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## Cary Stiff Succumbs To Heart Attack

Cary P. Stiff, a Lowell businessman for 31 years and a former president of the Lowell Board of Trade and director of the Lowell Showboat, Inc., died Christmas Day after suffering a heart attack at his Dogwood Road home in Ada. He was 72.

A memorial service was held last Thursday at the O'Brien-Gerst Chapel in Cascade with the Rev. Dr. Bruce Masselin, pastor emeritus of the Mayflower Congregational Church in East Grand Rapids, officiating. The body was cremated and the ashes were interred during a

private ceremony in Findlay Cemetery, Ada.

Cary Packard Stiff was born in Brockton, Mass., on Oct. 20, 1906, the son of Henry Thomas Stiff, a civil engineer, and Alice Marie Packard Stiff. His mother died when he was young, and he spent much of his youth at the home of an uncle in Provincetown, Mass. There he swam and sailed in Provincetown Harbor, a port for ships from all over the world and excursion boats from Boston and New York, and he began what was to be a lifelong interest in transportation. He



Cary Stiff, Lowell businessman, died of a heart attack Christmas Day at the age of 72. He is shown here in a 1957 photo as the old Ledger press as one of his yearly Christmas newsletters was being printed. Stiff would have celebrated 50 years in retailing in October of 1979.



### VIVA LAS VEGAS

Showboat Corporation is finalizing plans for a Las Vegas night right here in Lowell at Deer Run to benefit the Re-float the Showboat Campaign. Put February 3 on your calendar and save the date for fun. Prizes worth \$2,000 will be given away during the evening with a \$500 limit for any one person, 18 or older.

Volunteers are still needed to work that Saturday night. If that sounds interesting, contact Nancy Wood at 897-8457 or 897-8546. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available soon. Watch the Ledger for further details.

### UMBRELLAS AND SKIS

Michigan has been running true to form the last two weeks with weather that teases and freezes. A thunderstorm and sleet closed schools for two days just before school vacation then turned to rain during the following week. First it melted, then it snowed, then we faced winds and over six inches of snow. The temperature is in the basement as we go to press. All of our Florida subscribers are smiling. Rats!

### DECISION UPHELD

Adults between 19 and 21 had their hopes pinned on Judge Ralph Guy but he upheld the constitutionality of Michigan's new 21-year-old drinking age. Area enforcement officers state that there have been no serious repercussions so far.

### ANOTHER BOWL GAME

Icy roads and freezing rains cancelled Class B Semi-finals of the High School Quiz Bowl scheduled for Dec. 21. Lowell will meet Grand Rapids West Catholic on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. The winner will face Fruitport or Grand Rapids Catholic Central on January 11 to determine the championship. The program will be shown on WGVC/Channel 35 public television and repeats on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

### KICKOFF

Jean Rochelleau, chairperson of the YMCA sustaining membership drive, reports the kickoff of this campaign to keep the local Y financially healthy. In a new approach, campaign workers will conduct an area-wide phone-a-thon to encourage membership in the YMCA and explain goals for the future. Pledges may be paid off in quarterly installments but even a \$5 gift will aid the community programs offered by the Y. With new programs planned and its commitment to serve, Lowell is fortunate to have a YMCA in so small a city.

### ALIEN REPORT

If you are an alien in the U.S., you must report your address to the U.S. Government each January. In view of serious penalties for failure to comply, it is easy to meet the requirement by obtaining an address report card from your nearest Post Office.

If you have alien children under 14 you can fill out the card for them. If you are disabled, a friend or relative can obtain the card for you.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested Friday evening, Dec. 22, by Lowell officers for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor was Ronald Chesebro, Lowell. A second charge of driving while license was suspended was also lodged.

Involved in a minor property damage accident Sunday morning, Dec. 31, was Nova Sturgeon, Lowell, when she could not stop on icy pavement and struck a road commission plow on M-21 near the Admiral store.

Lionel Haskins, Jr., of Saranac, struck Ramon Lozana as he attempted to change lanes on M-21 near Smith St. on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Arrested by Lowell officers Friday, Dec. 29, were Joe Manzecki and Steve Grudzinskas on warrants issued by 63rd District Court for unlawfully driving away an auto, and receiving and concealing stolen property.

