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Newell Mfg. Plans Expansion

The Lowell City Council was presented with yet another request for industrial tax relief under Public Act 198. This request originates from Newell Manufacturing, a division of The Citation Companies, a small Grand Rapids based conglomerate.

Citation president James D. Hazzard made the presentation to the council at their regular meeting of Monday, December 3, 1979. In his presentation, Hazzard pointed out that Newell has experienced substantial growth in the past two years and that an addition of 30 to 35 thousand square feet is being contemplated. A very preliminary and rough estimate of the new addition, with new equipment installed, was put at \$850,000 to one million dollars.

Hazzard stated that Newell is currently operating beyond capacity and is renting warehouse space all over town on short term leases. Part of the new addition would be used for warehousing. Newell's primary products are contracted parts for the auto industry and a small amount of residential window and door hardware. The number of employees has jumped from 63 in 1978 to a current 100 with

20 to 25 more expected to be added in the next year. Salaries at the plant have risen proportionately showing \$646,000 paid out in 1978 to \$1,162,000 to be paid this year. Projections for 1980 show salaries will rise to \$1,495,000.

In his remarks, Hazzard said that the new addition would be the same type of manufacturing as at present with the exception of the installation of some extruding equipment. Hazzard stated that he feels Newell is a clean plant, not only in appearance, but also by the Environmental Protection Agency's standards.

The current Newell facility sits on 9.2 acres, 5.2 of which is not in use allowing plenty of room for the expansion. Hazzard stated candidly that Citation would prefer to build in Lowell, but they do have other alternatives should any problems arise.

Public Act 198 allows for up to a 50% property tax exemption for up to 12 years to be applied to any new building and its equipment that will provide new jobs and revenue in a community. This relief applies only to the city's assessments as any loss in school tax revenue is

reimbursed by the state.

At present, about 6% of Lowell's total state equalized valuation is currently under Public Act 198. Local companies benefiting from this tax relief are: C. J. Christoff and Sons, Inc., King Milling Co., Attwood Corporation, Metric Manufacturing, Inc., and Michigan Wire Processing, Inc. These companies, of course, vary greatly in the amounts that they qualify for and some have tax relief for more than one addition.

The Council has been split over allowing more Public Act 198 relief in recent years with each new application meeting with much debate and a split vote. All requests for 198 relief have passed however. The two most recent requests have only been granted six years instead of the full twelve that were granted to all previous requests.

Part of the reason for the Council's reluctance comes from the fact that in the beginning, 198 was limited by the state to 5% of a community's total S.E.V., but that restriction has been lifted. Some of the Councilmen feel that the 5% limit was prudent and should still be imposed by the city.

Councilmen in favor of 198 relief feel that it is in the best interest of the community to attract new business and stimulate expansion by using 198. Their argument usually follows the line of "half of something is better than all of nothing."

A public hearing on Newell's request was set for Monday, January 7, 1980. It was pointed out that two new councilmen will then be on the council, Jim Maatman and Jack Fonger. Both were present to hear the discussion Monday night.

In other council business, two changes were made in the city ordinances. One change pertained to the planning commission which is comprised of nine members. In the past, it was dictated by the ordinance that the mayor, city manager, and one representative from the council serve on the planning commission as voting members. The present council felt that there was a conflict of interest in many cases because of the dual role of these officials, especially in the mayor's case as it is the mayor's duty to appoint the planning commission members. The planning commission will be left at nine members, but all will be citizens that hold no other municipal office.

The other ordinance change concerned the zoning board of appeals. The planning commission used to serve as the zoning board of appeals. With the ordinance change, the city council will now serve as the zoning board of appeals. The reason for this is that the planning commission is too large and unwieldy (nine members), and did not meet often enough (once a month). In many cases, it took up to two months for a ruling on a zoning variance.

The council okayed the city manager to pursue engineering studies regarding the extension of sewer lines along M-21 to the west. The city's sewer lines

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currently end at the eastern edge of Valley Vista trailer park. Since there is land available for new businesses and apartments to the west, the city manager feels that the city should look into the feasibility of providing services there.

City Manager Ray Quada informed the council that Fedewa Bros. Construction has been denied funding for the construction of a senior citizen housing development by the F.H.A. Though the 1980 application was denied, the firm was almost assured funding for 1981 with the possibility of early commitment of funds in June or July of next year. The project is slated for construction in the Schneider Manor complex and will provide 60 to 75 units of low cost housing for senior citizens.

David Miller Retires, 30 Years With MDOT

Monday, Dec. 10 will be the last day on the job for David W. Miller, 224 Riverside Dr. After 30 years with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Miller will retire to spend more time with wife Pat as they travel to warmer climes, at least during the cruelest Michigan months.

Miller has been Project Engineer on major construction since 1959. He took courses in civil engineering at Michigan State University in 1943 and did further study in the early 50's with International Correspondence Schools. He began work for the state department, then called the Michigan State Highway Department, in 1949 in Remus, Michigan. He worked his way up through the ranks from rodman on a surveying team to instrument man heading the surveying crew, and finally was promoted to Project Engineer after passing his civil service exam.

Some of the major highway projects that Miller was involved with include highways at Muskegon, Kalamazoo, the Brighton interchange and the Edsel Ford Freeway. He was Project engineer for the \$3.2 million 4-lane divided highway from the East Beltline to Amway and the \$400,000 resurfacing of M-21 from Ada through Lowell to the Ionia County line.

Miller lived in Lowell in the late 1930s and early '40s and returned with his family to live here in 1968. The Miller's four sons are all on their own now: James, of Cedar Springs, is married and works for MDOT; top; Lloyd lives and works in Grand Rapids; Charles is a resident of Lowell; and Paul is in his junior year at Michigan Tech majoring in civil engineering.

A member of the Lowell Board of Education from 1971-79, Miller finished his second four-year term this past summer. He served as secretary of the Board for two years and was president of the Board in '78-79. Prior to taking a seat on the Board, Miller chaired a citizen's committee to successfully pass the millage. While in office, a major building program was accomplished with the building of the Middle School, and additions to Bushnell and Alto Schools.

A member of the Lowell Masonic Lodge, Miller is a Past Master.

According to wife Pat, they plan to leave Michigan for Arizona bright and early next Tuesday morning. "Just let us know when the snow leaves," she said, "and we'll be back."

Try-Outs Set For LAAC Play

Try-outs for the Lowell Area Arts Council's winter play will be Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road in Lowell, according to director Kim Hoag. The play, which is scheduled for production February 21, 22 and 23, is "The Haunting of Hill House" by Andrew Leslie. Seven persons will make up the cast of this 3-act suspense drama. Hoag will be auditioning persons for three men's parts and four women's parts. One of the men's parts calls for a young man in his 20's or 30's, while the other two parts call for middle-aged or older men. The women's roles are two young women (in their twenties) and two middle-aged women.

Play booklets can be checked out for two days by persons considering trying-out for this play. To obtain these copies of the script, see Dolores Dey or Shirley Smith at That "Special" Place on Main Street.

Hoag directed the LAAC's very successful production of "See How They Run" last February and feels he has chosen a play which will appeal to a wide audience. Further information can be acquired by calling co-producers Gil and Jeanne Wise at 897-5721.

Group Vows To Rebuild Ada Bridge

Members of a group dedicated to seeing the Ada Covered Bridge rebuilt were elated at the turnout of their first meeting last week. Nearly 75 people attended the meeting to voice their overwhelming approval and support for the venture.

According to Bud Lock of Ada, an estimate for rebuilding has been received from Dan Vos of the Dan Vos Construction Company for \$91,000. The estimate does not include a charge for labor which Vos said would be the company's donation to the rebuilding effort.

