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OUR HEARTIEST "Get Well Wishes" to Ledger employee Maggie MacNaughton, who underwent heart surgery last week at Blodgett Memorial Hospital. Out of intensive care, she is in Room 1-E-35, and would enjoy hearing from her friends . . .

THE NEXT REGULAR meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will be held Monday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board offices at the Middle School. Under discussion will be the Community Survey Report and the Spring Millage Election . . .

AFTER JANUARY 3, service stations selling gasoline from pumps not capable of computing the total sale price must issue a written receipt to customers who purchases are greater than the pumps' computing capabilities. Establishments not complying with this order will be considered in violation of the state's weights and measures law.

CHERYL THOMAS has joined the staff at the Carriage House Realty Company, working out of the Ada office. Mrs. Thomas had been associated with Reedy Realty of Lowell for the past six years . . .

WHENEVER THERE IS concern regarding the calling off of school, due to bad weather, parents are asked not to call the school, but listen to one of the following radio stations for all the pertinent school information, WOOD, WZZM, WLAV, WGRD, WMAX, WJEF, WYGR, WCUZ, WCSG, WPLB, or WION . . .

NEW GRAND RAPIDS area telephone books will be distributed to area customers beginning this Thursday, January 5. Michigan Bell Telephone Company has announced . . .

TRYOUTS FOR THE comedy classic "Arsenic and Old Lace," being staged by the Lowell Community Theatre will be next Wednesday, January 11, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Scripts and additional information can be secured by calling Mitch McMahon at 897-5282 . . .

THE CECA COMMITTEE will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School.

THE YMCA ADULT GYM classes would like to extend an invitation to anyone who needs to lose some of that holiday cheer. Join us one night a week for some exercise and start back on the road to fitness. Ladies' Volleyball begins on Tuesdays, January 10, from 7:30 - 9 p.m., Middle School Gym. Men's Basketball gets underway Mondays, January 9, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings, January 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the High School Gym.

J.C. CLASSES offered in Lowell this semester are English 102, Psychology 233, Mathematics 107, Education 104. Registration will be held on January 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lowell High School. Classes begin Jan. 16. For more information call 897-8434.

Lowell Students To Monitor Water Quality

Lowell Area Schools is participating in a county-wide water quality monitoring project. A team of students from ten districts have been chosen on the basis of motivation and ability to regularly test nearby lakes and streams with equipment not normally available to them.

Kent Intermediate School District is sponsoring the project which has been given a financial boost with a \$30,000 federal grant. The data collected by each district participating will be given to the Water Resources Division of the Department of

Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency who badly need regular assessment of local water resources.

A team of 12 students from Lowell Middle School, under the supervision of Steve Harrington, School Naturalist, will gather weekly data from the Flat and Grand Rivers. The purpose of the testing is to note significant fluctuations in the water quality of the two streams.

Students will have the opportunity to use sophisticated equipment and use science and math skills in a practical and meaningful way.

Lowell Among Target Areas

In an attempt to bring services to the elderly and disabled, the Kent County Department of Social Services is now taking Food Stamp applications at three rural service centers. The targeted areas are in Cedar Springs, Lowell, and Sparta.

These locations have been selected because they have already existing service centers, providing a variety of services to the general population.

The elderly and handicapped many times do not apply for Food Stamps because, they lack transportation to the Department of Social Services office at 415 Franklin, S.E. This is an attempt to reach the many resident who qualify for Food Stamp benefits, but are not getting them.

A Department of Social Services Food Stamp certification worker will be on duty at the following locations:

Cedar Springs Kent Community Action Program Office,

81 N. Main St. Every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 874-6197.

Lowell Community Center, 10763 Grand River Dr. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 897-8485.

Sparta Community Center, 210 Olmstead. Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 887-8663.

In addition to these sites, applications continue to be taken daily at the Department's main office at 415 Franklin, S.E., Telephone: 247-6226.

New Rules For Skiers

New rules for cross-country skiing and hiking along Egypt Valley Trail between Seidman and Townsend Parks are in effect this winter season, reports Thomas D. Townsend, administrative aide in Kent County's park department.

The trail may be used only from Dec. 15 to April 15 if there are at least two inches of snow on the ground, Townsend emphasizes.