Ionia County Sheriff's deputies investigated an accident on Richmond Rd. on Saturday, Dec. 23. Steven Ridgeway of Lowell told deputies he was eastbound on Richmond road and his vehicle failed to negotiate a curve, leaving the roadway and hitting two trees.

State troopers investigated a 2-vehicle accident Dec. 24 on M-66 involving Randolph Hall of Lowell and Charles Alderink of Ionia. Hall's vehicle was northbound when his vehicle was struck by Alderink's.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30, Cynthia Conner of Lowell told State troopers she was driving on West Main in Ionia when she lost control of her vehicle on a hill. Her auto ran off the roadway, struck a dirt bank and came to rest against a snow bank. She was cited for violation of the basic speed law.

Lowell's Police Department handled eleven accidents in December. In 1978, 223 accidents were reported to police with 31 injuries, 61 on private property, 129 property damage and two fatal accidents. The Rescue Unit handled 26 calls including the two fatalities.

also worked in the shop run by his uncle, a commercial photographer, and acquired another of his hobbies—photography.

Dartmouth, Harvard Graduate Stiff attended Boston public schools, Roxbury Latin School and the Monson Academy in Monson, Mass., graduating from the latter in 1923. That year, when he still was only 16, he enrolled at Dartmouth in Hanover, N.H., and years later he would recall that when he went off to college for the first time, he wore his first pair of long pants.

At Dartmouth, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity. He graduated in 1927 with an A.B. degree and then received his master's degree in business administration from the Harvard School of Business two years later.

On July 12, 1930, he was married in West Roxbury, Mass., to the former Helen Winona Chalmers.

From 1929 to 1936 he worked for Marshall Field & Co. in Chicago and Evanston, Ill., as a salesman, floor manager, assistant to the suburban store manager, merchandise manager and department analyst. Then, after a brief period as division merchandise manager with Wieboldt Stores, Inc., in Chicago, he moved to Grand Rapids and joined Charles Frank & Co., which operated the former Boston Store. He was merchandise manager and assistant general manager there before moving to the Wurzburg Dry Goods Co. in 1939.

At Wurzburg's, Stiff rose to be personnel director and then promotional manager. In this post he handled the store's advertising campaigns and organized such promotions as the annual Santa Claus Parade down Monroe St.

In 1939 and 1940, he was a vocational education instructor at Davis Technical High School in Grand Rapids, where he taught courses in merchandising mathematics and merchandising problems. He later taught a course in office management at the University of Michigan Extension at Grand Rapids Junior College.

He was a member of the Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce, which he served as treasurer, first vice president and then as president in the early 1940's. Another Jaycee officer at this time was Gerald R. Ford, a young lawyer who later entered politics and rose to be Majority Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, then Vice President and President.

Stiff also was active in Grand Rapids' Community Chest

drives for 10 years and served as retail store chairman for the Fifth War Loan Drive. A member of Park Congregational Church, he taught Junior High Sunday School classes.

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Even in his later years, when he was slowed by heart disease, he actively maintained this interest, unflinchingly photographing every train he saw and savoring the latest railroad history books to come off the presses. He would publish a selection of favorite photos in "The Dogwood Farm Doin's," a Christmas newsletter he produced each year and circulated to several hundred friends.

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## Family Safe After Tangle With Boxcars

Mrs. Patrick Dunne and her children, Andrea and Daniel, of 348 Springgreen Dr. SE, escaped serious injury last week when their car was smashed in a collision with a Grand Trunk Western Railroad train in Ada Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Dunne told Kent County Sheriff's deputies that the warning system at the crossing on Kulkroos Ave. was not operating. Her Pinto slid into the rear of a second car and was hit by each of the other cars. The final impact was delivered by the caboose which swung the car around the threw it into a ditch on the east side of the street. The compact car was demolished.

Mrs. Dunne held three-year-old Andrea through the ordeal and told seven-year-old Daniel to lay down on the floor of the back seat. Miraculously, they were treated at Butterworth Hospital for only minor injuries.

Kent County Sheriff's deputies said the accident is under investigation. Deputy Steve Lille said that both the flashing red lights and the bell system were operating when he arrived at the scene. However, Mrs. Dunne said a man from the railroad went to a nearby signal pole and activated the warning system after the accident.

## Approves License Request

Lowell City Council attended to annual "housekeeping" tasks at their meeting Tuesday night. Councilmen set the date for their meetings for all of 1979, authorized pro-rated payments of funds to the Kent County Library system for local public library service and authorized partial payment for work completed at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant to Williams and Works, Inc.