An anonymous donor has offered to match the funds raised to complete the project.

New Kiosk Panels Are Now On Display

The Lowell Area Arts Council has made their contribution to Main Street's seasonal decorations with the placement of a new set of panels on the kiosk in the island of the Main Street parking lot.

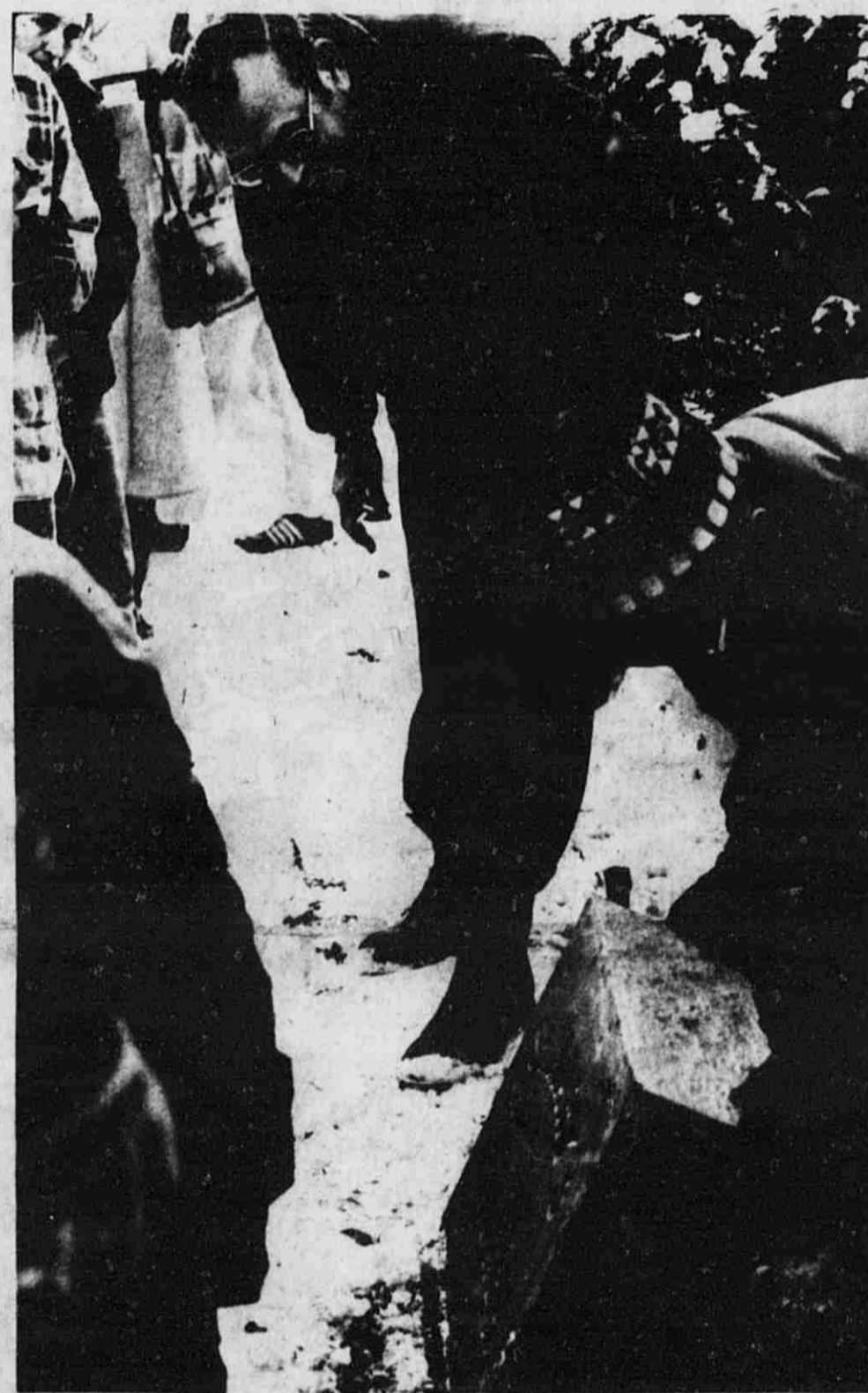
The scene on the panels was reproduced from the cover of the LAAC's Christmas party invitation, designed by Jan Johnson.

The scene depicts two skaters on the river near the Fallsburg Covered Bridge. Jan got her inspiration for this scene while reading the graffiti carved on the bridge. As is printed on one kiosk panel. "According to graffiti on the covered bridge at Fallsburg, on February 2, 1899, H.B. Williams, G. Hunter and E.H. Bank skated from Lowell to the bridge. . . It is not known how many left Lowell.

This kiosk was presented to the City of Lowell by the Lowell Area Arts Council shortly after its formation in spring of 1977. The kiosk design was executed and presented to the new arts council by Joe Kinnebrew. Kin-

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days, Lowell. 897-7566.

An Old Cornerstone Removed, And A New One Is Placed



Preparatory to the official laying of the cornerstone of the new church building for St. Mary's Church on Sunday, the cornerstone of the old church was removed on Saturday morning. With Leonard Hoag of Alto in charge of chipping the stone from the old church, with Fr. Tom Schiller and members of the parish waiting to see what the cornerstone contained, the anticipation was evident. To everyone's chagrin, there were no articles of memorabilia either behind the cornerstone or within it.

In a special ceremony on Sunday at 12:30, members of the parish joined Fr. Schiller and Fr. Jim Carmody of St. Patrick's parish in Portland, members of the parish council, building committee and service organizations in placing items in the new church cornerstone.



To paraphrase a familiar Christmas carol, the Lowell Area Arts Council has "Decked the Kiosk With Boughs of Holly" and brand new holiday panels. Located on the island in the Main Street parking lot, the Kiosk has served as an attractive herald of current local events since it was created in 1977.

nebrew then built the kiosk, assisted by Arts Council members. Since its installation on Main Street the kiosk has held a

series of panels designed by Arts Council members commemorating local events including the Fallsburg Fall Festival.

the Lowell Showboat, Artrain, the LAAC's Annual Winter Play, Christmas and school's opening. — Jill VanAntwerp.



ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Saturday, December 8, is a good afternoon to shop in Lowell. Again this year the area merchants and the Lowell Area Jaycees have teamed up to offer "Christmas Is For Kids," an afternoon of new cartoons, candy and even a visit from the fella who has a North Pole address. The fun begins at 12:30 in the Lowell Senior High School and ends at 3 p.m. The younger set will be supervised by the Jaycees and Jayettes. Tickets are available at Lipperts, That Special Place and Ben Franklin stores.

BELLS RING OUT

The bells of St. Mary's Church in Lowell are being rung at noon to signify the prayer for release of the 50 hostages being held in Iran. Take a minute to join in the hope of their early release and the peaceful settlement of a very tense situation.

WINTER HOME

The Lowell Showboat was moved last Saturday to its winter home, the old dock behind Luchesi's Pizza. Local Showboaters who braved the freezing temperature to help in the move were: Roger Brown, Ivan Blough, Jim Hall, Bill Barber, Jason Barber and Dean Collins.

GRAND OPENING

With a name change and expanded service, Gray's Upholstery is now Gray's Carpet and Upholstery. During their Grand Opening celebration there will be special prices in effect on all floor coverings.

BR-R-R-R

National Weather Service officials are predicting that the sale of long-johns should skyrocket with the Midwest slated for its fourth straight nasty winter. The Service says we in the Great Lakes area are likely to remain drier than usual, but with only a 65% accuracy rating, we're betting that no one will throw away their snow shovel.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in property damage accidents this week were: Timothy Maxim of Wyoming, MI when he was struck on M-21 near Division by Shirley Cornell of Lowell on Wednesday, Nov. 28; and Lorna Franks, who failed to yield right of way at Hudson and Chatham and struck a vehicle driven by Albert Hermans on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Injured in an accident on the South Hudson Street Bridge on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, was Robyn DeGraff of Kentwood when she lost control of her car on the ice, struck the bridge and spun into the path of a car driven by Adrian Sterzick.