Also, 20 private land owners have again agreed to allow the trail to cross their land in return for a small fee. The trail is well marked and forms a narrow corridor through private land. Any straying from the trail will be considered trespassing.

"Horses, dogs and snowmobiles are prohibited from using the trail because they can cause damage to the snow surface," says Townsend.

"Perhaps, the best cross-country skiing can be found within Seidman Park on Honey Creek Avenue between Leonard Street and Two Mile Road," he adds. "Skiers will find well mapped and marked trail loops and combinations ranging from one to five miles beginning and terminating at the Seidman Park parking lot."

Location maps are provided at intersections and other points along Egypt Valley Trail for orientation by the skiers and hikers.

The trail is connected to trails in the State Game Area southwest of Townsend Park, but these trails are open to the public after Jan. 1. Parking areas also are located in Townsend Park and the game area. Comfort stations have been built at Seidman Park.

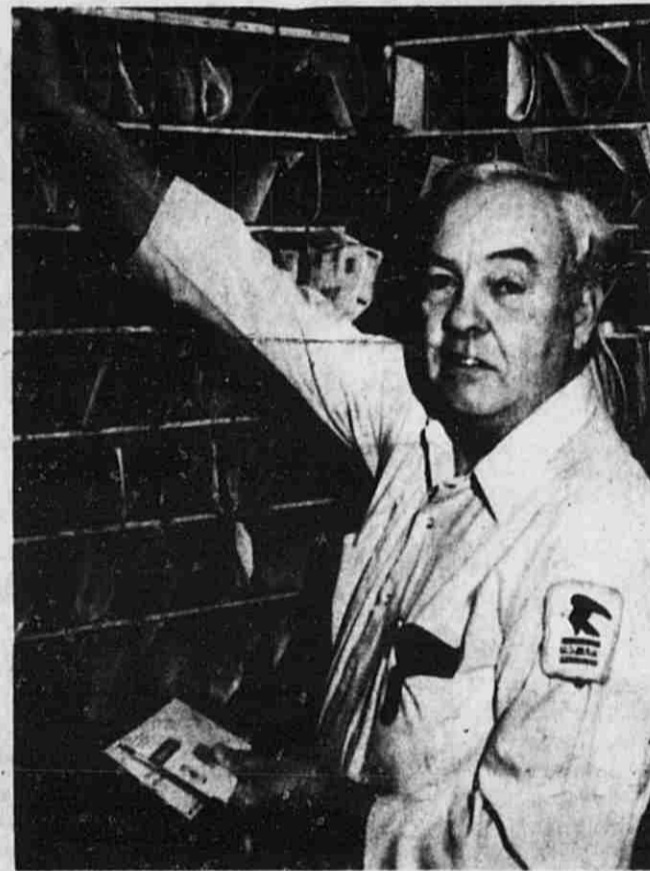
There is no charge for use of Egypt Valley Trail and the trails in the game area, says Townsend.

A southbound vehicle on Parnell Avenue must bear left and go down a steep, winding road to M-21. The driver must make a U-turn to go westerly on M-21. An eastbound driver on M-21, wanting to turn left onto Parnell Avenue must do so also by making a U-turn.

Fonger And Dawson Retire From Lowell Post Office



Jack Fonger



Bill Dawson.

The retirement of two long-time employees of the Lowell Post Office was announced recently by Postmaster Charlie Doyle.

Jack Fonger, 60, of 611 N. Washington St., Lowell, announced his retirement on Friday, December 16, 1977, concluding 19 years of service at the Lowell Post Office. Fonger worked as a window clerk and as a substitute city carrier during

his early years at the Post Office, but was the city's mounted route carrier for the past several years.

A replacement for Fonger has not yet been hired. With military service included, Fonger retired with 22 years of government service.

On December 30, 1977, Bill Dawson, 58, of 419 Elizabeth St., Lowell, announced his retirement after 34 years of Fed-

eral employment, which includes his World War II military service.

Dawson started work at the Lowell Post Office in November 1946 as a substitute city carrier and then later a regular city carrier for Lowell's west side.