In other action the Council approved a local level entertainment and dance license in conjunction with a Class C liquor license at Larkin's Saloon. It now awaits approval of the State Liquor Control Commission.

Quarterly work/study sessions were also scheduled by the Council.

## Attwood Names New Executive

Philip F. Globig has been named Vice President of Marketing for the Attwood Corporation, according to an announcement made by Donald Rochelleau, President. Globig has a strong background in leisure product marketing. He was most recently Assistant Vice President of Product Planning for Starcraft Corporation of Goshen, Indiana, a major manufacturer of boats and recreational vehicles.

He will have the responsibility for directing Attwood's product planning, market research and analysis. His duties will also include direct supervision of all advertising and merchandising activities.

Globig holds an M.B.A. from Michigan State, and a B.B.A. in Business from Eastern Michigan. He is married and has two children.

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## Two Checks Presented



Two checks in the amount of five thousand dollars each, were presented to the Re-float the Lowell Showboat Committee at the Wednesday, December 20 meeting of the Lowell Rotary Club. The donations from the Steelcase Foundation and the Grand Rapids Foundation and a \$5,000 check from Amway Corporation that was received earlier, represent the largest individual contributions of the drive.

The drive itself, is nearing its \$50,000 goal and it is hoped that the new car raffle will put it well over the top by the March 10 drawing date. Raffle tickets for the new car donated by the Lowell Automobile Dealers Association are available at several area locations.

In the above photo are: Chet Hill, Director of the Grand Rapids Foundation, David Hunting, Sr., Director of the Steelcase Foundation, Chuck Lippert, President of the Lowell Showboat Corporation and Don Rochelleau, Co-chairman of the Re-float the Lowell Showboat Committee.

## Legion Aids Showboat Effort

The American Legion Post donated \$1,303.10 to the Lowell Re-float the Showboat Project.

The money was earned via a project run by the American Legion Lanes and Skating Rink with the Legion Post matching the amount raised. The Lanes raised \$148.55 while the Rink brought in \$503 for a total of \$651.55. By matching this amount the Legion handed over a check for \$1,303.10.

## Royal Coach Joins Realty World

Raymond J. Weidenfeller Robert W. Whitehead

Broker Raymond J. Weidenfeller and co-owner Robert W. Whitehead have announced the affiliation of their real estate firm with Realty World, an international organization of franchised independent Realtors with approximately 100 offices in Michigan and over 1300 throughout the United States and Canada.

Located at 4362 Cascade Rd., S.E., the company will now be known as Realty World-Royal Coach.

Weidenfeller, who has been involved in real estate since 1970, is a graduate of Davenport College where he earned his degree in Marketing and Sales. He holds the Lifetime Senior Sales award of the Grand Rapids Board of Realtors and is in his third year as a member of the board's Education Committee.

Bob Whitehead is sales manager of the full-service real estate firm which serves the greater Grand Rapids area including Ada, Cascade, East Grand Rapids, Forrest Hills, Grandville, Kentwood, Wyoming and surrounding areas.

A graduate of Taylor University, Whitehead has earned both the Million Dollar Sales and Senior Sales awards of the Grand Rapids Board of Realtors. He is chairman of the board's Meetings Committee.

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Don Rochelleau, chairman of the Re-float the Showboat campaign, receives a check for \$1,303.10 from American Legion Post Commander Barry Emmons.

## Save-A-Life Saturday

Longtime Ada resident, Mrs. Campbell Steketee (Mame) and Gary Skinner of 7203 Driftwood Drive in Ada are among those persons who have agreed to kick off the new year by donating blood.

WOOD Radio and the Grand Valley Blood Program will co-sponsor a special blood drive, called "Save-A-Life-Saturday," on January 6. The blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller, NE, in Grand Rapids.

Bruce Grant, Bill Struyk and General Manager, Michael Lareau, are among the WOOD Radio personnel who will donate blood. WOOD will be featuring live broadcasts from the blood drive throughout the day.

The public is invited to participate. Donors must be 18 years

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CHICKEN TAKE-OUT  
Thursday night, Liver & onions; Saturday night.

SEZZLER NIGHT

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## Shrine Circus Due In January

Saladin Shrine Circus will appear in the George Welsh Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, the week of January 22nd thru the 28th, with sixteen performances.

