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle.

Members of the fourth and fifth grades at the Bushnell Elementary School were shown a film presentation on forming their own "Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club," last Thursday. This presentation by Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle, is a program initiated by the U.S. Postal Service in getting young people interested in stamp collecting.

The twenty-minute film strip, which the students watched, gave a descriptive look at stamp collecting as a hobby, and the interest is high.

Doyle remarked that the Ben Franklin program to be given to grade school children, will be run on a nation-wide basis.

After answering several questions from the students, Postmaster Doyle gave each one a copy of "Treasury of Stamps Album," and a cancelled commemorative stamp, which could possibly lead them in starting their collection.

New United States commemorative stamps come out 12 to 15 times a year. The commemorative given to the students depicted Drafting the Articles of Confederation, York Town, Pennsylvania-1977.

During the coming month, Postmaster Doyle will be a busy man, telling the story of stamp collecting to nearly 900 students. Besides the students at Bushnell, he will speak before the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Runciman Elementary School, St. Mary's School, St. Patrick's School, Alto Elementary School, and Kettle

Lake School. "It's fun to collect stamps," Doyle commented, "it's a relatively inexpensive way for a child to start a hobby, and one he can pursue for a life time."

Winter Traction Problems

While most of winter's cold weather is still ahead, it's not too early for local drivers to review recommended measures for handling winter's seasonal driving difficulties, and Police Chief Barry D. Emmons suggests that traction problems on snow and ice are good starting points.

"Fortunately, we in Lowell aren't the only ones concerned about winter-slick street problems," Chief Emmons pointed out. "Winter driving research, conducted annually by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards, has already given us sound information on how to start, go, turn and stop on ice and snow." NSC skid test recommendations are also endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and, according to the Chief, by road service crews who have to rescue stalled or ditched motorists who were not "winter-wise" in winter's ways!

The Way to Go
Pulling traction is the way your car is able to start and keep going in snow or on ice; and pulling traction is directly related to the kind of tires or traction aids you use. NSC test findings have developed these facts:
Conventional snow tires offer only a 28 percent improvement

in pulling power as compared with regular highway tires on ice; but they provide half again as much traction as regular tires on loosely packed snow.

Studded snow tires (in areas where their use is permitted) are about three times better than regular tires on ice.

Reinforced tire chains pull 4 times better than regular tires on snow; 7 times better on ice.

If you're stuck in snow, turn your front wheels back and forth to push snow away from your tires. Shift to the highest gear; and, with a gentle foot on the throttle, try to ease out without spinning your wheels.

The Way To Stop
Stopping—a major problem on ice or packed and polished snow—also depends on tires or traction aids.

Conventional snow tires offer no advantage over regular highway treads in stopping on ice.

Studded snow tires, where they can be used, offer a 19 percent improvement on ice.

Reinforced tire chains are best—cutting braking distance in half on glare ice.

Regardless of traction aids, "pump" your brakes to slow or stop. This technique helps to maintain steering control.

The Way To Steer
Don't be over confident just because you have special tires or chains on the rear wheels. Traction aids are of little value in cornering unless they are used on all four wheels. Otherwise, the front end skids out and you lose steering control.

The way to steer is steady and smooth—anticipating all maneuvers well in advance. Sudden lane changes or turns can put you into a spin.

And Chief Emmons couldn't resist this final warning to all local drivers:

"In no case can speeds on winter-slick roads begin to approach those on dry pavement regardless of the traction aids you use. You can see why the officers of our department take a dim view of drivers who don't know the way to adjust their speed to conditions—especially when conditions aren't the best!"

AIR FORCE HAS OPENINGS FOR SENIORS

High school seniors graduating in June can volunteer for guaranteed training in the U.S. Air Force now, and report to regular Air Force active duty in June, July, or August according to Staff Sergeant Robert M. Yarbrough, U.S. Air Force recruiter here.

The Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, which allows a person to be enlisted against an opening up to six months later, makes it possible for high school seniors to reserve an opening in advance of graduation this June," said Ssgt. Yarbrough.

Persons desiring to reserve a position on the aerospace team are urged to call 456-2428 collect or visit the recruiting office at 3496 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

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School Gets CECA Check

CECA sent the Lowell School Board a check on December 2. We are two-thirds paid with only one payment to go! Ann Kempker will be glad to help with your donation at the Lowell State Bank.

Raffle tickets for the half beef and fishing rod are on sale. Call 868-6749 for assistance in this area. The winners will be drawn at the Athlete Boosters Dance March 18, 1978.

The next big project will be a

Basketball game with members of the Detroit Lions February 25, 1978. More information on this in January.

As a reminder, the extra curricular fund raising program is only for the 1977-78 school year.

The CECA business meetings have been joggled around lately to accommodate parents attending their students extra curricular activities. Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 1978.

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