Mary Lacie was driving on Grand River near Segwun when she struck a horse owned by Ed Rash in the hind quarter, fracturing its leg. She told officers that she did not see the animal until too late and could not avoid striking it because of another vehicle stopped at the site. The horse is being treated for the fracture. There were no other injuries.

Lowell officers investigated 23 accidents in November of which five were injury accidents. The total number of accident complaints investigated to date is 211 compared to 212 last year. Lowell Rescue responded to two accident scenes.

STRAND Theatre

FRI., DEC. 7

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MON., DEC. 10

What happens when kids grow up and parents don't.

Rich Kids

ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

MONDAY IS BARGAIN NIGHT

Construction Of New Southeast YMCA Begins

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$1,277,000 Southeast Family YMCA Branch will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 8:45 a.m. at the site, 730 Forest Hills, S.E. near the corner of Forest Hills Avenue and Ada Drive, S.E.

The new family center will be located on 11.6 acres of land owned by the YMCA.

Construction of the facility will provide the Southeast Family YMCA Branch with its first permanent home since it opened in 1973. Operating from temporary offices at 6115 26th St., S.E., the branch last year served

more than 5,000 members and participants with a variety of decentralized programs using schools, churches and other facilities in the area.

The YMCA Building Fund Campaign, launched in 1976 with Richard F. Brush as general chairman, now has raised \$2,434,694 in pledges and cash toward a goal of \$2,841,966.

The YMCA plans expansion projects in the next six to nine months at four other sites in the metropolitan area from building campaign funds.

Fifteen LHS Students Earn All A's

The Lowell High School Honor Roll for the first marking period has been announced. Fifteen Senior High students earned all A's. They are: Seniors—Ted Daiter, Dolly Gerard, Mike Kaye, Daniel Sarniak, Doris Schoon, Sheila Smith, Junior—Mary Hooley; Sophomores—Meredith Althaus, Teresa Heintzema; Freshmen—Lorraine Althaus, Jim Gerard, Lawrence Knottnerus, Nancy Metterlich, Pamela Post, Evan Ristma.

To be included on the Honor Roll, a student must have a B average on all grades with no grade of C or lower.

SENIORS: Larry Abel, Terry Abel, Patricia Alderink, Tom Alexander, James Anderson, Jane Bailey, Christine Baird, Chris Bieri, Debbie Biggs, Kelly Bishop, Sheila Blain.

JUNIORS: Elaine Blasher, Brian Brown, Todd Bryan, Sandra Cain, Ronda Carey, Rick Churchill, Teresa Ciemena, Susan Condon, Christine Conlik, Jeanne Courser, Steve Covell.

Letters...

An Open Letter to the People of Lowell:

My husband never wanted me to write this—but now that it is gone I feel I can do so.

Seventeen years ago in a book "Welcome to Thebes" you all told it upon yourselves to proclaim far and wide that I was the girl in the book who had affairs with several boys at the same time—and also did various other promiscuous things.

All these years I've borne the hurt of this gossip, the condemnation and down-right slander from people I've known all my life. I have things to atone for as well as I can.

Also, I am writing this to stop the smearing of a lonely, old man, whose only crime was to feel sorry for a little girl with holes in her shoes and quite often not enough to eat. He was kind and decent to me.

As Jesus said, "Let those who are without sin cast the first stone." Let me tell you, words hurt far more than stones ever could; especially when they are not true.

As long as God knows I was not the girl maybe it should be enough. But the damage you have done can never be undone—and there will be a judgment day for all of us.

Ardie (VanWarmer) Lewis

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Also included is a complete listing of state-operated parks and recreation areas. Camping facilities at each park are described and information is furnished on the many privately-owned campsgrounds located throughout the region.

For a free copy of the "Southeast Michigan Outdoor Guide" write the Travel and Tourist Association of Southeast Michigan, American Center Bldg., Suite 350, 2777 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 48034.

Rotary Hosts Renowned Operatic Baritone

Operatic baritone Jake Gardner destroyed several prejudices about opera in his visit last Wednesday to the noon meeting of the Lowell Rotary. Says Gardner, "I thoroughly convinced his audience of 65 with a blend of informal conversation and performance."

Members of Lowell Rotary and their guests were treated last Wednesday to the rich baritone of Jake Gardner, an affable artist now appearing in the Grand Rapids area.

Gardner, a native of upstate New York, made his professional debut in 1979 and his Carnegie Hall debut in 1976. No stranger to the Grand Rapids area, Gardner has sung in the G.R. Symphony Mozart Festival and with the West Michigan Opera Company.

His selections ranged from a Shaker melody arranged by Aaron Copeland to short pieces from "Cosi Fan Tutte" and the Scottish opera "Mary, Queen of Scots".

Gardner's visit to the Grand Rapids area is sponsored by Acta Life & Casualty Foundation, the Grand Rapids Symphony, West Michigan Opera Company, Guardsman Chemical Co., Grand Valley State College, Lear Siegler Inc., Hoagli Wagon, William A. Bush, Jr., Press and Attwood Corporation.

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Rotary Hosts Renowned Operatic Baritone

Operatic baritone Jake Gardner destroyed several prejudices about opera in his visit last Wednesday to the noon meeting of the Lowell Rotary. Says Gardner, "I thoroughly convinced his audience of 65 with a blend of informal conversation and performance."

Members of Lowell Rotary and their guests were treated last Wednesday to the rich baritone of Jake Gardner, an affable artist now appearing in the Grand Rapids area.

Gardner, a native of upstate New York, made his professional debut in 1979 and his Carnegie Hall debut in 1976. No stranger to the Grand Rapids area, Gardner has sung in the G.R. Symphony Mozart Festival and with the West Michigan Opera Company.

His selections ranged from a Shaker melody arranged by Aaron Copeland to short pieces from "Cosi Fan Tutte" and the Scottish opera "Mary, Queen of Scots".

Gardner's visit to the Grand Rapids area is sponsored by Acta Life & Casualty Foundation, the Grand Rapids Symphony, West Michigan Opera Company, Guardsman Chemical Co., Grand Valley State College, Lear Siegler Inc., Hoagli Wagon, William A. Bush, Jr., Press and Attwood Corporation.

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Museum Needs Xmas Trees

The Grand Rapids Public Museum is in need of some Christmas trees to be used in several of its facilities during the holiday season.

The Public Museum will arrange to have the tree cut and hauled away. If you have a tree the Museum could use or know of one that is available, please call 456-3977.

Birds have survived millions of years without the aid of man. Populations have fluctuated greatly in those years, sometimes due to the availability of food. Bird feeders are a recent development, and although they probably don't significantly affect populations, there are some reasons for feeding birds.

Man has greatly altered the natural habitat of most birds. Meadows and thickets that produced many seeds for birds are disappearing, giving feeding stations a greater importance.

Winter is the most important time to feed birds as food is covered by snow and they must eat great amounts to maintain their high body temperature. The average body temperature of most perching birds is 105°F and it takes a great amount of food energy to maintain that level especially during cold, stormy periods. Seeds and suet are high in energy and are valuable foods for many birds.

Some local populations of Cardinals and Evening Grosbeaks may be increased with the availability of food during the winter. These birds learn where food is available and will stay close to the feeder. Birds are enjoyable to watch and feeders can be used to bring them close.