This year, the Shriners will present the most exciting circus in 49 years of presenting the best in the circus world to Western Michigan. Monday afternoon, January 22nd, has been set aside as crippled children's matinee. Arrangements are in the making to bring crippled and handicapped children from all of Western Michigan.

The advance ticket sale at this time indicates a record breaking attendance. Mail orders and phone reservations are being taken at the Shrine Circus Office Saladin Mosque. Call 458-0011.

KEEP UP WITH THE JONESES  
Don't be the last in your neighborhood to subscribe to the Ledger. \$5 a year in Kent & Ionia Co., \$6.50 elsewhere. 897-9261.



# Society Notes...

## Kiefner-Lee Vows Spoken

Ruth Lee and John David Kiefner were wed on December 16. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lee, 13675 52nd St., Lowell. Wedding ceremonies were conducted by Mr. Morton Lowenstein in Erdenheim, Pa. Mrs. Cheryl Knote was Matron of Honor and Mr. David Baker served as Best Man. Junior bridesmaid was Miss Lisa Baker. The couple now reside at 4944 Rubicon St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Focus On Education

Women of the Moose will meet for Chapter Night on Monday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m. Brenda Miller, chairman of Child Care, will conduct the program on the Educational Program at Mooseheart, nursery through high school. Mooseheart offers two years of nursery school starting at age three, one year of kindergarten, six years of elementary, two years of junior high and four years of high school. The Women of the Moose send money each month to the Mooseheart Scholarship fund.

## Couple To Wed In Feb.



Phillip Wittenbach and Karen Ritter

Donald and Donna Ritter, 401 Maple, Redding, MI, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen to Phillip Wittenbach, son of Glenn and Lois Wittenbach, 13077 Three Mile Rd., Lowell. Karen is a graduate of Faith Christian School, Quincy, MI, and is employed by the Lowell State Savings Bank. Phil is a graduate of Lowell High School and works at Con-

sumer's Power Plant as a construction worker for Well Point De-Watering Corp. Their wedding is planned for February.

## Womens Club To Host Safety Program

The Womens Club of Lowell will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the lounge of the Schneider Manor on Sevier Road. The program chairman, Mrs. Davis, has arranged for a talk on our Safety Division of the Michigan State Federation of Womens Clubs. Also, Mrs. Kelly will show a film called "City Out of Wilderness" concerning Washington, D.C. Hostess Mrs. Ellis and her committee of Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Poe, Mrs. Kropf and Mrs. Johnson, will serve refreshments during the social hour.

## Paul Wittenbach Graduates

After finishing studies at LeTourneau College this December, Paul Wittenbach has accepted a welding engineering position with Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. LeTourneau College, a four year Christian liberal arts college which specializes in engineering, is located in Longview, Texas. During his 3 1/2 years at LeTourneau Paul also earned two varied cross-country letters and served as a reporter for the school newspaper. He spent one year at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music before transferring to the engineering program. Mom used to scrub them thoroughly and cook them with their "jackets" on. They tasted delicious with rich, creamy milk gravy. We really enjoyed them. They were tiny, but the matter of size did not lessen their flavor. It is not necessarily the big things in life that give us the most enjoyment. Neither is it always the big gifts we give that bring the greatest blessings. We can give smiles to all we meet. Prayers are always welcomed. We can pray regularly for our friends and loved ones.

## Red Cross Offers First Aid Courses

An Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course will be conducted by the Kent County Red Cross chapter beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 17. This course will be held for 20 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross building at 1050 Fuller, NE. This 60-hour course is open to the public. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. The class instruction is free, but there is a \$5.25 fee for books and supplies. Enrollment is on a first-come basis, and pre-registration is mandatory. For information or to register, call the Red Cross Safety Services Office at 456-8661.

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## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Whoever shall give to another one of these little cups of cold water... shall in no wise lose his reward (Matthew 10:42). Small potatoes could be purchased inexpensively - several years ago, and many families derived much nourishment from them. We often say "little taters." Perhaps some of you have eaten the, too. Mom used to scrub them thoroughly and cook them with their "jackets" on. They tasted delicious with rich, creamy milk gravy. We really enjoyed them. They were tiny, but the matter of size did not lessen their flavor. It is not necessarily the big things in life that give us the most enjoyment. Neither is it always the big gifts we give that bring the greatest blessings. We can give smiles to all we meet. Prayers are always welcomed. We can pray regularly for our friends and loved ones.