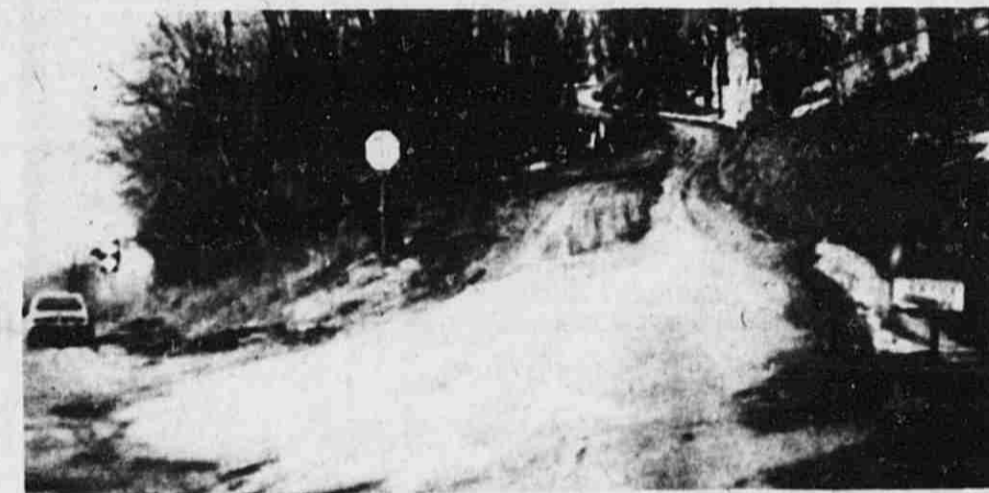
In 1960, Dawson worked for one year as a regular rural mail carrier out of the Ada Post Office and was then transferred back to Lowell and has carried

Lowell's rural route one since that time.

Bernard Kropf who currently carries Lowell's rural route three will replace Dawson on route one and William Condon will take over route three. Gary Blough will be the substitute for route one.

Both Fonger and Dawson were honored with a small party at the Post Office on their respective days of retirement.

Condemnation Starts For Road Relocation



Parnell Avenue, looking northwesterly from M-21, extreme left, will be closed, vacated and replaced with a new Parnell Avenue section a short distance west of this intersection.

Condemnation of property to permit the relocation of the south end of Parnell Avenue at M-21 and major improvements to Parnell Avenue from Foreman Street south was approved late last month by the Kent County Road Commission.

"We can go ahead with the working plans and specifications for the relocation and improvements on which bids will be advertised for early in the spring," says Donald R. Schofield, KCRC engineer-manager. "However, we still have to come to agreement for the cost of the condemned land."

The south end of Parnell Avenue at M-21, about two miles west of the city limits of Lowell, runs southeasterly-northwesterly.

A southbound vehicle on Parnell Avenue must bear left and go down a steep, winding road to M-21. The driver must make a U-turn to go westerly on M-21. An eastbound driver on M-21, wanting to turn left onto Parnell Avenue must do so also by making a U-turn.

"It's a dangerous intersection," says Schofield, who points out the entire Parnell Avenue improvement has been held up about a year due to the condemnation proceedings.

"There is a large home development immediately east of Parnell Avenue and this has caused heavy traffic," he adds. The developer is building a west outlet to Parnell Avenue. The only entry and outlet for drivers to and from the subdivision is Cumberland Avenue.

Plans call for the new Parnell Avenue section to swing in a wide arc first westerly, then southwesterly and finally southerly to M-21. The new Parnell Avenue M-21 intersection will be wide enough for drivers to facilitate all turns and there will be an eastbound passing lane at the intersection for through traffic.

The 1.2 mile-long improvement will include grading, filling and blacktopping from Foreman Street south to M-21. Cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000.

The south end of Parnell Avenue will be closed to traffic and the right-of-way vacated, with the land reverting to the property owners on each side of the road, says Schofield.—Dave Barnes

Ada Approves Sewer Projects

Two sanitary sewer projects, one for the homes on Driftwood Drive on the east side of the Ada impoundment of the Thornapple River and the other for the community of Eastmont, have been approved by the Ada Township Board, reports Kenneth Anderson, the Ada Clerk.