Regardless of how enthusiastic you become, it is important to feed the birds all winter once you start. Birds tend to congregate in areas where food is available and will soon starve if the food source is removed in a cold period.—Steve Harrington.

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Area Sports...

Students To Entertain At Bushnell P.T.C.

The Bushnell Parent Teachers Club will have a short business meeting this Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The meeting will be followed by entertainment provided by Bushnell students and the high school Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Bedis' second grade class will present a skit, and Ms. Gillette's fourth and fifth grade "noon hour" choir have been practicing hard to sing special-ty songs for the P.T.C. Mr. Rice's instrumental jazz group from the Lowell Senior High School will round out the evening's entertainment. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this special family event.

Grad To Play For GRJC



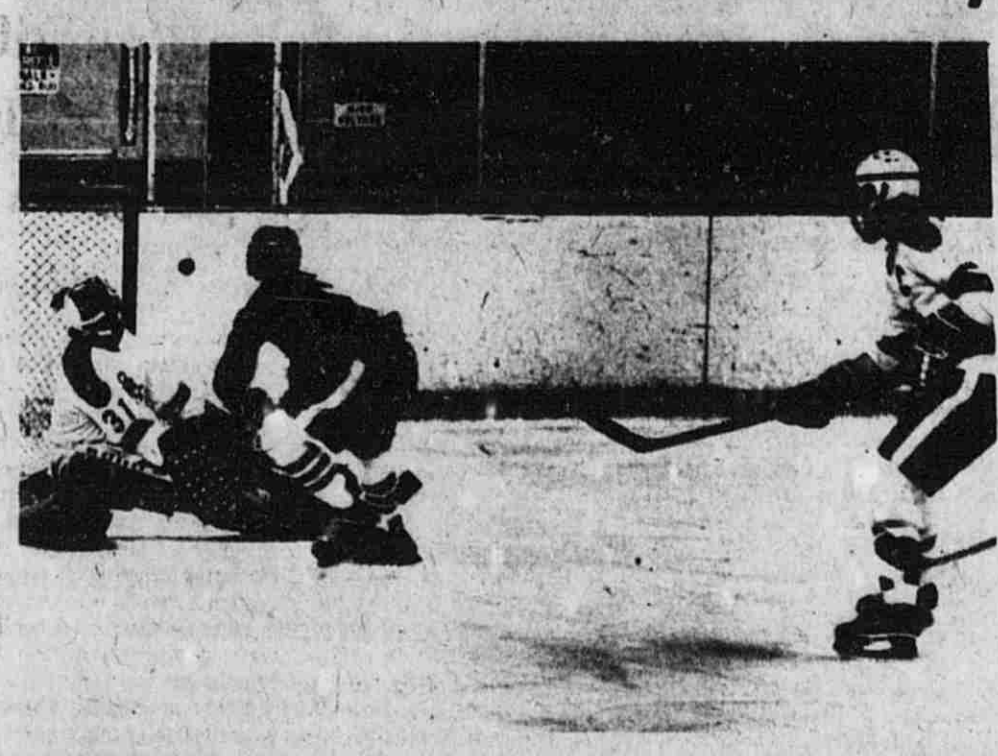
John Ellison, a sophomore at GRJC, will play a major role in the school's 1979-80 basketball season. He is a graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

A Lowell high school graduate, one of fifteen athletes expected to play a major role in the 1979-80 basketball season at Grand Rapids Junior College. John Ellison, currently a sophomore, will be filling a center spot as the season gets underway. According to Raider Coach Gene Paxton, "Our season just opened two weeks ago and we run until March. We're looking for a very successful season, and I feel John will make a valuable contribution to that effort."

John Ellison, from Lowell, stands at 6'4" tall and weighs in at 185 pounds.

PLANTS MAKE GREAT GIFTS. A week or so before Christmas, buy flowering plants for gifts and decorations. Make sure plants are wrapped well before you take them out of the store or florist's shop. Poinsettias and cyclamen, especially, are easily damaged by low temperatures.

Penalties Cost Lowell Second Victory



Steve Ries, Lowell's star center, drew an unfortunate four minute penalty at the close of the first period when he was unable to stop in time on a scoring drive and slid into the Ranger goalie. The Arrows were forced to play much of the second period without Ries, a real handicap.

In hockey action Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Lowell Red Arrows were defeated in a well-played game against the Forest Hills Rangers, 9-8.

An unfortunate four minute penalty at the close of the first period forced the Arrows to play 3 1/2 minutes of the second period short handed. The Arrows out-played and out-shot the Rangers, but that crucial second period upset led to the downfall of the LHS team.

Forest Hills opened scoring late in the first period with a goal by Ranger Marty Tittel. Lowell came back and tied the score with a goal by Brad Shambline. Only 30 seconds later, Lowell took the lead on a score by Lowell's star center Steve Ries. Unable to stop in time on his scoring drive, Ries ran into the goalie knocking him down which resulted in a four minute penalty. In the next two minutes, Ries, Shambline and McGrew each added another goal to make the score 8-7 with five minutes left in the game. Ranger Randy Smith scored to take a two goal advantage. With 2 1/2 minutes left in the game, Lowell put tremendous pressure on the Rangers' goal but goaltender Myron Molotsky made many exceptional saves to keep Forest Hills alive.

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Lowell regrouped during the brief intermission between periods and scored a quick goal by Paul Whaley early in the third period. The Rangers countered with another goal, this time by Shawn Tilleta. In the next two minutes, Ries, Shambline and McGrew each added another goal to make the score 8-7 with five minutes left in the game. Ranger Randy Smith scored to take a two goal advantage. With 2 1/2 minutes left in the game, Lowell put tremendous pressure on the Rangers' goal but goaltender Myron Molotsky made many exceptional saves to keep Forest Hills alive.

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Grapplers Start '79-80 Season

The Lowell Grapplers have a busy schedule planned for this week. "Meet the Team" will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the High School gym. The purpose of this is to familiarize the public with new rules, wrestling techniques and have final challenges.

Then on Thursday, Dec. 6, the Arrows will travel to Union High School for their first match of the season. J.V. action begins at 6:15 with Varsity following at 7:15.

The 1979-1980 wrestling team has an important Quad coming up at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, which Lowell will host. The schools include Forest Hills, Central, Alma, Muskegon and Catholic Central.

The coming season looks good for Lowell as they have only lost five graduated seniors, have returning Lettermen, and have gained a good crop of freshmen.

Local Student In CMU Concert Choir

Randy Adams, a freshman from Lowell, is a member of the Central Michigan University Concert Choir.

Under the direction of Stephen Hobson of CMU music faculty, the Concert Choir performs three concerts each year. Literature ranges from folk songs to Bach motets, and from the 15th to the 20th centuries. Membership is open by audition to any CMU student. During a three-day tour in April, the Concert Choir performs concerts in Michigan high schools.

Adams sings baritone in the Choir. He is the son of Jack and Ardis Adams.

WEDDING INVITATIONS -- & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

I can't help it! I just have to get my two bits in! Most of us have in one way or another expressed our concern about the hostages that are presently being held in Iran and the deteriorating condition of relationships between that country and ours. We seem to be in a process of issuing threats and counter threats. President Carter says something and then the Iranians say something and each threat seems to bring us closer to open conflict, if not war. There is no question that they are not listening to us and I feel that we are not listening to them.

I am concerned about the hostages that are being held as you are. I share in your concern for their families here in the United States. These people should be held in our thoughts and more importantly in our prayers.

But I feel that we should look at the situation as calmly as possible. It is my prayer that we do not allow the present situation to push us into another war. It's possible! I read the papers, just as you do. I listen to the news reports just as you do and I listen to what people are saying.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

she had, and her love for Him constrained her to freely give what she could.