## New Policy On Beauty Salon Tips

The Board of Directors of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association (NCHA) has unanimously adopted a new policy on salon gratuities. The policy states: "The National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association believes that gratuities in connection with salon services undermine the professionalism of the individual membership." NCHA President William Ware states, "NCHA is very concerned about the image projected by professional cosmetologists. We have devoted much effort and time in trying to convince the American public that cosmetologists are professionals who have worked hard to become thoroughly knowledgeable about all phases of beauty care."

## PLANTARIUM PRESENTS PROGRAM ON SOLAR ECLIPSE

A natural phenomenon will occur Monday, February 26, 1979, when for the last time in the 20th Century there will be a total eclipse of the sun. Although it will not be a total eclipse in Western Michigan, it will be the largest partial eclipse since 1954. In preparation for its coming, the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum will present a day show entitled "The Great Solar Eclipse of February 26, 1979." Through the use of a dramatic eclipse projector, the moon will come directly between the sun and earth producing an eerie twilight in the middle of the day and reveal the beautiful solar corona. The show is scheduled to begin January 4 through the 28th. Instructions will be given for viewing the local partial eclipse and advice will be given for the precautionary measures which should be taken to safely observe the event without eye damage. Sky shows will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 and 3:45. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75¢ for students. Special performances for groups of 35 or more can be arranged by calling 456-3965 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

## ROTH-GERST FUNERAL HOME

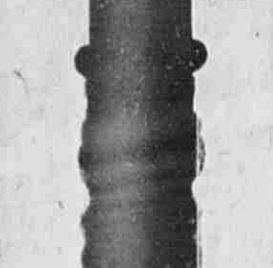
3060 Alden Nash, S.E. (2 miles south of Lowell) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m. DR. DARRELL WILSON - 897-5300 (Cribbery & Nursery Provided)

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2700 East Fulton Road Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. PASTOR RAYMOND A. HEINE Asst. Pastor CHRISTOPHER D. ANDERSON Nursery Provided

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We can look for the best in others and do acts of kindness when opportunity is given. Do not wait until you can make a great contribution to the Lord's cause, but give what you have - today, even if it is only a "cup of cold water" or a few "little taters." Prayer: Dear Jesus, accept my gratitude for Thy gifts to me. Help me to give what I have to others. My gifts are not great, but Thou hast promised that the smallest shall not go unrewarded. Amen. "Cup of cold water" or a few "little taters." My peevish and pitiless answer ran: "Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through, "Just give all the Master says giving to you." Author Unknown

## Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 18, 1978. The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll was called.

Present: Councilmen Carter, Warning, Collins, and Christiansen. Absent: Councilman Heath. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that Councilman Heath's absence be excused, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Carried. IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Minutes of the December 18 meeting be approved by the Council, supported by Warning. Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Carter that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Christiansen. Yes: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Warning and Collins. Absent: Councilman Heath.

## BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$22,414.30
Major Street	2,181.81
Local Street	3,220.14
Sewer Fund	913.39
Water Fund	846,284.12
Equipment Fund	1,835.81
Federal Revenue Sharing	14.56
Trust and Agency Fund	900.00

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Final Payment To Globe Industries, Inc. Council then discussed the proposed resolution authorizing final payment to Globe Industries, Inc. The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Carter for adoption.

WHEREAS, Globe Industries, Inc. has completed a settlement with the City of Lowell for payment to suppliers of goods and labor at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant (Ground Storage Tank); and

WHEREAS, there remains \$812.19 which is due and payable to Globe Industries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the law firm Miller, Johnson, Snell & Summsky, Globe Industries representative has requested that the check be made payable jointly to said law firm and Globe Industries, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary FmHA documents approving said payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute a check in the amount of \$812.19 jointly payable to Miller, Johnson, Snell & Summsky and Globe Industries, Inc. Carried.