Detailed plans for the major improvements, estimated at \$1,140,000, will be completed in the next two or three months, to be followed by the advertising for bids and then the awarding of the contract, he adds.

The Driftwood project is estimated at \$450,000, the one in Eastmont at \$290,000, and the connector lines at \$400,000 which will be paid for by a federal grant. The remainder of the cost, \$740,000 will be financed by a 15-year general obligation bond issue, says Anderson.

The sewers will be connected to the Grand Rapids sewage system near the Kent County Airport.

About 100 properties in each residential section will benefit from the improvements.—Dave Barnes

New County Road Maps

A picture taken in Fallasburg Park, submitted by Willard Obenchain of Grand Rapids in the fall color photography contest sponsored by the park department of the Kent County Road Commission and Spartan Distributors, Inc., of Sparta, will grace the cover of the 1978 Kent County road maps, says Donald R. Schofield, KCRC engineer-manager.

Obenchain's photo, which won an honorable mention, is an "aerial" view of the creek that runs into the Flat River and children playing on swings. Schofield says that the 60,000 maps, being printed by Mich-

igan Lithographing Co. of Grand Rapids, low bidder of two at \$7,596, are scheduled to be delivered to the road commission offices at 1500 Scribner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504, Jan. 10.

The maps are available to the public without charge.—Dave Barnes

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Winter Photo Contest

Kent County Park Department's Winter Color Photo Contest is underway, announces Miss Nancy Zimmerman, recreation coordinator.

The event is open to any amateur photographer. The prints must be 5x7 inches and mounted on a cardboard of any size and color. Also, they must have been taken in one of Kent County's 29 parks after Dec. 1 and submitted to the park department by next March 10. Only three photographs may be submitted by a contestant.

Entry forms are available at the park department, 1500 Scribner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, 49504.

Spartan Distributors, Inc., of Sparta, the co-sponsor of the event, has put up a 14-inch snow blower for first place. Second and third place winners will receive either an award certificate or a plaque, says Miss Zimmerman. Honorable mentions will receive an award certificate.

"We are requesting the pictures to be mounted to make their handling easier and to prevent them from curling," she states. "We also are asking the photos by 5x7 inches for uniformity."

In the fall contest, the pictures could be either 5x7 or 8x10 inches and did not have to be mounted.

Miss Zimmerman also points out that permission to reproduce all photos for publicity is assumed. negatives from those prints must be available for enlarging, all photographs become the property of the park department and may be used for publicity at a later date.

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Visit Radio Station



On December 19th the Lowell YMCA Trail Blazers from Alto visited Radio Stations WGRD and WOOD and also WOTV. Making the trip along with their fathers were Scott Fosberg, Marc Johnson, Bob Ramadell, Brett Kirby and Doug Kowalczyk.

At WGRD they visited with "Rockin' Ray" who with his boundless enthusiasm bounced around the control booth like a ping pong ball shot into a bank vault.

Journeying to WOOD Radio and the Tom Quain show, Marc Johnson went on the air and put Alto and the YMCA Trail Blazers on the map. Moving upstairs to WOTV they visited with Dave Bolton and spent some time learning how the news was presented on WOTV. Acting as guides and hosts for the group were Jim Messner and Andy Rent who insured that the visit was both fun and informative.

FARMER'S INCOME TAX GUIDES AVAILABLE

Each year the Internal Revenue Service, in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service, develops and prints a "guide." The purpose is to help the farmer understand how best to prepare his tax returns. This is true regardless of who prepares the tax returns—the farmer or a tax practitioner.

The 1977 changes in the income tax laws are explained in

detail. Examples are given using the new tax forms. Important tax dates are listed in the 64 page book along with an index.

Bill Pryer, Ionia County Extension Director, says that the Farmer's Tax Guides are available at no charge at the Extension Office located at 110 East Washington Street in Ionia.

