

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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

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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



**MARY ANN KELLOGG** and Dody Plett are the proprietors of the "Nature's Emporium," which opened last week at 609 West Main Street. The new shop will feature dried arrangements, unusual plants, fresh flowers, gifts and collectibles...

**DURING THE SECOND** anniversary celebration at the Harold Zeigler Ford Agency, 11979 E. Fulton, firm president, Harold Zeigler expressed his thanks to the 1,723 customers who bought cars and trucks from them over the past two years. "We will continue to be a sales and service leader," he added.

**THIS IS THE "Holiday Issue"** of the Grand Valley Ledger (December 21 and December 28 issues combined). The next issue of the paper will be published on January 4. Our offices at 105 N. Broadway Street will be closed from December 22 until January 2, when we will reopen at 8 a.m. Have a very Happy Holiday Season!

**THE OFFICIAL BEGINNING** of winter this year comes at 6:24 p.m., on Wednesday, December 21. At this time, the earth is closest to the sun, even though it's winter—giving us our shortest day (9 hours) and longest night (15 hours)...

**AT A RECENT** meeting of the Lowell Showboat Board of Directors, Jean McCambridge and Gary Kemp were elected to replace Dennis McMahon and Don Rocheleau on the board. Other members sitting on the board include Chuck Lippert, Forest Buck, Gordon Gould, Jack Beggs, Vincent McCambridge, Barbara Curtis, Ron Holst, Keith Caldwell, Dr. Clark Vredenberg, Jim Hall and Colleen Swan...

**HAROLD ROBINSON** who has had past experience as a cook for Howard Johnsons and Sayfee's in Grand Rapids, has been hired as the new night cook at the Village Inn on West Main Street...

**THE LOWELL COMMUNITY** Theater sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council has selected the comedy classic "Arsenic and Old Lace," to be its first production. Try-outs for the play will be Wednesday, January 11, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. To obtain a script or more information contact Mitch McMahon at 897-5282.

**IN BASKETBALL ACTION** last Friday night in the Tri-River League, the Lowell Red Arrows beat the Red Hawks from Cedar Springs 78-68.

**IONIA STATE POLICE** arrested four juvenile boys from the Lowell area and a subsequent investigation led to the return of a municipal radio which the four confessed taking back in July from a City owned truck. Lowell Police also solved the theft of a truck from the Alto area last November, when a Lowell juvenile confessed...

**ARRESTED SUNDAY EVENING** by Lowell Police officers was Phillip Worthington of Grand Rapids for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, and driving while license is suspended, second offense. Worthington was also held on two outstanding warrants issued by the Ionia State Police and one from the Grand Rapids Police Department...

## Masons Install New Officers



Officers for 1978 for Lowell Lodge #90 F & AM are from left, back row, Bobby Adams, Major Bogert, Orval Jessup, George Story, Forrest Buck, Donald Geelhoed; front row, Michael Martin, Cecil DeRushia, Tilden Pinkney, Roger Roberts, Ivan Blough. Not present, Olen Miller.

On December 13, Lowell Lodge #90 F&AM held their annual communication, after enjoying a dinner prepared and served by Cyclamen Chapter #94. OES. Approximately 40 attended, when the annual reports and election of officers for next year was accomplished.

Then on December 15 a public installation of those officers was arranged, with an installing staff of John Legwin PM as Installing Officer; Raymond Spyer PM as Chaplain; George Noteware PM as Secretary and Carl Worfel, PM and Senior Grand Deacon, acting as Marshal.

The following officers were installed and assumed their new duties immediately: Tilden

Pinckney, WM; Cecil DeRushia, SW; Roger Roberts, JW; Orval Jessup, Treasurer; Forrest Buck, Secretary; George Story, Chaplain; Michael Martin, SD; Ivan Blough, JD; Bobby Adams, Steward; Donald Geelhoed, Steward; Major Bogert, Marshal and Olen Miller as Tiler.

After the installation was completed, Tom Baughman was introduced as an amateur magician, who entertained the guests for a half hour with some very intriguing accomplishments of seemingly impossible acts. Then all retired downstairs as

**GREAT CURL! GREAT BODY!** —With Unlperm at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7506. c6

## Lowell City Council

### Lowell Is To Have New Trash Service

Due to the Lowell City Council's decision to accept the low bid for trash collection in Lowell, Pete's Disposal Service will no longer have the job as of February 1, 1978. The decision came at the council's regular meeting on December 19. Pete's Disposal Service is located in Byron Center and has been servicing Lowell for the past three years.

The bid from Pete's Disposal was next to lowest at \$48,972 but the low bidder, D & H Rubbish Removal of Belding was well below that figure at \$38,068.68 for the year's service. Because of the extreme difference in bids (nearly \$11,000) and considering that D & H got a high recommendation from the city of Belding which it has serviced since 1966, city manager Ray Quada recommended to the council to accept D & H's low bid. Quada explained that this recommendation came with some regret considering the excellent job that Pete's Disposal has done for Lowell over the years.

The council discussed a request from Richard Lampkin for rental payments on land that he owns at the Lowell City Airport. After some discussion, it became evident that no one on the council was very informed on just what Lampkin had in mind and it was decided to have the line between the city's property and Lampkin's property surveyed to determine how much if any of the airport is on Lampkin's land.

Monday night was the last council meeting for councilmen Pfaller and McCambridge. Both expressed their gratitude for having been able to serve on the council. They will be replaced in

January by David Carter and Howard Clack. Clack however, has notified the council that he will be taking a job in Arizona from January 1 until the latter part of April. It is probable that the council will release Clack from his elected term and appoint someone else to serve in his stead since there is no provision in the charter for temporary appointments and three months is an exceptionally long period for the council to operate with only three members and the mayor.

Checks for the councilmen's service were passed out at the meeting, each councilman received his annual pay of \$100 and the mayor received his check for \$150.

## Film Showing On Choking

"Choking," the cause of hundreds of deaths each year, will be the topic of a film shown at various intervals on December 27 and 28 at the Lowell V.F.W. Post 8303 on East Main Street. The cost of eleven minutes of your time may someday bring you a priceless reward. That of saving another's or your own life.

The Lowell V.F.W. Post and the Lowell Police Department will co-host the film presentation "The Heimlick maneuver," narrated by Dr. Heimlick.

The film, eleven minutes long, shows the correct procedure of saving a choking victim. The maneuver brought out is very simple and can be carried out by most any member of the family.

Open to the public, the film will be shown at the following intervals: Tues., December 27 and Wednesday, December 28, at 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

During the evening of these same days at 7 p.m., 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m.

Groups, large and small, if they are unable to make the above schedule, can have a special film showing by contacting the Post Commander Hendrick at 897-7910 or 897-5811 and an additional time will be set up.

The Post Auxiliary will finish the showing with the serving of tea or coffee.

## Landfill Permits

Landfill permits to use the City landfill will again be due beginning January 1, 1978.

A new approach to the permit system will be used in the coming year.

Because the landfill is maintained primarily by City Taxes, plus nominal fees for permits, it is only fair that it be used only by City residents.

This coming year, no one will be allowed to enter the landfill without a marked 1978 sticker, and a corresponding numbered permit.

1978 Landfill permits may be purchased any time after January 2 at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street.

## ONE MOMENT, PLEASE

America's first transcontinental telephone call was made January 25, 1915, between two pioneers in the field. Alexander Graham Bell, in New York City, repeated his famous "Come here, Watson, I need you" to his aide, Thomas Watson. Watson responded in San Francisco, almost 3,000 miles away. Exhibits featuring the development of the telephone are part of the Hall of Technology at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.

## 1977 In Retrospect

Millage issues, dedications, new housing, elections, retirements, anniversaries, tragedies, and accomplishments were some of the major items to hit the headlines during 1977 in the pages of the Grand Valley Ledger.

In all, it was a comparatively quiet year, despite the fact that area residents were trying to cope with rising heating costs, taxes, and the everyday events in one's life.

Flipping through the pages of the Ledger, we have briefly recapped the events of the year, as follows:

### January

Efforts by citizens and educators in the Forest Hills School District and cooperation by the Kent County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation, the Forest Hills School Board and Gov. William Milliken saved the 108-year-old Collins School on Heather Lane and Crahen Avenue from being torn down. Originally, the school was slated to be razed as part of the rebuilding and relocation of M-21 from Ada to the I-96 expressway.

Bruce Phillips of 1060 Grindle Drive, Lowell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Infant auto safety was the main objective of a new campaign "Buckle Up Babe"

launched by the Lowell Area Jayettes. The group offered for rent, GM Lovesats for babies weighing up to 20 lbs.

The Lowell Middle School was picked as the site of the 1978 annual state-wide Middle School Conference, which will be attended by approximately 1,000 teachers and administrators for three days in the Spring of 1978.

