

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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## Beer, Wine Only For New Year's Eve

It'll be a dry time in the old town New Year's Eve. Kent County is one of only four Michigan Counties which disallows Sunday sales of spirits, beverages containing more than 15 percent alcohol.

That prohibition includes New Year's Eve if it coincides with Sunday, as it does this year. Licensees who derive more

than 50 percent of their revenues from sources other than spirits sales can serve beer and wine by the glass on Sundays. After midnight, bars may begin pouring spirits and continue until 4 a.m.

Both the VFW and the Moose Lodge will hold their annual New Year's Eve parties on Sunday evening, serving beer

and wine until midnight. The Village Inn and Larkins Saloon both plan to close their doors Sunday. Norma Gardner, co-owner of the Village Inn, said she looks for "lots of private parties and people traveling out of Kent County." Owners of Larkins echoed her assessment adding that without a dance band, locals would probably stop in only for an early breakfast.

The Kent Board of Commissioners' Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee had recommended that board members ask for a quickie law that would have allowed Sunday sales when Sunday and New Year's Eve coincide. That bid failed 11-10. Even if it had

## Another Odell Supervisor In Vergennes

Roger Odell, 10999 Bailey Dr. NE, presided as supervisor, at the Township board meeting for the first time in the Vergennes Township Hall Monday, Dec. 11.

Odell is the great-great-grandson of Orlando Odell who was supervisor of the township 120 years ago and is probably the youngest supervisor to serve in Kent County according to Don McPherson, chairman of the Vergennes History Commission. Odell is 33.

Supervisor Odell is a co-pilot for Eastern Airlines, flying out of Chicago. He also farms several hundred acres of land in Vergennes. He and his wife Vicki and their two children live on the land pioneered by his great-grandfather.

Adelbert Odell, Roger's father, will be honored later this winter at an honors dinner as a member of the township board for many years along with Elmer Wittenbach, treasurer.

## Cherry Creek Denied Lease Approval

Cherry Creek Nursing Home, Inc., Lowell, was denied approval on October 31 by the State Health Director to lease the nursing home to Anthony Perillo, Appleton, Wisconsin.

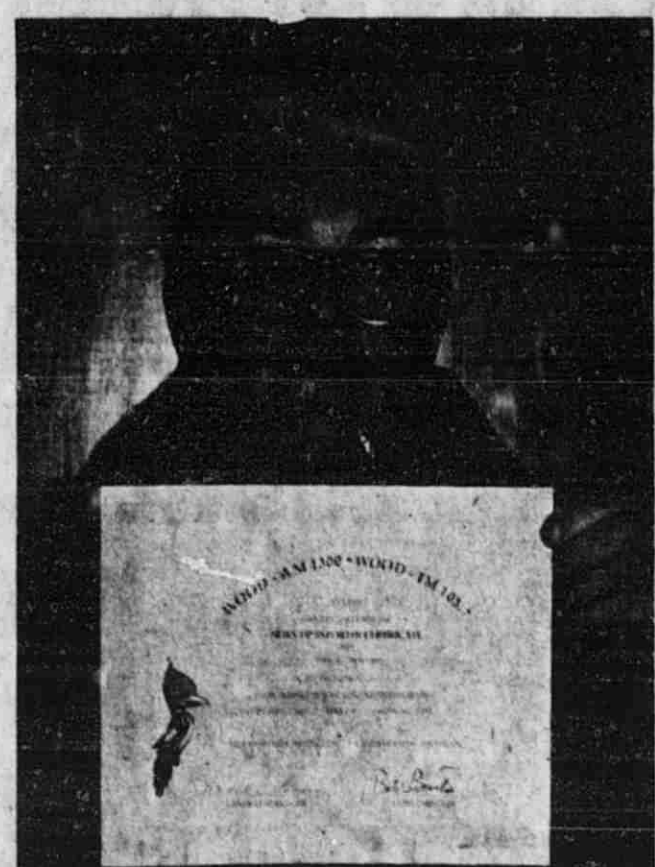
Owner of the 153-bed skilled care facility is Arthur Fochs, Appleton.