A gift is not a sacrifice unless it costs me something. Perhaps it means using the time I had reserved for pleasure, or the relinquishing of a cherished bit of finery in order to give to another. When my giving to Him requires self-denial in time, effort, or material means, I am giving sacrificially. It is then the Lord can look upon my offering and say of me, "She, too, hath done what she could."

Prayer: Precious Jesus, help me to give to Thee. Thou didst make the supreme sacrifice. Grant that I may live unselfishly -- giving of myself, my time, and my means to carry on Thy work here on earth. May I so live that it can be said of me, "She hath done what she could." Amen.

Workshop On Holiday Arrangements Dec. 13

Need a little help arranging your holiday floral centerpieces? The YMCA has a deal for you! A workshop will be offered on Thursday, December 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Class size is limited so registration is urged. Call 979-8445. Christmas arrangements with Pat Elzinga, instructor.

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Coming Events...
DEC. 4-6: Fruit Growers Convention at Grand Rapids Civic Center. Programs begin 10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Trade show 9-5.
WED., DEC. 5, 12, 19, 26: Women's Resource Center's Divorce Support workshop will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Designed for women who are adjusting to divorce or separation. All workshop sessions will take place at Women's Resource Center, 226 Bostwick, NE. To register, call 456-8571.
THURS., DEC. 6: Bushnell Parent Teachers Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the school for a short business meeting and entertainment by three student groups.
SAT., DEC. 8: "Can Dance Night" at Lowell Moose, admission at least one canned goods item for Christmas baskets.
SUN., DEC. 9: American Legion and Auxiliary will have their Christmas party at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Potluck Dinner, bring service and dish to pass.
MON., DEC. 10: The next meeting of the Golden Swingers will be their annual Christmas party at Schneider Manor at noon. Potluck at 12 o'clock. Bring own service and a dish to pass. Coffee furnished. Also bring a \$2 gift for the gift exchange. We will have a Christmas program. All welcome.
WED., DEC. 12: Women's Club of Lowell will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge of the Schneider Manor on Bows Road. Mrs. Donald VanArman will play English hand bells. Drawing for the heirloom quilt. Christmas auction. Each member should bring a few gifts to auction off.
TUES., DEC. 11: Evening Club will meet at the home of Rose Ball. Program will be The Drama of Christmas.
MON., DEC. 17: NOTICE to all Veterans: Eugene Dahlgard, the Veterans Service Officer will be at The American Legion Building, 805 E. Main St. at 1 p.m. He will aid all veterans and their dependents with any problems they may have. Any questions, call George DeGraw, 897-8266.

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Breckon Named Houseman Elected Allegan GOP Chairman

Honor Student
Sally Breckon of Saranac has been named an honor student for the fall term at Jewett Career School in Lansing. She is majoring in fashion merchandising.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Houseman is active in civic affairs. He served on the Prison Action Committee, the Kalamazoo River Preservation Assoc., Natural Rivers program and is currently secretary of the Allegan County Michigan Dunes and party's October meeting.

Houseman received his higher education in Nashville, Tenn., at Trevecca College and has done graduate work at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and at Michigan State University.



He is a veteran member of the Hamilton Elementary School faculty, having taught there for 15 years. His wife, Charlotte, is a teacher at Hamilton High School. They have a son Christopher, 15, and a 19-month-old daughter, Rachel.

Farmer's Tax Guide Out

Each year the Internal Revenue service, in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service, develops and prints a "guide" to help the farmer understand how best to prepare his tax returns.

The 1979 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 80 page book along with an index.

Bill Poyer, 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.

Off The Bletter

Michigan State Police at the Ionia Post report a Saranac school bus was involved in a minor accident Thursday morning, Nov. 29. The bus was traveling south on Morrison Lake Rd. when it stopped at Grand River and was struck from behind by a car driven by David McCord of Ionia. None of the children were injured and the bus was not damaged.

McCord was ticketed.

Robert G. Harley, 518 E. Main, Saranac, received minor injuries late Thursday morning, Nov. 29, when his vehicle left the road and rolled over. No ticket was issued.

David Karbowski, 180 Church St., Saranac, paid \$32 for speeding.

Off The Bletter

Julie Stosser of 347 S. Hawley Hwy. was fined \$24 for being unable to stop in the assured clear distance ahead. Alan Willson, 1149 W. Peck Lake Rd., paid \$19 for failure to register plates.

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Because accidents, illness and surgeries take no holiday break, the need for blood does not decrease during the holiday season. Every day of the year, the Grand Valley Blood Program, a joint effort of the Kent County Red Cross and Michigan Community Blood Center, issues an average of 80 units of blood for patients in Kent County hospitals. Each unit comes from a volunteer blood donor.

Donating a unit of blood is a simple procedure and takes only about 45 minutes from the time a donor walks into the blood center until he or she is ready to leave.

The actual blood donation takes approximately seven minutes. The other 32 minutes are used to check the donor's medical history, blood pressure, temperature and to give each donor cookies and coffee or orange juice following the blood donation.

Anyone in good health and between the ages of 18 and 65 may donate blood. Seventeen-year-olds may give blood with written permission from a parent or guardian. Donors must weigh over 100 pounds and are encouraged to eat a balanced meal before a blood donation.

The hours of operation for the Grand Valley Blood Center make it possible for just about anyone to fit donating blood into his or her schedule. The center, located at 1055 East Fulton, is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturday morning blood donors are welcomed from 8 a.m. to noon.

April Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hafner Jr., of 5888 Bluewater Highway, Saranac, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim Michelle, to Gordon L. Vanderhede of Grand Rapids.

Kim is a 1975 graduate of Saranac High and is currently employed at Kentwood Packaging in Grand Rapids.

Gordon is also working at Kentwood Packaging as a truck driver.

An April wedding is being planned.

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Obituaries...

KALKOFEN — Mrs. Josephine Kalkofen, aged 67, of 123 Rembrandt NW, passed away Monday evening, Nov. 26 at her home.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond; her children, Linda and Jerry Noble of Holland, MI; her grandchildren, Mark Alan and Molly Jo Noble; her brothers, James VanStee of Ada, William VanStee of Grand Rapids and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Van't Hof Chapel, with Rev. Charles B. Wisnik officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

VANDER JAGT — Ida VanderJagt, aged 93, widow of Martin, formerly of Buttrick St., Ada, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 27 in Crestview Nursing Home.

Surviving are her son, Orville Roger of Cedar Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Russell Fox of Evert; a brother, Gerrit Doll and a sister, Mrs. Cora Adriane, both of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday in the funeral home chapel, Rev. Raymond Gaylord of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery.

NIXON — Mrs. Rosetta E. Nixon of 732 E. Fulton St., passed away. Surviving are her sisters, Mrs. Eva Baird, Mrs. Jean Chappell both of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Thelma Bouck of Sparta; two sisters, Mrs. John (Ethel) Fryermuth of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Byron (Genevieve) Weeks of Lloyl; one brother, George R. Lane of Grand Rapids and several nieces and nephews.

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She was married to Otis P. Smith in Ionia April 11, 1940. He died Dec. 1, 1977.

They made their home on a farm on West Riverside Drive, east of Saranac. In 1965, they sold the farm and moved to the David Highway address.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the LeValley United Methodist Church, the Ionia Senior Citizens, the Ladies Aid and the LeValley Bible Study Club.

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Mrs. Smith has been established for the Ionia Senior Citizens. Contributions may be left at the funeral home.

BATES — Leona K. Bates of Woodland, MI, mother of Rev. Gerald Bates of Lowell, died Tuesday, Nov. 27 at her winter home in Phoenix, AZ.

Mrs. Bates, 71, was born Aug. 22, 1908, in Lake Odessa. She was a lifelong member of the Lakewood United Methodist Church and taught for many years in the Woodland Junior High School.