—Dave Barnes

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Child: William Robert Zellers
Hearing: Jan. 10, 1978 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Marjorie Lewis
Child: Charles, Angelle and Joan Hernandez
Hearing: Jan. 23, 1978 at 3:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Kathy Graham
Child: Letticia, Jerome and David Pfister
Hearing: Jan. 23, 1978 at 3:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Kathryn Visser
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Child: Cecelia Lopez
Hearing: Jan. 17, 1978 at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner: John Murray
Child: Keith Allen Straight
Hearing: Jan. 17, 1978 at 3:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Michael Flynn
Child: Albert Sanders
Hearing: Jan. 18, 1978 at 10:30 a.m.
Petitioner: Marjorie Lewis
Child: Michael Hall
Hearing: Jan. 30, 1978 at 11:30 a.m.
Petitioner: Kenneth Kleinschmidt
Child: Mitchell Murphy
Hearing: Jan. 31, 1978 at 10:30 a.m.
Petitioner: Lawrence Irons
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Child: Stacia Feagan Aja Bertrams
Hearing: Jan. 16, 1978 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Greta Mentzinger
Child: Delvina Rice
Hearing: Jan. 16, 1978 at 2:00 p.m.
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Wood Could Become Major Energy Source

Substituting wood for coal, oil and natural gas in electrical generating plants is not the answer to all of Michigan's energy problems—but wood could become a significant energy source, according to Dr. Lee M. James, chairman of the Michigan State University Department of Forestry.

Michigan is particularly vulnerable to energy shortages because it depends on outside sources of energy, points out James. The state is poor in fossil fuels and produces only about four percent of the energy it uses. We are relatively rich in forestland, however, and James feels these forests could make a significant contribution to meeting the state's energy needs.

"Michigan's forests are growing far more rapidly than they are being harvested," he observes. "This excess of annual timber growth, plus trees thinned from forest plantations, standing dead trees and the debris left over from logging

operations, amounts to millions of tons of potential fuelwood." Trees could also be grown on forest plantations specifically for use as fuel, he suggests.

Other nonforest sources of wood for fuel might include industrial wood waste, urban residential demolitions and shade and roadside tree removals. About a third of the unused residue of sawmills is sawdust that could go directly into burners, James notes.

Pound for pound, wood yields fewer BTUs than coal or oil, but it has the advantage of being widely available and renewable. In some parts of Michigan today, wood is already cost-competitive with fossil fuels, and as fossil fuels prices rise, wood may become even more economical.

Using wood for fuel does not have to mean the end of commercial timber production, forest recreation and woodland wildlife, James points out. Removing tree tops, branches and

cut portions of central stems usually left in the woods after logging has removed the marketable timber, thinning young trees in even-age stands and removing standing dead trees would actually improve the forest habitat.

"Standing rough, rotten, cull, small and salvageable dead trees are probably the most abundant resource for wood fuel," James says. "The presence of these trees in Michigan forests greatly reduces the potential stocking of commercially desirable trees. Likewise, thinning out young trees in a forest plantation provides the trees that are left room to grow and reduces competition for water and nutrients. Periodic thinning until a plantation stand reaches maturity could yield tons of fuelwood without reducing the ultimate yield in marketable timber."

It's not realistic to expect wood to substitute entirely for other fuels now being burned to generate electricity. It would take 66 million tons of wood and bark a year—about nine percent of all the potential wood fuel standing in Michigan forests today—to produce the 69 million kilowatts generated in Michigan in 1976. To substitute wood for all the other fuels used to produce this energy could devastate our woodlands in a few years.

"Forestlands could however, provide the fuel to provide more than half of our current electricity generation," James says. "They could make a significant contribution to the state's energy needs on a long-term basis while still maintaining their capacity to supply commercial timber product needs, recreation, wildlife habitat and other forest goods and services."

Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBain of Lowell have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teresa to Jeff Hendrick.

The future bridegroom, a graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hendrick of Petoskey.

Miss McBain, a graduate of Lowell High School is attending Western Michigan University.

A May 6 wedding is being planned. Photo by Modern Photographics.

OBITUARIES

COURTER — Basil Ward Courter, age 78, of rural Saranac passed away Saturday evening, December 31, at Belding Hospital.

He was born in Berlin Township, Feb. 18, 1899, the son of Cornelius and Hila Drew Courter.

He had lived and farmed in Saranac all of his life, active at the Galilee Baptist Church, and married Vada Conner in Indiana on March 25, 1936.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Grace Taylor of Saranac, Mrs. Blanche Mahar of Belding; and a daughter-in-law, Alice Courter of Saranac.