Denial was based on the fact that there is already an excess of nursing care beds in the area. Since Cherry Creek Nursing Home, Inc., added 32 beds without going through Section 1122 review, which determines the addition or reduction of beds, the facility is not consistent with the standards and criteria in the Michigan State Plan for Hospital and Medical Facilities Construction 1975-76.

The decision of the State Health Director was supported by the West Michigan Health Systems Agency and State Administrators of the federal Hill-Burton program.

A hearing on the decision can be requested within thirty days.

## Wins Cash



John Erickson, 517 Avery, Lowell, is a WOOD Radio Weekly "News Tip" winner. He received a \$25 check and a certificate for his tip concerning the VFW Pancake Dinner for Deputy Pat McCullough.

## Witnesses Must Now Phone Ahead

As of December 1, witnesses subpoenaed to 63rd District Court, Walker, Wyoming, Kentwood and Grandville Municipal Courts are instructed to call 774-9192 to determine whether or not they must appear in court.

Prosecutor David Sawyer voiced his concern about the citizen who makes arrangements to get off work or hire a babysitter only to find their case has been cancelled.

Instituting this phone message is an effort to eliminate one of the frustrations involved when a citizen witnesses a crime.

Since it is court policy not to approve witness payments to those who fail to utilize this phone system, the public also benefits by the reduction of unnecessary witness payments.

## Magic Show Has Light Turn Out

Those who braved the sub-zero temperatures Monday night, Dec. 11, to attend the Magic Show at the High School Auditorium were amazed and delighted with James Royale, illusionist.

The show was presented to benefit the Re-float the Showboat Campaign through the donation of Hugh Dilland from Lansing. Mr. Dilland responded to a letter he received from the Re-float Committee asking for aid. The mailing has brought many responses but this one was unique.

Numbers attending were not what the committee had hoped for and the weak audience count will reduce profits accruing to the Showboat to perhaps \$100.

A Spaghetti dinner and Las Vegas night are the next events on the fund-raising agenda.



James Royale, illusionist, adjusts his guillotine and a Lowell student from the audience hopes the magic works. The illusion was successful and the young man left the stage with his head intact. Royale brought his act to Lowell from Chicago to benefit the Re-float the Showboat Campaign under the patronage of Hugh Dilland of Lansing.

## Results In Frostbite

Marcus R. Kline, 16, of 12864 Vergennes, suffered bruises and frostbite when his leg became pinned against a guard rail by his vehicle on Parnell Road near M-21 last Sunday at 1 a.m., according to the Kent Co. Sheriff's Department.

Kline attempted to go up a

grade on Parnell but icy conditions forced him to back down. His leg was pinned in the process. Lowell Rescue was called to free him.

Kline was treated at the scene by personnel of Bud's Ambulance service. He refused further treatment.



### WORD OF PRAISE

Lowell Chamber of Commerce commended City snow removal crews today for their prompt and efficient clearing of city streets, especially Main Street. Merchants and citizens alike have benefited from clear parking areas. "They must get up before the chickens to get everything cleared so fast," stated Chamber representatives.

### STOCK UP

George Johnson, owner of the Lowell Beer Store, reminds customers that there will be no liquor sales from 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 until Tuesday, Dec. 26. The store will sell beer and wine on Sunday, Dec. 25 but will be closed Christmas Day.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

The crew at the Ledger wishes the community a happy holiday. Subscribers and advertisers should note that the December 20 issue of the Ledger will be a combined issue. There will be no paper published on December 27.

Ledger offices will be closed from Thursday, December 21 through January 1, 1979. Offices will reopen on January 2. This is the traditional vacation time for the Ledger staff.

The first Ledger issue in January will be published a day late on January 4.

### DISTRICT COURT

Thomas R. Labine of 1328 Sibley, Lowell paid \$34 for speeding on Nov. 21. Terry L. Tower of 11491 Flat River Dr. paid \$29 for speeding on Nov. 24.

### REVERSED

The Ledger inadvertently reversed the principals in an accident in last week's issue. George Noteware of Lowell was struck by a vehicle driven by James Pullen of Ada on S. West St. on Thursday, Nov. 30.