Resolution Approving An Engineering Agreement With Fishback, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. Council then discussed consideration of a resolution approving an engineering agreement with Fishback, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. The following resolution was offered by Councilman Carter and supported by Councilman Warning.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell desires to enter into an agreement with Fishback, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for the purpose of preparing an EPA-DNR Step I Facility Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, said agreement proposed a lump payment of \$8,500.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 1979

Mon., Jan. 8: Italian Spaghetti, Fiesta Salad, French Bread, Fruit, Milk. Tues., Jan. 9: Barbecued and Pickled, Buttered Corn or Peas, Tossed Salad, Choice of Fruit, Cookies or Bars, Milk. Wed., Jan. 10: Roast Beef and Gravy on Fluffy Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls or Bread, Jello with Whip or Fruit, Milk. Thurs., Jan. 11: Tacos with Meat, Cheese and Lettuce, Buttered Fresh Peas, Biscuits or Cornbread, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Fri., Jan. 12: Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Raisin Bread or Rolls, Choice of Chocolate Pudding with Whip or Fresh Fruit, Milk.

## Coming Events

MON., JAN. 8: WOTM Chapter Night at 8 p.m. Brenda Miller, chairman of child care program. TUES., JAN. 9: Evening Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. for their mid-winter dinner at the home of Gladys Fletcher. Co-hostesses for the evening will be Gladys Thorne, Betty Coons, Alana McPherson and Olive Clark. A book review will be given by Helen McMahon. THURS., JAN. 11: Lowell Area Arts Council general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Nominations for officers and much business on agenda. Members are urged to attend this important meeting. MON., JAN. 15: WOTM Business night at 8 p.m. upstairs at the Moose Lodge. TUES., JAN. 16: Kent County Order will result in a default judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court. STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. JACK BRODEUR, Clerk. M. DIEDRICH, Deputy Clerk. 1/4/79

## looking back... thirty years ago

New postal rates were announced with practically all rates raising except the three cent first class letter rate and the popular penny postcard. The first rate permit to be granted in Lowell in over ten years is given to the owners of Weekes Grocery, located at Lowell's west village limit. Over 400 people signed the register at Lowell's community nativity scene and left a total of \$10.73 in the collection box for use in maintaining the scene. A statement of condition of Lowell's State Savings Bank showed assets of just over three million dollars. Only once or twice during World War II, were assets ever higher and then, only slightly.

## forty years ago

Governor Fitzgerald appoints C.H. Runciman as the chairman of the state's Emergency Welfare Commission. Runciman had served on the Commission in the past, but was ousted in 1937 when Governor Murphy took office. Melville B. McPherson is appointed to head the State Tax Commission. This appointment also came from Governor Fitzgerald.

## fifty years ago

Also re-elected, Dr. George Thorndike, celebrated his twenty-fifth year of practice in that community. Harold Englehardt buys from R.E. Springett, his entire stock holdings in the Lowell Granite Co. It is noted in the article, that the company was founded over fifty years ago making the Lowell Granite Co. over 100 years old. E.M. Johnson (Uncle Marcus), editor of the Ledger, is ill and confined to bed. E.R. Kniffin takes over Johnson's position in his absence. The predictions saying that hamburger prices may rise to a record two dollars per pound by the end of 1979, are really disheartening when one considers that it was selling for eighteen cents per pound fifty years ago at Lowell's Wayne's Market.

## twenty years ago

Jack Fonger, Elmer Schaefer, G.E. Thompson and Herm Scholten file petitions with the Lowell Village Clerk to run for the three openings on the village board. After being burned out in the big Main Street fire, Mel Bush makes plans to move his tavern to its present location on West Main Street. Wrestling is introduced as a new varsity sport at Lowell High School and will be coached by Don Kelly.

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IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Jesus Perez, answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 7th day of February, 1979. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a default judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court. STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. EARLY M. LYONS, Deputy Clerk. 1/4/79

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# Council Proceedings...

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a lump sum engineering agreement between the City of Lowell and Fishback, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for the purposes stated above.

Carried. Absent: Councilman Heath. Discussion of Police Car Purchasing Policy IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Carter, supported by Councilman Warning to authorize the City Manager to investigate new techniques for the purchase of police cars. The following resolution was offered.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell is interested in purchasing a police cruiser; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the City attempt, on a trial basis, to negotiate said purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate the purchase of a 1979 police cruiser; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the normal bid requirements are hereby waived. Carried. Absent: Councilman Heath.

## Discussion of Proposed Southwell Property Trade

The Council then discussed the proposed property trade between the City of Lowell, (Foreman Road Property), and Tom Southwell, (Country Roads, Inc. property). The discussion centered upon the value of the two parcels of land and the future use of the Middle School parking lot.