The Debonaire Shop on Lowell's West Main Street, owned by Bernard Baer, closed.

Major Bogert of 11631 Dorothy Street and Robert Ellis of 2719 Bewell, Lowell, as part of National Voluntary Blood Month were honored by the Grand Valley Blood Program. Bogert for contributing more than 5 gallons (40 points) in the last few years, and Ellis for three gallons (24 points).

The Kent County Board of Equalization informed the City of Lowell that \$2,287,752 in additional assessed value must be generated. "This means," City Assessor Al Orlyk explained "figuring a 1.1735 multiplier to local assessments."

Herbert Elzinga replaced Harold J. Englehardt as president of the State Savings Bank of Lowell. Elzinga joined the bank in 1937 and held the position of Executive Vice-President for the past ten years.

A Ledger survey on rising coffee prices showed that 25

percent of those surveyed had no comment; 5 percent had quit drinking it; 15 percent had switched to tea, milk, etc.; and 60 percent were making a valid effort to cut down on consumption.

Lowell Moose Lodge No. 809 observed its 65th anniversary. The lodge was chartered on February 6, 1912.

### February

The first week in February found residents, especially those in the rural areas, digging themselves out following a wind-whipped blizzard. Some say it was the worst storm to hit the area since 1967, while others were saying it was the worst ever.

February 3 marked the end of Lowell being a "dry" town as Bill Gardner of the Village Inn announced that he had received his Class C Liquor License.

The gift of a "roll-top" desk prompted Ledger Editor Roger Brown to start his "Cozy Corner" column.

Two former Lowell men, Stephen Nisbet and George DeVries were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Alma College.

Lowell High School debaters, Laurie McMahon, Glenn Bailey, Phyllis Courser and Brian Raymond competed in the State Contest in Detroit.

Brown Brothers Construction Company of Lansing began

building the new 463 feet bridge over the Grand River in Saranac, at a cost of \$1,100,000.

Paul Seese of Alto, a member of the Lowell High School FFA Chapter won the Michigan 304 Bushel Challenge Corn Growing Contest. Seese's corn yielded 176.7 bushels per acre.

Lowell's Board of Education listed 30 items to be cut from the budget if the March millage request for two mills for a one year period failed.

Services of dedication were held for the new Alton Bible Church at the corner of Lincoln Lake Avenue and Three Mile Road.

Tim Patrick and Chris Krieger, two wrestlers for the Saranac Redskins, qualified for the Class D State Finals.

The Lowell grapplers ended their season with an undefeated record, winning the Tri-River championship.

Gem Survey Company won the bid to do a city-wide reassessment in Lowell at a cost of \$16,850.

O'Neil's World Two-Way Shop at 103 West Main discontinued its retail operation.

The Secretary of State's office announced that the Lowell Branch outlet in the Western Auto Store on East Main, would be closed in June.

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Column One



Season's Greetings From The Ledger Staff:  
Maggie MacNaughton, Carol Sebastian,  
Jay Vezino, Terese And Roger Brown



**OBITUARIES**

**MERRIMAN**—A former Alto area resident, Miss Katherine E. Merriman of Grand Rapids passed away Sunday, December 18, 1977, at the age of 39. She was born November 25, 1938, the daughter of Erwin and

nephews. **EMELANDER**—Mrs. George (Helen May) Emelander, aged 52, of Hudsonville, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 17, 1977, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Born and raised in the Lowell area, she was laid to rest in Georgetown Cemetery, following funeral services at the VanderLaan Funeral Home in Hudsonville, Tuesday. Besides her husband, George, she is survived by her children, Robert and Diane Emelander of Allendale, Roger Allen, Bonnie Jean and Sandra Kay, all at home; two grand children, Jeffrey and Jennifer; her mother, Mrs. Mabel Vaughan of Lowell; two brothers, Leroy Vaughan of Sparta and William Vaughan of Lansing; one half-brother, Elsworth Vaughan of Mt. Clemens; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Thelem of Lowell. **LEPARD**—Services for Mrs. Desida M. Lepard, 86, of Lake

Odessa, who died Saturday morning, Dec. 17, at the Ionia Manor were held Monday at the Pickens Koons Chapel in Lake Odessa. Rev. Gary Evans officiated with burial in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery. She was born in Clarksville Sept. 24, 1891, the daughter of Joseph and Hyla (Spencer) Clark and attended the Clarksville schools. She married Charles Robbins Dec. 10, 1910 in Ionia. He died in October, 1943. She married Hale Lepard Feb. 28, 1960 in Ada. They lived on a farm near Lake Odessa until moving to the present. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. R.W. Frances Ross of Grand Rapids and a niece. **CAREW**—Mrs. Maybelle S. Carew, of 5414 Ada Drive, S.E., passed away Monday, December 12, at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center at the age of 71. The Rev. Jack Richards of the Ada Congregational Church officiated at the funeral services held Thursday afternoon at the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home in Cascade. Interment was made in the Ada Cemetery. Besides a daughter, Mrs. James (Judy) Biesbrock of Ada, she leaves two brothers, Michael Willard Farrell of Ionia; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Elliot of Hoodriver, Oregon; Mrs. Genevieve Riemsmas of Grandville and Mrs. Esther Gehrett of Wyoming; and three grandchildren. **FISHER**—Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, December 17, at the O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home in Cascade for Raymond Oliver Fisher, Rev. George Coon officiated. Mr. Fisher, aged 75, of the Morton House passed away December 14 at Butterworth Hospital. He is survived by two sons, Clarence Herbert of Clarksville and Jack Walter of Plainwell; one brother, Clyde of Arizona; and one granddaughter. **KELLEY**—Retired Lowell businessman and former Lowell School bus driver, Harold Kelley passed away suddenly Wednesday evening, December 14. Mr. Kelley, aged 67, of 159 West Main Street, Lowell, formerly owned and operated a

service station on Lowell's Main Street. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, December 17, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. The Rev. Keith Melver was the officiating clergyman and burial was made in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Kelley leaves four sons, Charles of Mt. Pleasant, Peter of Grand Rapids, Steve and Darroll of Lowell; three brothers, Bennie of Alabama, Bud of Davison, and Jim of South Carolina; two sisters, Elsie of Cedar Springs and Wanda of Wyoming; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. **WEAVER**—Mrs. Margaret A. Weaver, aged 90, passed away Monday, December 12, at her home at 7396 Thornapple River Drive, Ada. She was born November 16, 1887, in Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Grove, and moved to Lowell in 1924 with her husband Lester, and family. At that time, the Weavers opened a meat market, here, and continued to serve the people of the area for 30 years; later expanding the business to include groceries. Besides being a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, she was very active in the Women's Relief Corps, the Rebekahs, and for 29 years was a member of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star of Lowell. Funeral services for Mrs. Weaver were conducted Thursday, December 15, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Burial was made in Lowell's Oakwood Cemetery. She is survived by her children, Henry of California, Orson and Dorothy of Ada, Mrs. S. J. (Mary Ann) Ayres of Lowell, and Robert of Grand Rapids; a niece, Mrs. Gus (Doris) Abel of Lowell; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. **GETTING SMARTER**—Veterans keep getting smarter, VA says. Statistics show 29 percent of World War II vets who used the GI Bill took college training, while 51 percent of their Korean era counterparts used their benefits to go to college. The percentage is up to 57 among those who have used the current GI Bill.

**Arrows Hit The 'Ice'**  
With freshman Mike Pollock playing his first game at goal, the Lowell Red Arrows defeated the Northview Wildcats Thursday night 3-1. In the first period of play the Red Arrows outshot the Wildcats 6-2. With 2:24 left to play Steve Ries scored an unassisted goal. With Northview out shooting Lowell 8-4 in the second period it was the Red Arrows who scored. With 4:59 left Troy O'Neil scored Lowell's second goal. O'Neil was assisted by Ken Janeschek and John Sarniak. The Red Arrows were leading 2-0 going into the third period of play. John Sarniak assisted by Steve Ries scored Lowell's third goal with 5:42 left. Northview scored their only goal with 3:51 left in the third period. The goal was scored by Todd Fenech and assisted by Todd Kauffman and Tim O'Leary. In previous action Lowell defeated Union 5-1, tied East Kentwood 2-2 and lost to Grand Rapids Central 6-4. Lowell Red Arrows take on Grand Rapids Catholic Central Monday, December 26, at the Grand Rapids Ice Stadium. For an evening of action and excitement be sure and come.—Jenny Benedetto.

**UNDER THE BLUE PACIFIC**  
Communication took a leap forward in January, 1903, as the first cable across the Pacific Ocean was completed. The 2,020 miles of cable stretched from Honolulu to San Francisco, landing on the mainland on January 1st. The cable was opened for public use four days later. Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich., exhibits the deep sea cable sheathing machine which wound 2600 miles of cable across the Atlantic more than half a century earlier.