Survivors include her step-mother, Mattie Schneider; two sons, the Rev. Gerald Bates of Lowell, and Dennis Bates of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; three daughters, Mrs. Eldon Plesner and Mrs. Roger Plamang both of Woodland, and Mrs. Henry Koewers of Minot, N.D.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday at the Lakewood United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gerald Bates officiating. Burial in the Woodland Memorial Park.

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By Roger Brown

I used to be addicted to cigarettes, but breaking that habit was nothing compared to what it would be like to break another addiction that I have. Electronic games; I'm addicted to all shapes, sizes, and colors of electronic games.

The first electronic game that I ever saw, was what is now a very simple game compared to the more sophisticated ones on the market. It was an electronic tennis game. I was working for my father's publication, just out of the Army and just married. I had lunch with one of my advertising accounts every Thursday, and when this electronic tennis game was installed in the restaurant where we ate, it was nearly the downfall for his business and my career.

Our lunch hours got longer and longer. Sometimes we wouldn't even eat so we'd have more time to play that stupid game. As my lunch hours got longer, it meant working later so as to call on all my accounts for the day. This meant coming home late for supper which consisted of hot tongue and cold shoulder.

The only thing that saved us was that the machine broke down, and while it was being repaired, we broke the habit "cold turkey".

You might think that I would have learned something from all this, but I'm still a sucker for every electronic game that comes along. And I might add, they are still getting me into trouble.

Last year, my brothers and I were in Grand Rapids Christmas shopping for some particular item that we couldn't find locally. As it turned out, we spent most of the evening playing that little at video TV game display in Sears. Not only were all the little kids waiting to play the game mad at us, our wives weren't too happy either when we came home empty handed.

A couple of weeks ago, Terese and I were invited to a card party. One of the couples there had brought along a Simon game for their daughter to play with. Before the night was over, I had everyone there's half mad at me for trying to sneak in a game with Simon during each deal. This meant that I had to finish my game before I could look at my cards, and usually had every one waiting for me to bid or pass. It was terribly rude, but I justified it because the hostess was going bananas over Simon too, and we were both getting into trouble.

Terese and I were bowling with some friends last Saturday, and again, I had everyone about half mad at me. There were five of us bowling on one alley and this gave me just about enough time to run up to the game room and sneak in a quick game of "Space Invaders". I did say just about enough time because I was never quite finished when it came my turn to bowl. Each time, I was impatiently hailed from the game room by the other four bowlers, and bowled out of turn more than once.

I'd dearly love one of these home video games, just judging from my past experiences with electronic games. I just know that if I got one for Christmas this year, I'd be divorced by next Christmas.

Winterize: Check Car AND Driving Habits

With fuel costs at all-time highs and undoubtedly going higher, Lowell's Chief of Police Barry D. Emmons reminded motorists today that pre-winter vehicle tune-ups are more important than ever because of fuel conservation problems coupled with the usual winter driving problems— inadequate traction and reduced visibility.

"First and most importantly, have your engine tuned by a competent mechanic. A tune-up, such as the one we give our patrol and emergency vehicles, should include inspection of the electrical system, timing, points (newer cars used electronic ignition systems without points), plugs and the emission control devices on late model cars. This will reduce fuel consumption, while at the same time assure dependable starting at low temperatures and fewer stalls in traffic."

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if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

The husband, the wife and the son were eating barbecued ribs in one of those classy bar-restaurants where the waitress insists upon collecting for every drink before it is drunk. You don't have to pay for the food until after you've eaten it.

As is their custom, the wife and the son were watching the husband carefully so they wouldn't miss it if he did anything dumb. It is a family law, passed by the wife, that whenever the husband does something dumb, he must be told about it immediately and repeatedly, for fear he won't realize what a dumb thing he has done.

The wife's law also requires that family members not present to see the husband do the dumb thing must be informed of it as soon as is practical. Ordinary means of communication, such as phone or postcard, are usually sufficient, although more innovative methods are sometimes used in special circumstances.

For instance, there was the night the husband drove downtown to buy a newspaper. He locked the keys inside his car with the motor running. So he took a cab home, asking the cabbie to wait outside the apartment building while he ran in to get another set of keys. When he returned, the husband got into the wrong cab and couldn't understand why the dumb cabbie had trouble fitting the locked car—which by now had run out of gas.

To make certain all the husband's relatives learned about this particularly juicy dumbness, the wife supplemented the usual lines of communication by hiring a sky writer.

Whenever the husband complains that the wife's enthusiasm for telling the family about his dumbness often results in more strangers than relatives knowing how stupid he is, the wife pleads innocent. "It's not my fault the world is full of eavesdroppers," she says.

Anyway, halfway through the barbecue dinner, the husband couldn't help noting that the wife and son were counting in unison, loud enough to be heard by passing eavesdroppers snooping from a nearby freeway.

"What are you counting?" the husband asked.

"Your napkins," the wife said. "Since we started eating, I've used one paper napkin and your son has used three. You have used 22. That's really a dumb way to eat."

The husband gingerly picked through the soggy napkins piled around his plate. Twenty-two was correct. But he refused to feel dumb.

"These ribs are covered with sauce. They must be eaten by hand. There is no way to do this without getting sauce all over your fingers. The sauce must be constantly wiped away with napkins," he said.

"I'm eating the same ribs and I'm also picking them up in my hands. How come there is no awful looking pile of soiled napkins by my plate?" she asked.

It was a question worth pondering. For the next few minutes, the husband observed the wife and son as they fed their fat faces with food he was kind enough to buy for them. He soon had the answer. "You people don't use napkins because you lick your fingers," he said. "Are you trying to tell me it's better manners to clean your hands with your tongue rather than with your napkins?"

"Yes. When you use your tongue, there is no messy pile of dirty napkins growing toward the ceiling."

"Then what the hell are napkins for, French kissing?"

"Napkins are for politely cleaning the areas of the head that can't be reached with the tongue. In your case, behind your ears."

At this point, the waitress delivered the son's fourth Coke. The husband had to reach into his pocket to pay for it, but first he had to clean his hands. He stuck them both into his mouth, up to the wrists, while the waitress stared.

"Mmmmmpppphhhh! Bleeethh ggggguuuuuuuuuu!" he said to the waitress, obviously an eavesdropper.

"Just wait until your daughters hear about how their father embarrassed their mother in front of a stranger," the wife said, reaching for her megaphone.

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The East Kent Community Center's Job Developer will be available at the center to take applications and interview persons seeking employment.

Any person interested in employment or on the job training should contact Tom Tebeau at 891-8163 or drop in at 127 East Main St., Caledonia.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION Special School Board Meeting November 26, 1979

The board received a letter of resignation effective February 1, 1980, from Business Manager Robert Coussens. The board accepted the resignation with regret. Members discussed re-designing this position and then passed a motion to post the vacancy as an Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel.

A new room for Severely Emotionally Impaired students, to be located in the old band room, was discussed. A teacher certified in special education and a child care worker will be assigned to the room.

City of Lowell

TAX NOTICE

Beginning December 1, 1979 City of Lowell will be collecting the 1979 winter taxes. City Hall hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 5:00. Dog licenses are available with proof of vaccination.

Patricia L. Smith,
City Treasurer

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ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to delete certain provisions of Chapter 19, Article II, Section 19-12, subsections (a) and (b) Lowell City Code of Ordinances. (Deletions bracketed)

Sec. 19-12 COMPOSITION: appointment, compensation, terms of members; filling of vacancies.