### HOLIDAY CLOSING

Lucchea's Pizza will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 24 through Wed., Jan. 2. Left-overs should hold you 'til they open again.

### KIDS' PARTY

The Moose Lodge has a nifty party planned for the children of their members on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Santa Claus has indicated he might have a few minutes free that day so Moose members should be on the look-out. The party will be at the Moose Lodge on Main St.

### POTLUCK

Lowell VFW Flat River Post #8303 and its Auxiliary will have their Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 16. All new members, even if not yet initiated, are invited. Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Members should pick up their table service, a tasty dish to pass and a \$2 gift exchange.

### CAUGHT

Two motorcycleists led officers from Lowell and the Kent County Sheriff's Department on a high speed chase on Sunday, Dec. 3, for better than five miles. Apprehended were Kerry Kyser, Vergennes, Lowell and a 16-year-old juvenile. Both will be remanded to court at a later date.

### ICY ACCIDENT

Involved in a property damage accident Thursday afternoon on North Washington St. was John Winer, Jr., of Lowell, when he hit a parked car on slippery pavement.

### MEAT HEIST

James Krzyzewski of Grand Rapids was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 6, for larceny under \$100 in Johnsons Thrift-T Market. An employee observed him as he placed two packages of meat under his coat and left the store without paying for them. Krzyzewski will appear at a later date in 63rd District Court to answer charges.

### FAKE PRESCRIPTION

Arrested Saturday evening, Dec. 9, by Lowell police for attempted fraudulent procurement of narcotic drugs was Tracey Kelley of Flint. She was arrested shortly after she attempted to obtain drugs from Lippert's Pharmacy on a forged prescription. She was arraigned Monday in 63rd District Court on the charge. Prescription was unavailable at arrest time.

## NOTICE!

The December 20 edition of the Grand Valley Ledger will be a combined "Holiday Issue," covering the weeks of December 18 and December 25.

All news items for this holiday issue (which will cover any events scheduled between December 20 and January 4) should be in by Monday, December 18 at noon.

The Ledger office is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturdays. Items may be called in to 897-9261; mailed to Box 128, Lowell; or slipped into the mail slot at 185 N. Broadway Street.

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

## Updated Service From Michigan Bell Starts In Ada

Michigan Bell customers in Ada's "676" exchange will be served by a new electronic switching system starting at noon, Saturday, Dec. 16.

Robert Thole, Michigan Bell local manager, said the electronic equipment will bring to some 2,300 Ada customers optional services such as Touch-Tone<sup>®</sup> calling and custom calling service features—Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Speed Calling and Threeway Calling.

Called No. 3 ESS, the electronic equipment is designed for small communities by Bell Laboratories, research arm of the Bell System. It can serve up to 4,500 lines and can handle up to 11,000 calls an hour.

Like other Bell electronic switching systems, the No. 3 ESS continuously monitors its own performance. Thole said, and automatically alerts telephone company workers if a problem is detected.

Coinciding with the start of operation of the electronic central office, Michigan Bell will introduce new long distance dialing services here and convert coin phones in the "676" exchange to provide Dial Tone First service.

The new long distance dialing services, made possible by the company's electronic long distance switching center in Grand Rapids, will enable Ada customers to dial their own person-to-person, collect, credit card and bill to third number calls.

When making any of these special long distance calls—from homes, offices, or pay phones, Ada customers will dial "0" (Operator), immediately followed by the area code and the called party's telephone number.

An operator will come on the line long enough to get acceptance of a collect call, get the right person on the line for a person-to-person call, or get the

calling card or bill-to-third numbers.

The new dialing services, Thole pointed out, will save customers time and provide more accurate billing because the details of long distance

calling are handled automatically.

Dial Tone First on coin phones will enable Ada customers to make emergency calls or calls to operator without depositing coins.

Thole also noted that when the electronic central office goes into operation Dec. 16, five-digit dialing within Ada will no longer be possible. All seven digits will have to be dialed.



Ada's new electronic central office on Thornapple River Drive has

## Lowell Honor Society Inducts Nine

The National Honor Society of Lowell Senior High School held its annual formal induction ceremony for new members on Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the "K" quad of the high school. Nine new members were invited to join the society.