**Greetings**  
This Christmas season gives us a special opportunity to extend our greetings to everyone.  
George & Marcy Scheck  
Chrouch Communications  
206 E. Main St., Lowell

# Greetings



Happy Holiday Wishes to all our wonderful customers. We enjoyed doing business with you and we hope that we can continue our fine relationship throughout the years to come.

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Dodge Cars & Trucks - Chrysler
- Thomet Chevrolet & Buick  
Opel Sales
- Harold Zeigler Ford  
Ford Cars & Trucks
- Wittenbach Sales & Service  
Pontiac-Olds-GMC-International
- Smith & Clemenz  
Used Cars & Trucks
- DeMull's Auto Parts  
— Lowell —
- Gene's Cycle Sales & Used Cars

# Go to the World



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### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Extending to you our best wishes for mirth, beauty and tranquility this Christmas and always. Thank you for your patronage.  
Ada Village Hardware  
577 Ada Drive, Ada

### GREETINGS



May Christmas bring you the music of laughter, the warmth of friendship and the spirit of love. From all of us to all of you, Happy Holidays!



**Cary's**  
219 W. Main \* Lowell \* 897-7577


A former Lowell resident, Mrs. Lillian M. Spivey, has just returned to her home in Texas after spending 12 days in the hospital following a heart attack. Cards and letters from her friends here, can be forwarded to 732 1/2 W. 19th, Apt. C., Houston, Texas, 77008. Celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, December 25, will be Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup of 721 N. Jefferson Street, Lowell. Lora Nead, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nead of Cedar Springs, injured in a traffic accident, November 23, is improving at Butterworth Hospital. Transferred from the intensive care unit, she is now listed in fair condition. She is being treated for head injuries. An Ada area resident has taken over the management of the Rockford Hotel. Before buying the hotel, John Butler was vice-president and general manager of the Westside Beer Distributing Company in Grand Rapids. The former hotel owner, Darcy Mahan will enter the real estate field. Norman C. Henning, 70, of Grandville passed away unexpectedly December 11 in Maderia Beach, Florida. Among his survivors is a son, Albert Andrews of Lowell. Austin H. (Pep) Mallory, 81, father of Mrs. Wayne (Maurice) Ramsdell of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly December 12, after a brief illness, at St. Mary's Hospital. Carrie Weemhoff, a senior at Central Michigan University, is a member of the Concert Choir. The choir, which is open to all university students by audition, performs two concerts a year and literature ranging from folk songs to Bach motets. Miss Weemhoff sings soprano in the Concert Choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weemhoff of Lowell. Story Real Estate Company was opened recently by Royce I. Story, a member of the Grand Rapids Real Estate Board. Before entering the real estate business, Story owned and operated Royce Ford in Lowell, and other automobile agencies in the Grand Rapids area for 25 years. Fifth District Congressman Hal Sawyer has given his congressional pay raise for last month to Santa Claus Girls. Sawyer's \$500 check represents last month's portion, after taxes, of a \$12,500-a-year congressional pay raise which he is refusing to accept for the remainder of his two-year term in

Congress. Each month, he is presenting the money to a different charity, governmental unit or non-profit group in the 5th District. William Ross Havenfeld of 5125 5th Avenue, Alto, has received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. More than a million disabled veterans and 1.3 million widows and their children will receive a 6.5 percent increase in their January pension checks, the Veterans Administration has announced. Sam Sessions, 42, a veteran auto racing driver, well-known in the Lowell area, was killed Saturday in a single-machine snowmobile racing accident in Alexandria, Minnesota.

### Ada Farm Has Winners

GV Miss LI Adv 598 of Grand Valley Farms, Ada, recently captured the title of Reserve Junior Champion female and first place senior heifer calf, during the Hereford Register of Merit Competition at the American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri. The heifer also won reserve grand and junior champion titles at the Register of Merit Hereford competition at the Louisville North American Livestock Exposition the following week. Also taking honors at Louisville from Grand Valley Farms was GV Miss LI Adv 515, a spring yearling and senior champion, who took that same award in Kansas City. Other Grand Valley Farm winners in Louisville were CH Domino 5005, the two-year-old class winner and reserve senior champion won reserve grand award, and GV Miss LI Adv 558 took the summer yearling class. Bob Dykstra of Grand Valley also revealed they topped the pair-of-calves class.

**WATT A DAY**  
January 19, 1736, might have started out as any other, but before it was over, the world had another citizen and history would be influenced. James Watt, who later became famous in the development of steam engines, was born that day. His work with power machinery helped lead the way into the industrial age. An impressive selection of power machinery, including Watt steam engines, is on exhibit in the Hall of Technology at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.



**SCHOOL HOUSE ICE CREAM SHOP**  
We hope your Christmas is filled with love and warmth and laughter. Your continuing patronage has made this Christmas a wonderful one for us!  
School House Ice Cream Shop  
— Ada —

## Season's Greetings from all of us... To all of you!

# The City Of LOWELL

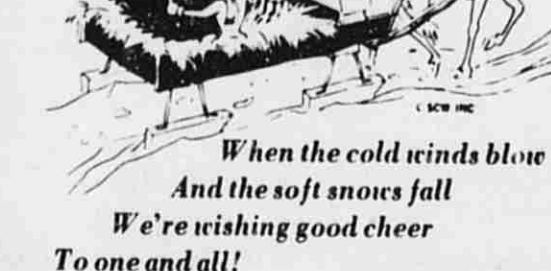
Due to the forthcoming Sunday holidays, our offices at 301 East Main Street will be closed all-day on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

### Amnesty Week For Overdue Materials

Start the New Year right! Bring those overdue books back to your neighborhood Kent County Library. January 1 through January 7 will be an amnesty week for overdue materials. KCL member libraries are accepting all books fine-free no matter how long they have been overdue. So scour the house, and car and maybe even the garage and return books and records to these member libraries: Alpine Township, Alto, Byron Township, Caledonia, Cascade, Com-

stock Park, East Grand Rapids, Gaines Township (Cullerville), Grandville, Kent City, Kentwood, Krause Memorial (Rockford), Lowell, Plainfield, Sand Lake, Walker and Wyoming.

**SWIMMERS SET NEW SCHOOL RECORDS**  
Swimmers from Forest Hills Northern High School swam to a 118-67 Rainbow League victory over Wyoming Park December 13, setting four school records in the process. John Wiese clocked a 2:30.4 for a new 200 individual medley standard; Dave Landman scored 159.1 points in diving; Tim Rens stroked to a 1:02.3 in the 100 butterfly; and Tracy Maurer swam to a 5:38.6 in the 500 freestyle.




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## GREETINGS

holiday greetings to all our friends.  
May we take this opportunity to wish you the best of everything at Christmas-time.  
Fairchild Oil Company  
1102 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell



# NOEL

Lots of holiday surprises with lots of special things to do... All of the fun that Christmas brings... That's our holiday wish to you. Have a wonderful Christmas Season!



## STATE SAVINGS BANK

LOWELL, MICHIGAN

All offices of the State Savings Bank of Lowell will be closed all-day Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, legal holidays.



**Two Services On Christmas Eve**  
The Family and Children's Service will be at 5 p.m., with special music by the Cantus and Boy Choir and a Christmas meditation by the pastor.  
The Festival Candlelight Service will begin at 11 p.m. and will be preceded by carols and out-of-doors by a brass ensemble and organ preludes in the sanctuary. The Sanctuary Choir will present the anthems at the Festival Service. Dr. Heine will give the annual Christmas message.  
On Christmas Day, December 25, there will be one combined family service at 10 a.m. with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton Street, Raymond A. Heine, Pastor, will have two services of worship on Christmas Eve.

# Come to Church

**ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
7152 Bradford St., S. E. — 676-1698  
REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
2275 West Main Street

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

**ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**  
7227 Thornapple River Dr. — 676-1032  
REV. WILFRED FIET

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

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

Morning Worship 9:50 a.m.  
(Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAX 1480)

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
(Member United Church of Christ)  
North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell 897-9309  
DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.

(Cribbery & Nursery Provided)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
621 E. Main Street — 897-7514

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Church School 9:45 a.m.

"Glory To God"  
Luke 2:8-14

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**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL**  
201 North Washington Street  
REV. WILLIAM F. HURT

Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m.  
Jr., Teens, Adults

Nursery — Come & Worship With Us

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
8147 — 88th St., S. E., Alto, Mich. (Near Whitelyville Rd.) 868-8806  
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Church School 8:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Fellowship 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery Provided  
Communion—First Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2287 Segunaw, SE Lowell, Michigan 49331

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

MARK BUCKERT, PASTOR  
Ron Moykkynen, Elder 897-9551

## Drama Students Entertain Club



Reading from left, Randy Adams, Linda Scott, David Stevens, Mary DenBoer and, kneeling, Kent Dickerson, part of the Lowell High School Drama Class which presented the program at the December 14 meeting of the Lowell Women's Club.