Private funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Roetman-Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with the Rev. G. Kenneth Martin of the Green Corners Baptist Church of Belding officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Any donations may be made to the Galilee Baptist Church.

OOSTERWAL — Mrs. Pylis E. Oosterwal (nee Wolford), aged 52, of Ada passed away Saturday morning, December 31.

Surviving are her husband, Harry; her children, Ronald E. and Janice Bolt of Comstock Park, James G. Bolt of Wyoming and Phillip A. Oosterwal of Ada; two grandchildren, Dawn and Jason Bolt; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Wolford; four sisters, Mrs. Marian Cichon, Mrs. Dwight (Helen) Watson, Mrs. William (Rita) Lucas and Mrs. Joseph (Joanne) Humbarger, all of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Earl of Indianapolis, James of Belmont and Edward of Kentwood; many nieces and nephews.

FASE — Mr. Forence Fase, aged 74, of 7690 Fase, Ada, passed away Sunday morning, January 1, at Butterworth Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Grover Fase, Mrs. Vernon (Vera) Bridgeman and Mrs. Louis (Rose) Mulder all of Cascade and Mrs. Timothy (Diane) Pratt of England; a brother, Clarence Hill and a sister, Mrs. Robert (Daisy) Clark both of Ada; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home Rev. Wilfred Fiet of Ada Community Reformed Church officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery.

SHERINGTON — Mrs. Catherine E. Sherington, of 8870 66th St., Alto, passed away Christmas Day, December 25, 1977 at Butterworth Hospital.

She is survived by her husband Frank; two daughters, Mrs. James (Joann) Sheehan of Lansing and Mrs. Medford (Rexey) Cady of Alto; three granddaughters.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Elan Sanborn also of Lansing. In accordance with Mrs. Sherington's wishes her body has been donated to the University of Michigan Medical School.

Dog Training Class



Bob Leasure, dog trainer, pictured with "Mac," a purebred Labrador Retriever, has spent years on the Competitive Class A Retriever Field Trial Circuit. Leasure is recognized along with his family, throughout the Midwest for their dog training ability.

Leasure also has a dog kennel service, and Conservation and Hunting Club, which annually contributes to wild life by releasing birds and planting trees on his 262 acre farm in south Lowell.

Area residents now have a chance to let him help train their dog. Leasure will teach the YMCA Dog Obedience Class, which includes instruction on to heel, to come, sit, and control jumping and barking.

Class starts January 24. Enroll early by calling the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445.

CLARK — Sarah Rebecca (Bowrey) Clark, aged 79, of 329 N. Jackson St., Lowell, passed away Sunday afternoon December 25.

She is survived by her husband Dave Albert Clark, sr.; a son, Dave Albert Clark, jr.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a sister, Pauline McDonough all of Lowell; and a brother, James Bowrey of Bristol, Tenn.

Funeral services were held December 28, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home; Rev. William Hunt of the Church of the Nazarene of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

CONDON — C.O. Condon, aged 83, of 814 Monroe Ave., Lowell, formerly of 2350 Fallsburg Park Rd., passed away Tuesday, December 20, at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Willard (Roxie) Hunter of Lowell and Mrs. Rhea Rickner; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren all of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held December 23 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home; Rev. Elton Mills officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

STORKAN — Leo A. Storkan, 76, of Middleville, died Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at Penock Hospital in Hastings.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 28 at the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville with Rev. Arthur Jackson officiating; burial, Coman Cemetery.

THOMAS — Mrs. Carrie Thomas, 84, of Clarksville passed away Saturday morning December 24, at the Hesche Nursing Home.

She was born May 20, 1893 at Lake Odessa, the daughter of

William and Ella May (Hunter) Speicher.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Clarksville Bible Church and the Clarksville Improvement Club.

Surviving are three sons; William C. Swiger of Nashville, Richard C. of Saranac and Jay of Clarksville; one daughter, Mrs. Crystal I. Tucker of Drummond Island; one brother, Cassie Speicher of Diamond Bar, California; 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Clarksville Bible Church with the Rev. Elwood Norton officiating with burial in the Clarksville Cemetery.

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