The members and their parents and friends were welcomed by the president of the organization, Lauri Schrenk. John Waite gave a short history of the National Society and the local chapter which was chartered in 1965.

Those who took part in the candlelighting ceremony were Lauri Schrenk, Dave Baerwalde, Mike Lessens, and Lori Bergy. The candles represented the four prerequisites of Honor Society: character, scholarship, leadership and service.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Gil Wise, was introduced by Heather Spillane. Dr. Wise encouraged the students to make full use of their brain power plus develop fully their abilities to read.

Membership cards were presented by Mr. Gary Kemp, principal, and Mrs. Virginia Fonger, advisor.

A social hour in the Carl J. Hagen Media Center followed the formalities with Joan Nugent in charge. The new members are: Cathy Baird, Todd Bryan, Barry Eldridge, Dolly Gerard, Patti Kline, Mark Lessens, Debbie Stegmier, Steve Sterzick and Sherri VanBelkum.

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THOMSON — Hans (Tommy) Thomson, aged 59, of 276 Honey Creek Rd., passed away Wednesday morning. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Peter and Mark of Grand Rapids, Jean and Paul of Ada, Dorothy Ann of M.M. Pleasant; also his brothers, Andrew of Canada, and James of Big Rapids; his sisters, Mrs. Jean Peterson of Idaho, Miss Margaret Thomson of Canada, and Mrs. Helen Bauer of Nebraska; also four grandchildren. Mr. Thomson was past President and a member in good standing of the Kent Optimist Club. The funeral Mass was said Saturday morning at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Special Olympics. Arrangements by O'Brien-Gerst Funeral Home.

United Brethren Church, Pastor Christ. Survivors include her husband, Reki Cleon E. Avery of Freeport; four daughters, Mrs. Eunice Brush of South Haven, Mrs. Beth Koblhoff of Stevensville, Mrs. Marilyn Hiley of Union, MI, and Mrs. Joy Melville of White Pigeon; three sons, Vernon and James Avery of South Haven, and Leon Avery of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren; also her father, Vernon Sanders of South Haven. Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 7, at Calvin Funeral Home in South Haven. Rev. Roger Burk of Grand Rapids officiated. Burial was in McDowell Cemetery.

COMPTON — Use (Con) Compton, aged 71, of 11963 Camp Lake Dr., passed away Friday at his home. He was a janitor in the Grand Rapids city schools until his retirement in 1972.

It is survived by his wife, Francis and family, Harry and Shirley of Ada; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

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Obituaries...

DE JONG — Govert DeJong, 7626 Fase St., Ada, formerly of Platt, S.D., passed away suddenly Sunday morning, Dec. 10, 1978 at his home, and went to be with his Lord.

THOMPSON — Dr. Leonard J. Thomson, 80, of 207 North Jackson Street, Ionia, suffered a heart attack at his residence Tuesday afternoon and was pronounced dead on arrival at Ionia County Memorial hospital.

COLE — Lawton Cole, aged 68, of 2715 Snow Ave., passed away Monday at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; his children, Madelyn and Leo Pflieger of Lowell, Phyllis and Robert Shaler of Lowell, Bonnie and Donald Post of Ada; six grandchildren; three sisters, Claudia Fuller of Hastings, Margaret Estep of Battle Creek, Vivian Ingersoll of Kalamazoo; also a brother, Clarence of Stanton, Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his brother, Alden.

SPRING — Robert L. Spring, aged 52, of 34 Dickinson St., SW, passed away Monday morning at Kent Community Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Sandra; his children, Mrs. Donald (Kazette) Thornton of Alto, Mrs. Alan (Diane) Reese of Bellevue, Thomas and Dorothy Springer of Buchanan, Charlie and Dana Rank of Kentwood, Todd Robert and Tracie Elizabeth both at home, seven grandchildren; a step-sister, Mrs. Alan (Marlene) Zapke of Fort-George.