The Women's Club of Lowell met December 14 in the lounge of the Schneider Manor on Bowers Road for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Gilbert Wise was in charge of the program.

Twelve students of the Lowell High School Drama Class and their teacher Ivan Haney, entered the lounge room all eager and happy looking. Mr. Haney was introduced as teacher-director of the class and he in turn introduced each of the several plays with a brief description.

In addition to those pictured, the actors included Patty Craig, Paul Butts, Mike Everhart, Kim Rett, Laurie McMahon and Roy Morris. This program was completed with several excellent vocal selections by Kent Greenboom, accompanied on his own guitar.

The completed program was received with a very appreciative applause, and upon leaving they were presented with a large plate of Christmas goodies and a check to help cover expenses. We in Lowell, should feel very grateful for the students and teachers who are so willing to share their talents.

The club president, Mrs. Rommie Moore, then conducted a short business meeting. A gift of money was given to the continuing support of "Girls Town" school, and also to the

## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

By Pauline E. Spray

... Because I live, ye shall also live (John 14:19). As I write these lines, the ground, trees, shrubs, and buildings are covered with a heavy blanket of snow. It doesn't seem possible that only a few days ago our mums were nodding gayly. Their beauty added to the grim surroundings freezing weather brings. Nor does the yard look the same. Last summer flowers cheered us with their splashes of pink, lavender, and gold. It takes a stretch of the imagination to believe that the jonquills, tulips, chrysanthemums, lilies, and phlox will come to life again. They are not dead, only sleeping.

An elderly person, who was fast approaching the end of her life's sojourn on earth, once wrote a friend that she was preparing for "the great transition." To her death was not only a change to be made. Because Jesus Christ broke the confines of the tomb and made it possible for all human-

## OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends,  
Let that love, that beauty which was the message to the shepherds, be there today. Unto these is born, yes unto thee each one - is offered a knowledge and understanding of the life of the Christ, that will renew thy life, thy purpose - if ye will but "Love One Another."  
Respectfully,  
David Clark

Prayer: Dear Jesus, because Thou has triumphed over the confines of the tomb, I have hope in this life—and the next. Because Thou dost live, I shall live also. For this I praise Thee. Amen.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.  
John Newton

## Youth Groups To Portray Nativity Scene

A unique Nativity Scene will be presented for the public at Richard's Park in Lowell, Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23 at seven and eight o'clock.

The youth groups of the Lowell Congregational Church consider this their gift to the community.

Members are busily gathering animals from far and wide, building a manger, making costumes and creating the other special effects.

Refreshments will be served and the pageant is open to the public free of charge.

Come and experience the real Christmas spirit.

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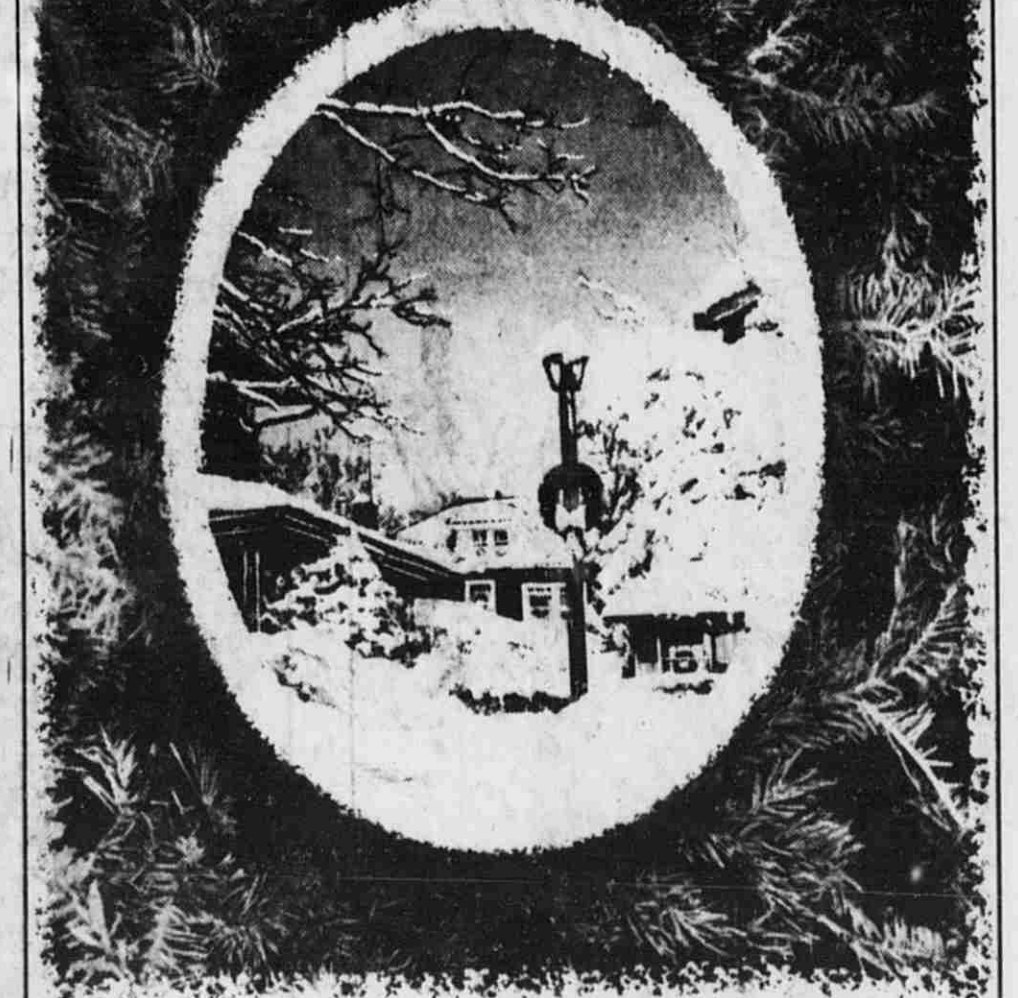
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Larger tractors, nearly twice as powerful as those used two decades ago, as well as other labor-saving equipment, have boosted the output per hour of work by 275 percent. For example, the man-hours required to produce 100 bushels of corn declined from 40 in 1950 to six in 1974; wheat declined from 28 to 9. Farm output per unit of input has shot up 44 percent.

## Joyous Noel!

May all the joys of the Christmas season bring you newfound happiness!

# Ball Floral

517 East Main - Lowell - 897-7150



Have a happy holiday season enjoying your favorite sports, indoors and out!

# Ski-Way

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## holiday greetings

May the Holidays bring gifts of Joy and Love To All of Our Patrons

Dwayne & Joan Durkee

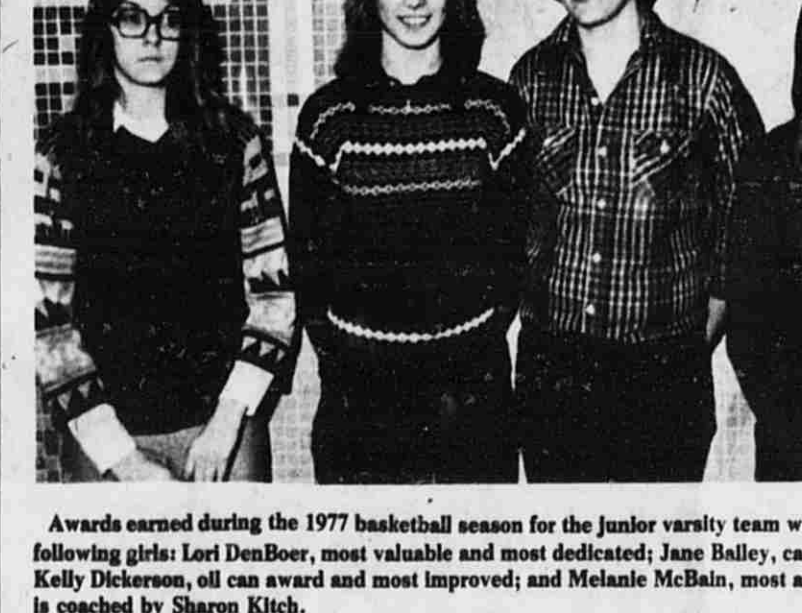
# R. J. Linton, Inc.

—Alto—

## Girl's Basketball Awards



At the Girl's Basketball banquet December 12, the following girls received awards: Maureen Malone, most valuable; Lisa Willard, most dedicated; Elaine Blasher, most improved; Lisa Willard, most aggressive; Sue Sitzer, most spirited; and Shirley Wilson, oil can award.