The Council was advised by the City Manager that based upon current opinion it would be necessary to advertise the entire parcel of land for sale before making any trade arrangements or outright sales agreement. The Council

## Council Remarks

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Warning inquired about the purchasing of the fire truck with Manager Quada assuring the council that the fire truck has been ordered and all the paper work has been completed.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Carter to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., supported by Councilman Christiansen. Carried.

Approved: J. COLLINS, Mayor DEAN E. JOHNSON, City Clerk RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

## Measles, Mumps, Rubella Rampant

Parents did you know that there have been 7,858 cases of Measles, 1,523 cases of Mumps, 3,281 cases of Rubella, reported in Michigan this year? Measles is occurring in grade school age groups and is also affecting young people in high schools and colleges. We urge protection of your child. If you're not sure of your child's protection, call your Doctor or Health Department.

## Legal Notices...

FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this case. STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. B. L. K. ULANCH, Deputy Clerk. 12/20-10

FAMILY LAW CENTER 1201 McKay Tower Grand Rapids, MI 49503 ORDER FOR PUBLICATION & TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT DEBRA LEE BREWER Plaintiff.

VS. CHARLEY JONES Defendant. At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 19th day of December, 1978, by Debra Lee Brewer, Plaintiff, against Charley Jones, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Charley Jones, answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 19th day of March, 1979. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a default judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court. STUART HOFFIUS, Circuit Court Judge. ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. EARLY M. LYONS, Deputy Clerk. 1/4/79

NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Kent. ESTATE OF JOSEPH LESTER HOWARD, DECEASED. File No. 133275

TAKE NOTICE: On January 10, 1979, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the Hon. A. Dale Stoppels, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Ralph T. Howard for probate of a purported Will of the deceased dated April 2, 1966, and dated April 2, 1967, for granting of administration to Ralph T. Howard, the named executor having declined to act, or some other suitable person, and for a determination of the estate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented on or before March 1, 1979. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record in this proceeding. Dated: December 20, 1978. Attorney for Petitioner: Robert J. DeBoer, 1125 W. Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 Phone 897-9218

VS. HATTIE PEARL DUNCAN SSN Defendant. At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 17th day of November, 1978, by Hattie Pearl Duncan, Plaintiff, against Robert J. DeBoer, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 2003 E. Knox, Galesburg, Illinois, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 1st day of March, 1979.

FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this case. Stuart Hoffius, Circuit Court Judge. Examined, Countersigned and Entered: F. L. ROBINSON, Deputy Clerk. WILLIE LOUIS DUNCAN, II SSN 363-36-1117 Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Kent. ESTATE OF ELMER WALLMARK, DECEASED. File No. 133293

TAKE NOTICE: On January 22, 1979, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the Hon. A. Dale Stoppels, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Helen Coblin for granting of administration in said estate to Kenneth Kroft, or some other suitable person, and for a determination of the estate as may be permitted by law on or before the 16th day of February, 1979.

Attorney for Petitioner: Ralph T. Howard, Petitioner 2063 Parnell Ave., NE Lowell, MI 49331

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# Area Sports...

## Wildcats Bury Saranac

Eight Lakeview wrestlers recorded pins in a lopsided 66-8 victory for the Wildcats over league rival Saranac.

Four of the five remaining weight classes were forfeited, three to Lakeview and one to Saranac and the other match

ended in a decision win for Saranac.  
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## Penalty Box Full: Lowell Wins

Lowell's hockey team marked a 4-3 victory over Northview Thursday night in a tough meet that saw 60 minutes of penalties assessed, 30 for each team.

With spirits running high in the fast paced game, four of the seven goals come on power plays. The first goal came from Lowell's Steve Ries on a slap shot from the blue line into the net while three players (two from Northview) waited it out in the penalty box.

Northview scored two more goals before the Red Arrows tied with a goal just before the period ended. Northview goalie Pat Brooks kept the Wildcats in the game as he stymied 38 of 42 Lowell attempts.

Northview had trouble passing and managed only one more goal while Lowell was short-handed.

The third period included a fight and 42 minutes of penalties. Lowell goalie Mike Police repelled a Northview attempt, and Ries pulled in a pass from Greg Janesheck to score as both teams lacked a player.

Lowell now stands four wins against two defeats.



Lowell's Hockey team congratulates each other for marking a 4-3 victory over Northview.