RUSTER — Mr. Sam Ruster, aged 81, of 2305 Riverside Dr., NE, passed away Sunday morning at Butterworth Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Genyeth; his children, Robert Ruster, Elaine and Charles Ruster, Martha and James Wyszocki, all of Grand Rapids, and Leslie and Ruth Ruster of Ada; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Martin Ruster of Pasadena, CA; and four sisters, Misses Connie and Nell Ruster, Mrs. Evelyn King and Mrs. Kenneth (Pearl) Konyndy of all of Grand Rapids and several nieces and nephews.

SMITH — Mr. Writer E. Smith, aged 79, passed away in Keeshocbee, Fla. Friday morning. Surviving are his wife, Jessie; his family, Walter M. and Betty of Lowell, Carl and Maxine of Saranac, Arthur D. and Lynn of Jenison, Kay and Patrick Farrell of Rockford; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Mrs. Floyd (Julia) Lindsey of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Bill (Iva) Hoogheyster of Sanford, MI, and Mrs. Norman (Dorothy) Seymour of St. Joseph; several nieces and nephews.

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Rotary Notes...

Aid to battered women, a social problem now receiving attention and assistance in the Grand Rapids area, was the subject of the Rotary Club program on December 6. Program chairman Jack Siebers and his wife Mary arranged for the presentation by Mary Jane Lowery, who works through the Junior League as a volunteer with the Battered Women's Center at the Grand Rapids YWCA.

receptionist and it is hoped that a children's therapist can be added. A primary need in such cases is to provide counseling for the children. She stressed that cases of this type cut across all economic and racial lines. At the Center, women — and men — who need assistance are given supportive counseling, referrals for ongoing counseling and assistance in obtaining other community resources.

Effective January 1, 1979, the Lowell Landfill will be closed and will not be open until the third or possibly fourth week of April. The reasons for taking this step are directly related to the cost of operation. During the past two years the City has maintained regular services of sixteen hours per week at the landfill and averaged less than three users per month during the winter.

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around city hall...

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Happy Birthday

December 15: Roger Brown, Nellie Brenk. December 16: Maria Shores, Russ Breckon, Marilyn Keim, Ivan Graham, Helen Thompson, Klaus Kwant. December 17: Kim Hale, Mark DeForest, Scott Behnke. December 18: Ronald Keebs, Tom Harper, Debbie Thomet, Ronald Lake. December 19: Bruce Walter, Richard Bryan.

Skate-a-thon. A Holiday 24-hour Skate-athon for Muscular Dystrophy will be held at Woodland Spruce Center, 2100 28th, SE, starting Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 9 until Thursday, Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. It will be a big, early New Year's Eve party with balloons, hats, and entertainment at midnight.

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Society Notes...

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Special Evangelistic meetings will be held December 31-January 5...

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Thanksgiving Day marked the 14th annual Ecumenical Service at Cascade Christian Church...

Christmas Week At Senior Center

Christmas week will begin at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 214 E. Main St. on Monday, Dec. 18...

Mark B. Blocher Is Ordained



Mark B. Blocher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blocher of Alto, was ordained to the ministry on Nov. 17, 1978...

Armstrong-Ginter Marriage Told

Ed and Penny Armstrong announce their marriage on Friday, Dec. 8, in an evening ceremony performed by Rev. Dean Bailey at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Robin Wright Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wright of Route 2, Saranac, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynne to Steve Martin...

Tony Kiedis On NBC Friday

Tony Kiedis, formerly of Lowell, will appear in "Who's Watching The Kids" on Friday night at 8:30 p.m.

Thumbs Down On Bond Issue

At the Board of Education of the Saranac Community School District turned thumbs down on a \$3,995,000 bond issue on Saturday, Dec. 9...

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break for a 48-36 advantage. Ray Kastanek marked six points in the third quarter and hit for seven points in the final period.

Few Attend Meeting

The light attendance at Thursday night's Saranac School Board meeting and bond issue information session was attributed to poor weather conditions but it might have been an omen.

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# The Back Page...

## Lowell Senior High School Honor Roll Announced

**First Nine Week**  
**Marking Period Nov. 1978**  
 Receiving all A's were: SENIORS—Mary Benedict, Lori Bergy, William Hansen, Michael Lessens, Ronald Moore, Joan Nugent, Marcia Ralys and Kathy Zwick; JUNIORS—Dolly Gerard and Bryan Johnson; SOPHOMORES—Cam Parks; FRESHMEN—Meredyth Althaus, Anne Miller and Kim VanWeelden.