Awards earned during the 1977 basketball season for the Junior varsity team were presented to the following girls: Lori DenBoer, most valuable and most dedicated; Jane Bailey, captain, most spirited; Kelly Dickerson, oil can award and most improved; and Melanie McLean, most aggressive. The team is coached by Sharon Kitch.

peace on Earth  
May the joys of the season dwell in each and every heart

# Lowell Engineering Corporation

Lowell - Alto

holidays  
A Cheery Christmas to all our wonderful friends. We hope that you enjoy doing business with us as much as we enjoy having you as our customer.

From Howard and Evelyn West

# ANDERSON SHOE STORE

209 E. Main - Lowell - 897-5611

## COMING EVENTS

THURS., DEC. 22: Lowell Scout Troop No. 102 will hold their Christmas party on Thursday, December 22 at the Scout Cabin starting at 7 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 24: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be presented at the Lowell Congregational Church on Saturday, December 24, at 11 p.m.

TUES., DEC. 27: The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their annual Christmas dinner at the Homestead Restaurant, 3700 Plainfield, N.E., Grand Rapids on Tuesday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m. No gift exchange this year.

SAT., DEC. 31: New Year's Eve. Dance to the music of Ed Mroz—"The Sharps." Snack Bar, Lunch, Beer, Set-ups, Door prizes, Party favors. \$15 per couple. For reservations call Sue Phillips, 897-9300 or Nancy Zywicki, 897-7800 (after 4 p.m.). Snack bar at 9 p.m., Music 9:30 to 1:30. St. Mary's School, 322 Amity, Lowell.

## Holiday Greetings

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best.

# Lowell Cut Rate Market

205 E. Main - Lowell



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

# Wayland State Bank

Now Serving Four Counties In Six Offices:  
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Seasons Greetings

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

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 1

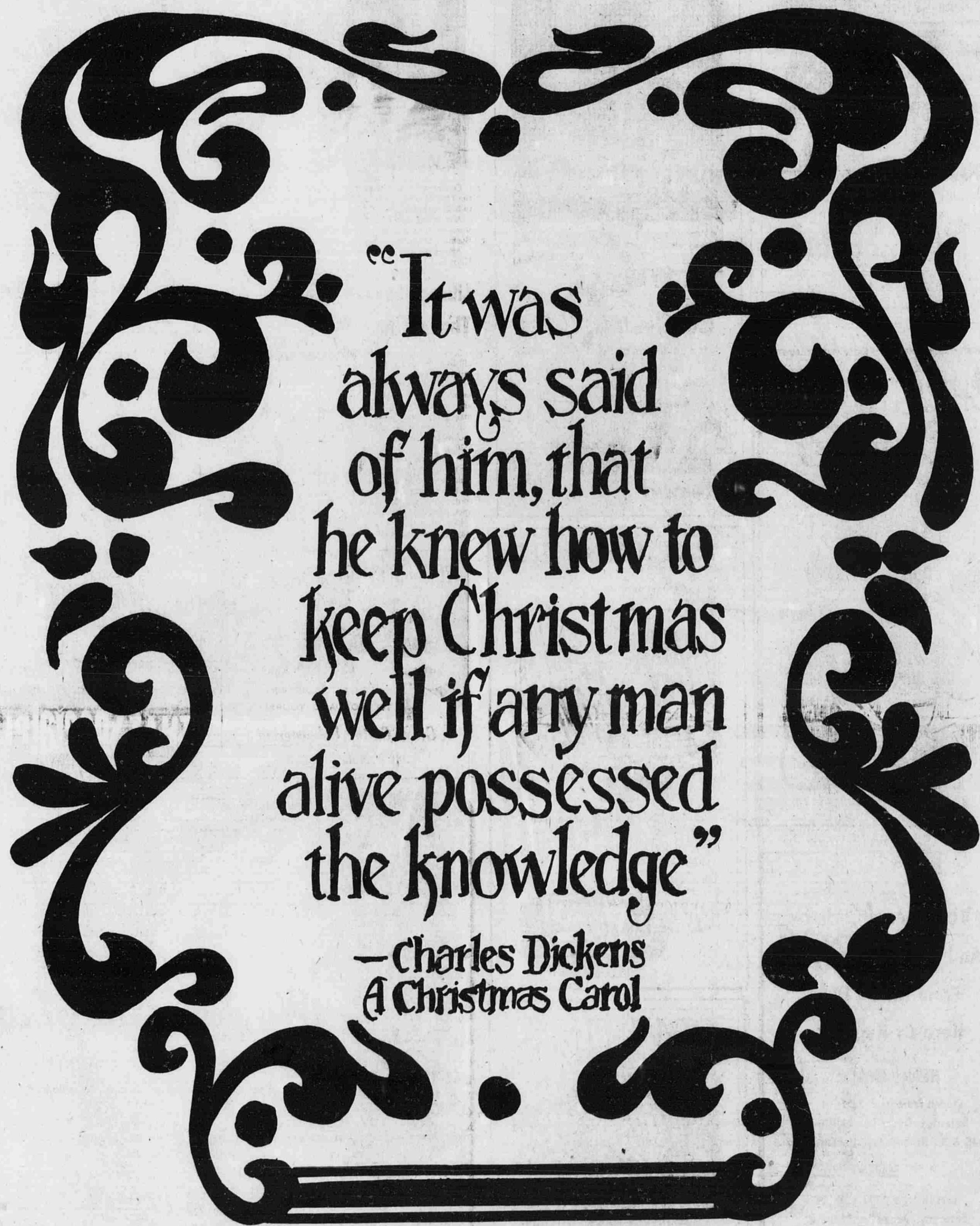
— Paul's Family —

# Showboat Restaurant

700 E. Main St., Lowell, 897-9622

Facilities for Meetings, Banquets and Family-Style Dinners... Seating Capacity up to 60.





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

- Charles Dickens  
A Christmas Carol

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



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

**J. R. B.**  
INSURANCE AGENCY  
835 W. Main, Lowell, 897-9253

Electrically-charged layers in the earth's atmosphere are called Kennelly-Heaviside layers, after the two men who predicted their existence.



**Our Christmas Wishes**

May you enjoy the Best Wishes for a healthy and Happy Holiday Season in the comfort of family and friends.

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**CHRISTMAS CHEER**



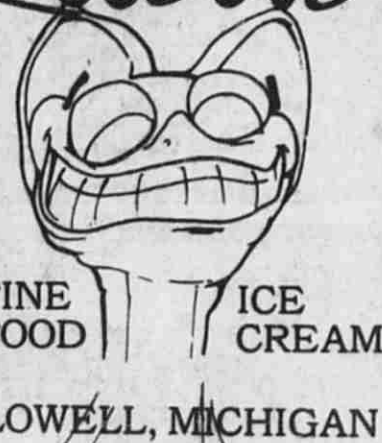
A Very Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year,  
From All Of Us  
Here At Keiser's

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Saturday, December 24 Until  
5:45 A.M. On Tuesday, December 27

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Saturday, December 31 Until  
5:45 A.M. On Tuesday, January 3.

**Keiser's**



**YULETIDE CHEER**



Yards of good wishes for you and your family! May your Christmas be filled with all the delights of the season.

**merry Christmas**



"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... a partridge in a pear tree." We're always happy to help when you need us! Merry Christmas!

**LIPPERT FLORAL DEPARTMENT**

**Deliver Santa's Packages**



Continuing a tradition of delivering Santa Claus Girls packages, the YMCA Indian Guides and Princess met Saturday, December 17, to help gauge this year.

Also among their deliveries of Christmas gifts to needy families were the canned goods and food collected by the children at Bushnell Elementary School.

Among the many dads and sons and daughters helping were Herm and Mike Jasama and Jack and Travis Thomet.

**Library Says Thank You**

Season's greetings, one and all, from the staff at the Lowell Public Library.

A special thank you to the members of the library board and to the City Council for making our library possible.

Please stop in for coffee and cookies Dec. 23 from 1 p.m. to 5:30.

Winter time is reading time for the whole family. Bring the children and enjoy our collection of books, magazines and records. Films are also available upon request.

Large print and talking books may also be obtained through the

library.  
Open hours: Mon. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tues. 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; and Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Phone 897-9596.

**Completes Training**

Navy Seaman Robert W. Hallett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Hallett of Ada, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

He joined the Navy in September of 1977.

**Holiday Cheer**



A champagne toast to all our friends. May the simple joys of Christmas be yours!

**Russ' Party Store**  
209 W. Main St., Lowell



**JOY TO ALL**

We think Christmas is a jolly opportunity to tell you how much we value your friendship. Visit us often in the coming year!



**PEACE**

Our Wish for the Christmas Season is Peace and Goodwill to everyone. That is the spirit and the meaning of Christmas which celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace. Have a Happy and Holy Holiday.