(a) The city planning commission shall consist of nine (9) members [three (3) of whom shall be ex officio members]. Appointed members shall be qualified electors in the city who shall represent, insofar as is possible, different professions or occupations. Such members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to approval by a majority vote of the members elect of the city council. [Ex officio members shall be the mayor, one administrative officer of the municipality selected by the mayor, and one member of the city council to be selected by the council]. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. [Appointed members shall hold no other municipal office except that one of such appointed members may be a member of the zoning board of appeals].

(b) [The terms of ex officio members shall correspond to their respective official tenure, except that the term of the administrative official selected by the mayor shall terminate with term of the mayor selecting him]. The term of each appointed member shall be three (3) years or until his successor takes office except that the respective terms of two (2) of the members first appointed shall be for one year and two (2) for two (2) years. [All such appointments to date from July 1, 1982]. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor, subject to approval of a majority of the city council elect, in the case of members selected or appointed by him [and by council in the case of council member]. (Ord. No. 14, 11-19-82)

Ray Quada, City Clerk

"Letter From Washington"

by Congressman Hal Sawyer

I am very concerned over the request by Chrysler Corporation for Federal loan guarantees in the amount of \$1.5 billion as offered by President Carter.

Congress will soon be asked to approve this proposal. While there appears to be no doubt that Chrysler is in need of financial help, I am primarily concerned about the precedent setting aspect of such action and how the Congress would be able to deny similar requests from other corporations in the future.

I am also concerned that present interest rates, even with Federal guarantees, would impose a severe burden on the already burdened Chrysler Corporation.

It appears to me that a significantly better proposal could be based upon state industrial revenue bonds. Michigan has the authority to issue such bonds, as do the other states that have a strong faith in Chrysler's survival. I am confident that these states could be persuaded to issue the required amount of industrial revenue bonds, secured by the revenues of Chrysler corporation, which would achieve the following: The interest rate would be substantially cut in one-half because of the tax-exempt nature of the bonds, the amortization term could be drafted in a much more lenient manner than could normally be expected from a financial institution, and no change of Federal law or State law would be required other than raising existing ceilings on the amount of such bonds that could be issued in any one case. No new precedents would be set since industrial revenue bonds are widely established and already in use.

With the interest on these bonds tax-exempt, Chrysler would in effect receive a significant direct subsidy from the Federal government but again in a well established manner.

It would also appear that Chrysler would have little difficulty in placing the amount of bonds necessary even up to \$2 billion.

Based upon publicly filed documents, Chrysler purchases annually, approximately \$10 billion worth of parts and supplies from several thousand suppliers, many of whom are themselves financially strong. With some urging, I am sure they would take a large quantity of the bonds in their own self-interest. I would also see that some 130,000 Chrysler employees whose jobs are at stake would agree to take reasonable face amount of the bonds. The common and preferred shareholders of Chrysler corporation whose stock would be worthless if Chrysler failed and financial institutions which already have significant amounts of money loaned to Chrysler would be logical buyers of such bonds.

If this proposal were pursued and Chrysler, in fact, survives and reattains profitability, all of the people holding these bonds will have good investments and ultimately be repaid in full, with a fairly high market level of tax-exempt income in the meantime. On the other hand if Chrysler's plans do not work out successfully for whatever reason, the loss would be borne by those who had a very definite stake in the survival of Chrysler corporation and not the general taxpayer.

I would appreciate hearing your views on this subject. Send them to me in care of "Letter From Washington", Room 166 Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



The idea for jet propulsion apparently dates back at least to the first century A.D. when Hero of Alexandria, Egypt, is said to have built an engine called an aeolipile.

State Revives Snow Train

Gov. William G. Milliken announced Wednesday that the state will assist in testing a "snow train" for skiers and snowmobilers between Cadillac and southeast Michigan next January.

Milliken said that state agencies will help organize an Osovo-Cadillac round-trip passenger excursion train on the weekend of January 4-6 to test the feasibility of reviving such once-popular rail service for northbound tourists.

"Through initiatives such as this one, the state hopes to rekindle interest in resort passenger runs and to show people that riding trains can be a fun experience as well as an energy-saving one," Milliken said.

A package plan which will include the round-trip train ride, all ski lift and snowmobile trail fees for the weekend, a Friday night fish fry, lodging for two nights, Saturday lunch, a Saturday morning lumberjack breakfast and other special events will be offered for \$199 a person, said Robert Jones, manager of the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce.

Transportation to Custerfield Ski Area also will be included, Jones said. A number of snowmobile trail rides and a 50 mile Snowfari have been planned for the weekend.

Additional information and reservations can be obtained by contacting Jones at the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce, 200 Lake Street, Cadillac 49601, 616-755-9776.

Milliken said that if this trip proves successful, especially from a revenue standpoint, other similar ventures will be organized in other parts of the state aimed at both train buffs and recreation enthusiasts.

The train is scheduled to depart Osovo at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 4 and return by 9:30 p.m., Sunday, January 6.

Osovo was selected as the staging area for the inaugural Michigan Snow Train because it has good track connections to Cadillac, is close to southeast Michigan, and provides a relatively short (five and one-half hour) train ride, Jones explained.

End Of Meat Inspection Could Hurt Consumer

Farmers and consumers will be the losers if Michigan can't afford to maintain its strict meat inspection program, according to Bob Smith, senior legislative counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau.

Smith says that some state inspectors may have to be laid off this year if the state does not make up for an approximately \$350,000 shortfall in federal matching funds for meat inspection. And if the shortfall in federal money is even greater next year, the state may have to drop its inspection program. "If that happens, federal inspectors will have to take over the meat inspection program," Smith says. "These federal inspectors will not inspect the custom slaughter houses in Michigan. Therefore many of these plants will have to close, cutting off an important market for outstate livestock producers."

Dr. George Whitehead, chief of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, says federal inspection will probably mean the end of Michigan's high meat standards, since packing plants will find it easier to follow the federal standards.

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ORDINANCE

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Section 29.1 Membership and Appointment. (Revised as follows)

Pursuant to Michigan Revised Statutes, the Lowell City Council shall serve as the Board of Zoning Appeals. Term of office on said board shall run concurrent with the respective members term of office on the Lowell City Council. The mayor shall serve as chairperson and the mayor pro-term shall serve as vice-chairman. The City Clerk shall serve as Secretary of the board.

Section 29.4 Meetings. (Deletions bracketed)

Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the board may determine, and shall be at sufficiently frequent intervals, in the discretion of the board, for the efficient conduct of its business. All meetings shall be open to the public. [A quorum shall consist of five (5) members.]

Ray Quada,
City Clerk

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TAKE CARE TO BUY FRESH HOLIDAY TREE

For the freshest cut Christmas tree, cut your own. If this isn't possible, shop for a fresh cut tree. Check the cut surface of the trunk—it should be sticky with sap. On a fresh tree, needles are a healthy green color. Individual needles spring back when bent and few needles fall when the trunk is thumped on the ground.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The auction for the personal property of P. & D. Amusements previously set for Wednesday, December 12th at City Hall has been cancelled. The personal property taxes have been paid in full.

Patricia L. Smith, Treasurer
City of Lowell

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Bowne Township TAX NOTICE

Taxes are due and payable in the Township of Bowne between December 1, 1979, and February 14, 1980.

I will be at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield S.E., Alto, on Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon beginning December 1, 1979.

Dog licenses are due and payable January 1, 1980, current certification of vaccination is required.

Anyone desiring to register for voting may also do so at this time.

David Hoffman,
Bowne Township Treasurer

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The Back Page...

Camp Fire Girls Will Serve Others This Holiday

Lowell Camp Fire Girls are ready to enter into their Christmas activities with the motto "Give Service" as the inspiration for many of them. The three Blue Bird groups, led by Martha Roskamp, Beth Kettner, and Terry Zandstra, will make decorations for the community tree on Main Street, having it ready for the Santa Claus parade on Dec. 1.