## Ionia Trims Lowell 89-62

Ionia's Bulldogs made a clean sweep of the courts with victories over Lowell's Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19.

With four starters in double figures, the Bulldogs outpointed the Red Arrows in goals and from the free throw line. Gary Bushong had a great night with 29 points and Dan Scholten hit for 20 points. Guards Mike Eddington and Gordon Conrad tossed in 16 and 12 points, respectively. Ionia did well at the foul line, as well, shooting 77 percent.

The Red Arrows were paced by Ken Wittenbach with 22 points and D. Wittenbach with 10. Lowell hit only 39 percent in field goals and made just 8 of 14 charity tosses.

**Junior Varsity**  
Lowell JV's bowed to Ionia on Tuesday evening, 55-30.  
Play see-sawed in the first

period, but the Bulldog's took the lead as the period ended and never gave it up.

In the first minutes of the second quarter, Lowell drew to within a point, 12-11, but Ionia pushed ahead with nine consecutive points to secure their advantage.

**Freshmen**  
Previously unbeaten Lowell freshmen were beaten 52-40 by Ionia Tuesday evening.

Ionia took the lead early, ending the first period with a 15-8 lead. Lowell was slow to recover but had pulled to within 5 points at the half. By the end of the third quarter, Lowell had tied the score at 33-33. Ionia had a shooting spurt with 12 straight baskets at the end of the final period while Lowell came up dry.

Jim Klein led the Bulldogs with 20 points. Bob Schrenk paced Lowell with 20.

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## Rams Over Lowell 6-4

Grand Rapids Central's hockey team came out on top in a hard hitting hockey match against Lowell on Tuesday, Dec. 19. The final tally stood 6-4.

The Rams took a 3-1 lead after the first period. The Red Arrow first line came alive in the second period and narrowed Central's lead to 5-4. Bob

McGrew and Steve Ries did the honors, adding to their personal point totals to keep them among the top five scorers in the West Michigan Hockey Association.

A total of 13 penalties were issued in the final 15 minutes. In a rather amazing statistic, Lowell outshot Central 40-19. Lowell now stands 3-2.

## Northern Overcomes Lowell

In game action last Friday night, Lowell was defeated by Forest Hills Northern by a score of 65-50.

Lowell came out with an enthusiastic offense and struck early to lead 16-5 with 3 minutes left in the first quarter. Ken Wittenbach and Darryl Dumas led the early scoring.

Forest Hills then came back under the excellent playing of Rich Mais to tie the score 18-18 at the end of the 1st quarter. The second quarter turned into a see-saw battle resulting in a 32-30 half-time score.

The Huskies came back in the 3rd quarter to increase their lead by 46-34. In the fourth quarter, it only took substitute Dave Eserwald about 10 seconds on the floor to score.

High scorers for Lowell for the evening were Ken Wittenbach with 12, Bob Bieri with 7, Ron Kempker and Darryl Dumas with 6, and Gary Ellison with 5.

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Darryl Dumas led the rebounding with 7, and Ken Wittenbach with 6.

High scorer for the Huskies was Kerry Smith with 21 points. This Friday, Lowell will be hosting Coopersville. Freshmen start at 4:00, J.V. at 6:15 and Varsity at 8:00.

**ROTARY NOTES**

Lowell Rotarians commenced the holiday season by honoring the LHS football team and concluded with the annual family Christmas gathering.

On December 20 Coach Gary Rivers and the football squad were guests of the club. Coach Rivers, presented by Charles Doyle, introduced the players. His talk was a demonstration of the improved (and costly) equipment now used in outfitting a football team.

Also featured at the December 20 meeting was the presentation of \$10,000 to the Lowell Showboat Corporation. With Rotary President Don Rocheleau presiding, Chet Hall of the Grand Rapids Foundation and David Hunting of the Steelcase Foundation each presented a \$5,000 check to Chuck Lippert, Showboat President, and Dr. Clark Vredenberg, Vice President.

The family Christmas meeting on December 27 included over 100 members, wives, children, grandchildren and guests. The entertainment was provided by Wes Sanders and Debra Wise, members of a theater group based in Oberlin, Ohio.

Their program included a reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas and a playlet drawn from "The Chalk Circle" by Berthold Brecht. The play, which combined several types of puppetry, mime, sound effects and straight drama, concerned the measurement of the true meaning of motherhood.

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