**Kaptain's Korner**  
107 W. Main St., Lowell Phone 897-8873  
Hours: M. T. W. Th. F. - 9am - 6pm Friday 9am - 8pm



In basketball action last Tuesday night, December 13, Kevin Thiesen dropped in two free throws with five seconds left on the clock in the second overtime period to give the undefeated Redskins their fourth win of the 1977-78 season. They beat Portland 69-68.

# IN AND AROUND SARANAC

## School Accepts Bus Bids

At last Thursday's School Board meeting the board tentatively accepted bids on two school buses. Chassis bids for two 54-passenger buses were accepted at \$9,093 and for the bodies at \$6,360 pending verification of specs by the superintendent.

Negotiations with MEA, bargaining unit for non-teaching employees were reported to be unchanged. The negotiation committee stated that a contract settlement could take as long as September, 1978.

Estimated costs of repairing exterior portions of the high school were submitted at a cost of about \$23,000 including materials, time and labor. The

Call 897-9261

board took no action on the matter.

In other action Superintendent Cady stated some staff vacancies had been filled. The treasurer's report was given. High School Principal, Nelson Terburgh proposed a curriculum change for 8th graders which was authorized. A letter was discussed from the Central Athletic Association inviting interest in Saranac's joining this Class D athletic conference. The board authorized the athletic director to express an interest in joining.

The next meeting of the board will be held on January 5.

## Krieger Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher J. Krieger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron R. Krieger of 7129 Bliss Road, Saranac, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval History and first aid. A 1977 graduate of Saranac High School, he joined the Navy in September of 1977.

## Superstar Deadline

Nearly 100 people have entered Superstar '77, a two day competition co-sponsored by the Ionia Community Center, and the Ionia County 4-H Programs, to be held December 27th and 28th. All residents of Ionia County, including adults or students 9th grade or above attending Ionia County Schools, are eligible to compete.

Eighteen events will be held, although each participant is limited to competing in a maximum of eight events.

Males and females will compete separately within the five divisions—5th & 6th grade; 7 & 8th grade; 9 & 10th grade; 11 & 12th grade; open class. All participants will receive a certificate, with the division winners receiving medals and the top-point getter receiving the Superstar '77 trophy.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Community Center, 301 West Washington St., Ionia, the 4-H office 108-110 East Washington St., Ionia, or at schools throughout the county. Entries must be received at the Community Center by December 17. For more information call 527-0690 or 527-1400.

TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION! CALL 897-9261

## Cheers



Greetings to you and yours from everyone on our staff.

Pam Sigafos  
Elaine Nummer  
Thelma Benjamin

Modern Beauty Shop  
— Saranac —

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 23: Amy Lake, Marian Krebs, Doris Abel, Sandy Kama, Dennis Hamp.

December 24: Karl Yost, Marc Briggs, Neal Andrews, Dianna Anderson, Mary Wheat.

December 25: Mary Roth, Zona Postma, Karen Durkee, Marguerite Stauffer, Arthur Koene, Peggy Hayes, Lee Wittentach, Fred Peasley.

December 26: John Kwant.

December 27: Royal Clark, Robert Barnes, Jr., Ivan Paulsen, Craig Anderson, Jennifer Cook, Beatrice Doty.

December 28: Wes Keim, Shellee Nead, Stacey and Tracey Becher, Sally Sterly.

December 29: Jeremy Gutierrez, Issac Skimhorn.

December 30: Lori Bartlett, Kristi Mersman, Art Hoshidani, Ann Smith, Frank Gutowski, Dorothy Young, Jenny Dine.

December 31: Cathy Peckham, Grace Shutte.

January 1: Bea Hoekstra, Wayne Meeuwsen, Gus Abel, Colleen Jackson, Karen Kauffman, Douglas Weeks.

January 2: Norma Gochenaur, Ray Seese, Angie Wood, Neal Fonger, Bessie Kyser, Carol Sebastian.

January 3: Erwin Barton.

January 4: Gerald Hale, William Yost, Ruth Wood, Ronald Wood, Bill Onan, Sophie Grammer.

January 5: Stephen Weeks, Craig Wittenbach, Pauline Ladue.

A belated birthday wish goes to Klaus Kwant whose birthday was December 16.

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Season's Greetings  
May you be so very gay on this happiest of Happy Holidays!

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## Retrospect, Continued

March Gerald Meredith resigned as Lowell's basketball coach a position he had held for seven years.

Lowell Rotary Club chartered on February 23, 1935, marked its 42nd year.

Anway Corporation of Ada contributed \$40,000 towards the development of Ada township's Park and Bicentennial Arboretum.

David L. Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Roth of Lowell became a registered architect. He graduated from Lowell and received his master's degree from U of M in 1974.

Ice men from Lowell Senior High School won the North Regional Hockey Championship.

As McCall's Texaco station on East Main Street was closing its doors, Dan Courser was purchasing the Lowell Bakery.

Due to a new law, local restaurants with a seating capacity for 50 or more were required to provide a special eating area for non-smokers.

The official arrival of Spring saw the ground covered with a blanket of white.

A record turnout, 40.2% of the registered voters defeated Lowell School's request for additional millage, 1.696 said no, while 1.119 voted yes.

Pearl Bailey was signed to headline the 1977 Lowell Showboat.

The Elmdale Nazarene Church parish was destroyed by fire.

April In a surprise move by the Lowell School Board, the contracts for the district's superintendent and business managers were not renewed.

Gary Lantz, owner of the Lowell Cut Rate Market announced the installation of a large smoker and sausage making machine.

A Lowell woman, Kathryn Burdick was honored by the Red Cross for her part in recruiting new donors for the Grand Valley Blood program.

A plan to construct administrative space was scrapped by the Lowell School Board. David Miller became the board's new president.

Over 500 youngsters participated in the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycees.

Sue Sinko, Della Rogers and Steve Simmerer were named the top students of the 1977 Lowell High School graduating class.

The stone archway in Fallsburg Park knocked down when a car hit it was rebuilt.

Sister Adele was named the new principal at St. Mary's School.

After serving hundreds of homes and families in Lowell for nearly 48 years, Arie Leeman of Highland Hill Dairy retired.

A petition containing 840 signatures asked for a new election to raise additional school millage.

May Four candidates — Harold Metternick, Allan Baird, Lloyd Miller and Tom Burger, filed

759 Hunt Street were completed and ready for occupancy.

Lowell Poultry Farm on 36th Street went out of business.

Steve Lessens, formerly of Lowell received his M.D. degree from the U of M Medical School.

The Butcher Block in Saranac, owned by Tim Jones of Lowell, celebrated its first anniversary.

July Harold Metternick of Alto, a member of the Lowell Area School Board for 29 years got a standing ovation as he gave his farewell speech.

Riverside Fireplace Shoppe opened its doors in the building formerly occupied by Wegman's Clothing and Shoes at 103 West Main Street.

Rev. Dean Bailey became the new president of the Lowell Rotary Club.

The Lowell City Council in a moment of silence paid tribute to Councilman Harold F. Jeffries, former Ledger editor, who passed away suddenly July 10.

Elywn Hart was the first area farmer to bring in the first load of Michigan Soft White Wheat to the King Milling Company.

The 1977 Lowell Showboat opened with Pearl Bailey taking the helm as the headline act.

The Lowell Area Arts Council presented a Kiosk to the City of Lowell to be placed in the City's Parking Lot on East Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Louis Avery of 36th Street celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Diane Aylworth of Alto was chosen to reign over the 1977 Kent County 4-H Youth Fair in Lowell.

The Saranac School Board voted to dismiss Delores Fardiner from her teaching position for violation of the school board's policies.

August Lowell High School's principal Dennis McMahon took over as superintendent of the Hopkins School system.

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FARM PRICES RISE  
Average farm prices rose 1% in the month ended November 15, the second such increase following a four-month decline that brought farm prices down more than 10%.

The November increase left farm prices 4% above a year earlier. The increase is attributed largely to increases for wheat, corn, other grains and soybeans.

Prices for cattle, hogs, and oranges declined in November, and farm costs rose 1/2 of 1%.

It gives farmers some feeling of comfort to see overall farm prices rising faster than costs, because this is not always the case in agriculture. Averages of course, don't help those producers of commodities that don't keep pace with the average, or where costs actually increase faster than prices.

WEDDING INVITATIONS & OTHER INVITATIONS — At the Grand Valley Ledger.

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**CARD OF THANKS** — I wish to thank my friends and neighbors, the people of the Nazarene Church and the pastor for the calls and cards I received since I've been at Kent Community Hospital. Mrs. Dave Clark, sr.

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## SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan Board of Education Regular Open Meeting, November 21, 1977. Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President David Miller.