**SENIORS**  
 Randy Adams, Mike Alderink, Julie Anderson, Kory Andrews, Martha Applegate, Jill Baker, Sharon Bancroft, Bob Bieri, Ed Bobko, Dawn Bock, Todd Bryan, Becky Carl, Jana Carlson, Bernie Clark, Patty Craig, Kent Dickerson, Rhonda Dickerson, Mary Doyle, Rick Eickhoff, Brad Eley, Kevin Feasal, Becky Foster, Lori Gahan, Phillip Goble, Marilee Grummet, Bob Havlik, Kirk Haybarker, Debbie Hinds, Dennis Huver, Margaret Jannenga, Mark Johnson, Carol Kaminiski, Ron Kempker, Karen Kelly,

**JUNIORS**  
 Jane Bailey, Dale Bieri, Sheila Blain, Brian Brown, Rick Churchill, Teri Condon, Chris Conlisk, Ted Dalstra, Lori DenBoer, Berry Eldridge, Karla Feasal, Phyllis Gresham, Leesa Hartley, Lee Ann Hill, Lynn Homolka, Mark Homolka, Mike Kaye, Angie Kehoe, Patti Kline, Diane Koolman, Mark Lessens, Mary Magie, Dennis Malone, Mindy McElroy, Yolanda Miller, Kim Risner, Cliff Mulder, Brenda Noall, Merlene Parsons, Joe Rathbun, Kelly Robbins, Tammy Robinson, Kathy Rogers, Randy Ruesink, Dorie Schoen, Brenda Scheidel, Melinda Schoen, David Schuelke, Julie Seif, Ann R. Smith, Bob Smith, Sheila Smith, Deanna Snyder, Sharon Staal, Deborah Stegmier, Steve Sterzick, Sean Sullivan, Pam Talbot, Kathy Thebo, Sherri Tousignant, Sherri VanBelkum, Susan Vandawater, Steve Vanderziel, Cindy Weiner, Ellen Wheeler, William Wierenga.

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## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Santa Claus will be at Riverside Fireplace Shoppe in Lowell starting Dec. 12 to talk to all his young friends. Modern Photographs will be there to take pictures if desired—Coupons for free pictures can be obtained from participating merchants. A big thank you goes out to V.F.W., American Legion, Campfire Girls, Moose Clowns, Lowell and Alto Firemen, Jr. and Sr. High bands, Student Council, Cheerleaders, Pom Pom Girls, Pfaller family, Snowmobile Club, Kleinjan family, Gil and Jean Wise, and, of course, Santa Claus for making our annual Christmas parade such a success.

Dolores Dey, Chairman  
 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Dear Roger,

One of the reasons that the 1978 United Way campaign was again successful was the excellent support given by the Grand Valley Ledger. When people are made aware of the various agencies' roles in the community, they are far more likely to support them. With your help we are able to tell what agencies are in the community and what services they have to offer.

Thank you for helping us inform your readers about the United Way agencies and community services. I'm sure that

### HONOR ROLL

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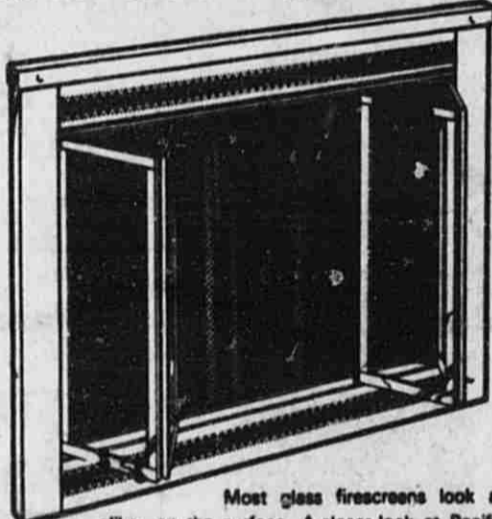
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