**Members Present:** Miller, Roberts, Thaler, Dowling, Kropf, Jansma, Dowling, L. Miller, Members Absent: None. **Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Open Meeting held on October 10, 1977.** Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried (1 abstention)

**Motion by Jansma, seconded by Kropf, to approve the minutes of the Special Open Meeting held on October 24, 1977, as amended. (Item 6, "Bill" to read "petition drive.")** Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried (1 abstention)

**Motion by Thaler, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the Special Open Meeting held on November 9, 1977.** Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried (1 abstention)

**Motion by Dowling, seconded by Jansma, to approve payment of General Fund bills as amended. (Check 12319 through 12518, and 1574 through 1591, totaling \$82,320.73)** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Motion by Dowling, seconded by Jansma, to approve payment of Building and Site bills as amended. (#571 through #578, total \$14,691.83)** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to approve the Agenda, as amended.** Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Committee Reports** — Personnel Committee—Roger Kropf reported on a meeting of this committee and Superintendent Kelly with Business Manager Coussens.

**Update on Communications** — Superintendent Kelly reported that he had been working with staff members to establish a good communications system with parents and members of our community. Teachers are getting involved, and this will be an ongoing effort to keep all channels of communications open.

**Mr. Kelly also reported that a proposal has been received from the Synergy group (Bill Banach) on costs of a telephone survey with local participation. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kropf, to approve the survey proposal from the Synergy Group as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Roberts Aye; Thaler Aye; Dowling Aye; Jansma Aye; Kropf Aye; L. Miller Aye; L. Miller Aye. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Motion Rescinded**

**Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thaler, to rescind the motion made at a regular board meeting on December 9, 1977, (item 12, old business) regarding depositing monies from the sale of the Koewers house into the 1977 Building and Site fund.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Thaler Aye; Dowling Aye; Jansma Aye; Kropf Aye; D. Miller Aye; L. Miller Aye; Roberts Aye. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

## CITY OF LOWELL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan. Regular Meeting of Monday, December 5, 1977. The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Christiansen, the Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Roll was called.

**Present:** Councilmen Collins, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. **Absent:** Councilman McCambridge.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councilman Pfalter that the absence of Councilman McCambridge be excused, supported by Councilman Warning.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councilman Pfalter that the Minutes of the November 21 Meeting be approved as submitted, supported by Councilman Collins.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councilman Collins that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued. **Yes:** Councilmen Collins, Pfalter, Warning and Christiansen. **No:** None. **Absent:** Councilman McCambridge.

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**

General Fund	\$22,155.89
Major Street Fund	\$ 3,767.98
Local Street Fund	\$ 3,707.19
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,594.48
Water Fund	\$ 6,563.70
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,696.55
Water Construction Fund	\$ 485.68
Federal Revenue Sharing	\$ 8,200.00

**Sale of Foreman Street Well Site** — Council then discussed the proposed sale of the old well site on Foreman Street to the Walbro Corp. Manager Quada advised that the purchase agreement as prepared by Walbro has been revised to include the following:

1. to exempt sale of the Middle School parking lot from the property being sold.
2. to provide for removal of existing wells and pump-houses by the City.
3. to provide for the non-transferability of purchase agreement.

**4. to provide the Walbro Corp. must begin construction of purposeful use of the land within two (2) years, or sell the land back to the City for not greater than the original purchase price.**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councilman Pfalter that the purchase agreement between the City and the Walbro Corp. be approved as revised, supported by Councilman Collins. **Yes:** All.

**Assessment** — Motion by Roberts, seconded by L. Miller, to offer Bowne Township \$3,482.72 to fulfill our obligation on the assessment for the 9 classrooms with funds to come from proceeds from the sale of the Koewers' house. (Upon completion of negotiations with Bowne township, the balance of the proceeds from the Koewers' house is to be deposited in the 1971 Building and site fund.)

**Roll Call Vote:** Dowling Aye; Jansma Aye; Kropf Aye; D. Miller Aye; L. Miller Aye; Roberts Aye; Thaler Aye. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

**Meeting With Forest Hills** — The board was reminded that members of the committee representing the Lowell Board and Superintendent Kelly will meet with the Forest Hills superintendent and a committee from that board to discuss current problems regarding boundaries and efforts to keep channels of communications open on these items.

**Negotiations Extracurricular Activities** — Superintendent Kelly reported that he has scheduled a negotiation meeting with L.E.A. representatives for November 30, 1977 at 3:15 p.m. in the board conference room.

**NEW BUSINESS** — **Used Buses** — 1. Motion by Jansma, seconded by Kropf, to dispose of four used school buses, numbers 1, 5, 10, 30, as described by board policy. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried



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## Van Andel On Committee Seeking Tax Limitation

A statewide grassroots taxpayers' organization December 9 opened a drive for petition signatures to place a tax limitation amendment to the Michigan Constitution on the November, 1978, ballot.

The organization, Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation, unveiled its campaign at a news conference in the Detroit Press Club directed by Richard H. Headlee of Farmington, president of the sponsoring organization, Taxpayers United, Inc., of Southfield.



Amway's chairman of the Board, Jay Van Andel, is co-chairman of the newly-formed organization called "Taxpayers United For Tax Limitation."

The ballot question committee directing the petition drive is chaired jointly by Jeffrey M. Leib, an attorney from Southfield; Mrs. Vickie St. Louis, an Auburn Heights housewife; and businessman Jay Van Andel of Ada, chairman of Amway Corporation, and Thomas H. Ritter of Clarkston, president of Ritter's Farm Markets.

Headlee characterized "runaway government growth and spending" as "the most critical consumer issue we are faced with today." "The biggest rip-off of all," Headlee said, "is what's happening to the individual taxpayer. He is actually being consumed."

Working from a series of charts, Headlee traced the record of state spending, taxation and government employment over a period of years, against the rise in personal income of the state's taxpayers.

He said spending has increased 800 percent against an income increase of only 180 percent over the past ten years.

Putting the constitutional amendment on the ballot provides popular support to those legislators in Lansing who have been trying to hold the line on increasing taxes. Headlee said he is "baffled" by the argument that the setting of responsible taxing action should be left to the Legislature. "Anyone with nine pints of blood, a faint pulse and average intelligence can see that we've left it to the Legislature and various Republican and Democratic administrations and it just has not worked."

He declared that "constitutional amendment is the only realistic, responsible way to bring about a halt to the ever-widening gap between state spending and personal income."

Van Andel, co-chairman of the committee, said, "Year after year the Michigan legislature increases at a greater rate and seems to be limitless. Here in Michigan, we have witnessed a dramatic increase in spending by the state—just in the last 10 years state government employment has increased 7 1/2 times faster than the state's population . . ."

"Run . . . way government spending now accounts for 42% of our nation's gross national products. Think of it, out of every dollar of goods and services produced, government, a non-producer, is spending 42c. This is a silent encroachment that places a burden on the lives of all Americans—and this trend exists in Michigan as well . . ."

"The goal of this tax limitation effort is to return to taxpayers some authority as decision makers in state government. By placing a cap on spending and taxes, citizens will insist that priorities are set which truly reflect their needs."

Rotarians have fun when they meet together. Their meeting on Wednesday, December 14 was no exception. Rotarians John Jones and Orion Thaler were congratulated because of a new granddaughter for John and a successful coaching year for Orion's son Steve.

Singing from the Rotary song book was fun. Learning the new unofficial national anthem of Australia, "Waltzing Matilda" took a bit of doing, but the men entered in with gusto and enjoyed singing it along with other well known favorites.

Former Sergeant-at-Arms, Al Herranz, filled in and had fun collecting fees and fines.

Rod Smith, Lowell Community Schools Director, was inducted into Rotary Membership. In an impressive ceremony led by Don McPherson, Smith was given his Rotary Pin, the Rotary Guide Book and the "Objects of Rotary" and "Four-Way Test of Rotary" pamphlets.

Bill Doyle introduced the day's speaker, investment banker, Don Ott. Ott said that our economy looks good for 1978. He would urge America to further develop its coal industry as an answer to our energy shortage and our trade deficit caused by purchase of foreign oil. "There is enough coal buried under our soil to last 300 years," said Ott.

Outgoing Jr. Rotarians Chuck King and Dave Beale made some appropriate comments and were thanked for participating so well in the Jr. Rotarians program.

Well known photographer Norton Avery was a club guest.

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## First Graders Tour Fireplace Shoppe Freshmen Are 3-0



Last Thursday, the students in Mrs. Inez Kauffman's first grade class at Concland Elementary School enjoyed a tour of the Riverside Fireplace Shoppe on East Main Street. Conducting the tour was the shop's co-owner Stanlee Johnson.

## Freshmen Are 3-0

The Freshmen basketball team from Lowell played an outstanding game against Cedar Springs last Friday coming home with a 49-35 victory.

The Arrows were first to score in the game, but ended the 1st quarter tied at 12 points. The team kept up its momentum and at the half was ahead by one with a score of 23-22.

After the half, Coach White had the team put on the press. This did help Lowell stay ahead but only by 2 points at the end of the 3rd quarter.

In the last quarter, Lowell broke away from Cedar by scoring 16 points and the Red Hawks only 4.

Steve Doyle was high scorer with 20. Gary Ellison 14, Jon Bieri 9, Kevin Conrad 4 and Jeff Stormanz 2.

Cedar Springs high scorer was Tim Bowers with 17, Curt Tackman 7, Al Goller 6, Paul McCarty 4 and Jeff Mohr 1.

The Freshmen's next home game is Friday, December 23, against Belding. Their games start at 4 p.m.—Laurie Dey

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## Grapplers Win Three Duals . . .

It's been a busy two weeks for the Red Arrow Grapplers as they've won three dual matches and placed second in a tournament.

Starting out this winning streak was a dual against Kenowa Hills on December 6. Lowell rolled right over Kenowa with a score of 45-24. Seven of Lowell's grapplers got pins that night. These include Greg Martinez, Ted Kazemier, Mike Mauric, Randy Kropf, Doug Heintzleman, John Wilder and Tom Oesch. Ray Alexander won by a decision.

Results  
98-Chuck Gahan (WP) p. Dale Bieri (L) 2:57. 105-Greg Martinez (L) p. Jeff Kocsis (WP) 1:16. 112-Bill Nagy (L) p. Ty Tannis (WP) 1:38. 119-Ray Alexander (L) p. Dan Russo (WP) 4:55. 126-Mike Mauric (L) d. John Dryer (WP)

132-Ed Loughlin (L) p. Mike Olin (WP). 138-Jim Eyk (WP) d. Randy Gildea (L) 12-2. 145-Jay Rickett (L) d. Mike Curtis (WP) 16-7. 155-Randy Kropf (L) p. Mike Sturn (WP) 2:40. 165-Doug Heintzleman (L) p. Mark Menacher (WP) 1:42. 178-John Wilder (L) p. Guy Burr (WP) 4:55. 191-Tom Oesch (L) p. Harry DeBoer (WP) 1:09 HWT-Craig Essich (L) p. Dale Kosticky (WP) 2:59.

The J.V. team also beat Wyoming Park's J.V.'s with a score of 23-14. Winning for the Arrows were Joe Rathbun, Tony Poshumus and Dan Zets.

A lot of fast pins led to

another victory Thursday, December 15 as Lowell beat Sparta in the first league match of the year. Getting pins for the Arrows were Greg Martinez, Ray Alexander, Mike Mauric, Ed Loughlin, Jay Rickett, Randy Kropf, John Wilder and Craig Essich. Doug Heintzleman won with a decision.

Results  
98-Dave Yseldyke (S) p. Dale Bieri (L) 1:16. 105-Greg Martinez (L) p. Jim Dietrich (S) 1:17. 112-Ted Kazemier (L) p. Chris Kane (S) 2:4. 119-Ray Alexander (L) p. Al Dietrich (S) 4:58. 126-Mike Mauric (L) p. Dan Nickolai (S) 2:57. 132-Ed Loughlin (L) p. Jim Fleet (S) 2:26. 138-Jim Wilson (S) p. Randy Gildea (L) 1:35. 145-Jay Rickett (L) p. Kelly Potes (S) 1:59. 155-Randy Kropf (L) p. Mike DeVries (S) 3:56. 165-Doug Heintzleman (L) d. Joe Dietrich (S) 11-10. 178-John Wilder (L) p. Dave Gohn (S) 2:57. 191-Tom Oesch (L) won by a forfeit. HWT-Craig Essich (L) p. Jim Courterier (S) 3:7.

Then on Saturday Lowell placed second at the Olivet Tournament close behind Eaton Rapids. Ray Alexander and John Wilder got the only first for Lowell with Ted Kazemier, Ed Loughlin and Tom Oesch getting seconds.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The discoverer of the Pacific Ocean, Balboa, called it the "Southern Sea."

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Hope you have just the brightest, happiest kind of Christmas. You've been great to us over the year, and we've enjoyed serving you! Here's to a happy holiday for everyone!

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## St. Mary's Christmas Schedule

The Advent Observance of LIGHT from DARKNESS will culminate at St. Mary's, Lowell, this year with special time schedules for the Sacrament of Penance and Christmas Masses.

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated at three times

on Thursday, December 22, for the entire parish. At 11:30 a.m. individual confessions will be heard as long as there are penitents. At 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the evening a Communal Penance Service will be held with General Absolution at the

beginning and individual confessions for those remaining to celebrate the Sacrament individually.

Again, confessions will continue at these times as long as there are penitents. There will be three or four priests at each of the three times: 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 22.

The grade school children and high school students will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance during their regular program periods.

Because of the observance of Christmas on Sunday this year there is a very special Mass

schedule for the weekend of December 24 and 25. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 6 p.m. for little children and their parents only for Jesus' birthday celebration.

Masses for all other parishioners will be at midnight and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Parishioners are asked to take special note of the times on Sunday for Christmas only.

The Masses for the New Years Eve weekend will be the same as always: Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

## New Ledger Deadlines

To help us at the Grand Valley Ledger meet our deadlines, we propose the following guidelines in regards to submitted material, including pictures

All news copy should be in the Ledger office by noon on Monday. The material should be typewritten or written legibly. Either way, we ask that you provide space between the lines to make room for possible editing.

We encourage letters to the editor, but, we require that the name and address of the writer

also be included. We reserve the right to condense letters or to decline their publication.

We prefer black and white photographs. Colored photos, because they don't reproduce as well, will be accepted only if they are of an exceptional quality.

The deadline for classified and display ads is 5 p.m. on Mondays.

The Ledger office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays; until noon on Thursdays; and closed Saturdays. An article submitted after business hours or on a weekend can be pushed through a mail slot in the Ledger door at 105 N. Broadway Street.

We would appreciate suggestions about what our readers would like to see in the Ledger, so drop us a line to Box 128, Lowell.

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**cozy  
corner**

By Roger Brown

Well, I've done it again, it's press day and the "cozy corner" is still not written. It's been quite awhile since this has happened; I've gotten into the habit of writing this darned thing Monday night or else getting up at about 5 a.m. Tuesday and writing it before I come to work. I think that the employees have been somewhat astounded by this, considering that I almost never used to start writing it until about 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Maybe it is good to slip back into my old habits from time to time just to remind myself how hard it is to do any writing amidst the press day hub-bub here at the Ledger. Since I've been writing these first two paragraphs, I've already been interrupted by a salesman, a film processor breakdown and several questions from the back shop on how a particular job is to be folded. As you can see, this week's "cozy corner" is getting nowhere fast. The reason that it is getting nowhere fast is because I'm about half way into it and still haven't come up with an idea for a topic.

Now you would think that right here around Christmas time it would be easy to come up with something to write about, at least that's what I thought. Herein lies my problem, I think that I became over confident and didn't give any prior thought to this week's column and figured that something would just come to me when I sat down at the typewriter.

Considering that I don't even have a topic I'm becoming quite impressed with myself at being able to knock out this much copy, all of which concerns absolutely nothing. I might be impressed, but I'm sure that none of you are, and since I still haven't come up with anything to write about I'm just going to give myself a belated birthday and early Christmas present and simply not write a "cozy corner" this week.

Merry Christmas to you all, and since we aren't publishing next week, I'd like to take this opportunity to also wish you a Happy New Year. See you again in 1978, when we will start a whole new year of these ridiculous columns.

## Bell Predicts Record Day

Michigan Bell is predicting state residents will make a record number of long distance calls on Christmas Day.

The company is expecting holiday well-wishers will make 820,000 long distance calls within the state and 530,000 calls to places outside Michigan, including about 3,000 calls to countries overseas, according to Robert I. Thole, local Michigan Bell manager.

Because of the anticipated record number of calls on Christmas Day—traditionally the phone company's busiest holiday of the year—Michigan Bell is advising customers to schedule their holiday calls during the less busy hours, Thole said.

"Early morning or late afternoon calls have a better chance of going right through on Christmas Day," he said, "which means you'll be better off phoning before 10 a.m. or between 3 and 6 p.m."

Callers can avoid the rush by phoning before 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve or on Monday. "And if you don't have the phone number you need for a long distance call, get it from information before the holiday rush," Thole said.

Since Christmas is on Sunday this year, he said, long distance calls placed on Monday—a legal holiday—will be cheaper than normal. And the regular weekend rate—also cheaper—will apply on Saturday and until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For the lowest possible rates, "dial your own calls," he said. "Direct dial rates—no matter what the hour—are lower than operator-assisted rates."

*Santa Says*



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*greetings*



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