The Trail Seeker Adventure groups, whose leaders are Marilyn Keim, Linda Hamp, and Gloria Ossewaarde, are in charge of the collecting of canned goods for the needy and the preparation of a float for the parade. They also have "adopted" the residents of Cumberland Manor as "grandparents," and plan to visit them with songs, crafts, and refreshments frequently, at Christmas-time and throughout the year.

All groups, including the Fire maker Adventure groups with Alice Ryder, Candy Speerstra, and Marilyn Finney as a leadership team, have been helping to raise funds for the Keewano Council of Camp Fire and for their own treasuries by participation in the annual products sale.

The Southeast District of the Council will be sharing in the profits of all sales at the Emdin's store at 28th Street and Breton Avenue on the evening of Dec. 4. A portion of the sales will also go to the John Ball Park Zoo toward the purchase of a llama for the Children's Zoo. Each Camp Fire member who makes a contribution of \$1 or more to the project will receive an applique picturing this interesting animal.

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DNR Report

The 1979 gun deer season continues as does the warmer wet weather, dampening the spirits as well as the bodies of avid sportsmen. Meteorologists are now predicting snow for the last 2 or 3 days of that season. Reports indicate still some good fishing for those willing to weather the elements.

Specs and northern pike are being taken on minnows and daredevils from Muskegon Lake.

In the Muskegon River, steelhead are trickling upstream on their trial spawn run while browns are heading up the Muskegon to spawn. Best baits are spawn and wigglers. In the Newaygo-Croton areas of the Muskegon River, some small rainbows are being taken for those willing to fish for them.

The Rogue River is producing some steelhead with the best access at the Childs dam. The late fall rains will raise water levels and help produce steelhead in numbers.

The best steelhead and brown fishing remains off channel walls at Grand Haven and Muskegon.

Due to continued warm, wet weather, the number of deer hunters appears down compared to previous years. Likewise, the number of deer taken appears to be down proportionally. The antlerless deer kill is up due to an increased number of Hunter's Choice permits issued in Region III. Due to extensive crop damage in beans, corn, orchards, and truck farms, a number of deer were taken with landowner permits.

In Region III, Hunter's Choice permits are no longer valid after November 21. With the promise of snow, maybe the last days of the season will prove better hunting for those yet to get their buck.

Trappers are confronting rain and fluctuating water levels netting a reduced harvest of muskrats, mink, raccoon, and fox. Warmer wet weather may also keep waters ice-free longer as an aid for trappers.

Reminder: November 21 Hunter's Choice deer closed in Region III. December 1 - Bow & Arrow deer re-opens. Put-take pheasant re-opens.

Clear Snow

So Mail Can Be Delivered

Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle reminds customers that snowed-in mail boxes will cause a cessation of service.

According to Doyle, "Rural mail carriers are not required to provide service on foot when roads are impassable or mail boxes are obstructed. The postal customers are responsible for keeping approaches to boxes clear of snow, and promptly. Failure to do so may temporarily prevent carriers from making deliveries."

There will be no holding of mail at the post office for customers whose mailboxes have not been cleared. Doyle stated that carriers are required to take all mail with them on their delivery routes each day and the patron should know the time the carrier would be in their area.

For the foot carrier (city delivery), postal customers should keep their sidewalks and steps clear, so that carriers have easy access to the mail boxes.

Christmas Parade A Big Hit



Nearly everybody got into the act during last Saturday's annual Christmas Parade. Delighting the crowd of young and old, the Lowell schools bus drivers decked out one of the system's finest and dubbed it "King of the Road." With bands and floats and a stopover from Santa Claus himself, this year's parade was one of the best ever. Dolores Dey, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, again organized the successful holiday procession.

December A Great Month For Skywatchers

December brings the shortest day and longest minute of the year, a lone planet in the evening sky, and an eclipsing "Demon star," according to University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

The winter solstice, when the earth's northern hemisphere is tipped farthest from the sun, comes at 6:10 a.m. Dec. 22. Our planet will be at that place in its orbit from which the sun is seen to be farthest south in the sky," he notes. "This day will be the shortest of the year, with only about nine hours between sunrise and sunset."

"But because of the complicated way our system of timekeeping is related to the sun's apparent movements on the sky, the earliest sunset of the year will actually take place on Dec. 8, and the latest sunrise will be seen on Jan. 3, after the new year begins," he says.

Also, an extra second of time, called the "leap second," will be added to our clocks this year. Teske explains that the nation's timekeeper, the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colo., maintains atomic clocks that keep track of intervals of time which are predetermined by international agreement.

"Because the earth's rotation speed is slowing down—the two systems of timekeeping—atomic clocks and astronomical observations—get out of step with one another so that the hands of our timepieces must be adjusted by inserting a second once in a while. This year the adjustment will be accomplished by making the last minute of 1979 be 61 seconds long."

In the evening sky, the U-M astronomer points out, Venus is now becoming easily visible and by mid-month will set two hours after the sun. During the winter and spring, the planet will continue to be a brighter and more conspicuous evening "star."

All the other planets are still in the morning sky, Teske notes. "Nearly over our heads at 9 o'clock in the evening is Algol, the 'Demon star,' located in the constellation Perseus. It is the most famous of the eclipsing variable stars," he adds.

"Algol, which usually appears to be a little brighter than the North Star, is actually composed of a pair of stars, both larger than our sun. One of the stars is faint and orbits in a circle around a much brighter star."

"Once each orbit the dim companion moves in front of the brighter one, blocking off part of its light. During the eclipse, which lasts for ten hours, Algol BAKED PINE CONES?"

If you make pine cone and nut Christmas decorations, it would be best to bake them before using. An hour in the oven at its lowest setting will take care of killing insect larvae, spiders and other creatures that might crawl out of the cones and nuts at some later date.

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looks to us to be only one-third its normal brightness.

"It seems likely that Algol's strange variability was known a long time ago," says Teske. "Ancient and medieval astrologers considered Algol to be an evil star." They associated it with the serpent-haired Medusa, whose glance turned people to stone.

"At only 100 light years distance, Algol is one of the nearest of the eclipsing pairs, but it is not unusual. About half the stars in the sky are double or multiple stars, and many of them also show eclipses," Teske says.

The star-formation process, which is not yet fully understood, seems to prefer to make double or multiple objects rather than just single stars, Teske says.

"Astronomers suspect that planets are also highly likely to be formed by this process at the same time as their parent stars. For this reason, it has been claimed that a great many planets may exist elsewhere, as companions of other stars."

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Christmas Safety Pointers

Glass Christmas tree ornaments definitely are not recommended for baby's diet this holiday season.

Absurd statement? Of course. But not as absurd as you might think. A good many small tots will pop a shiny glass bulb or ornament into their mouths, this Christmas season, as always.

Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree in the parlor, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of spun glass filaments, of toys that sometimes have sharp, rough edges, of lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles.

These all are a part of Christmas, and no one is suggesting there's anything wrong about it. But the American Medical Association once again points out that there are safety hazards at the Christmas season that aren't usually encountered the rest of the year.

Check your old strings of tree lights and discard those that are worn or brittle. If there are very small children around discard burnt bulbs with caution, making certain baby can't retrieve them from a waste basket.

Keep glass ornaments and filmy glass "angel hair" out of baby's reach.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp, rough edges, toys that won't burn quickly if flicked through a candle flame, toys that are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.

Electrical toys should be selected with safety in mind. Is the wiring intact and strong, or is it loose and flimsy?

Air rifles, sling shots, archery sets and other missile throwing toys are obviously dangerous if carelessly used.

The list could be continued, but you can make your own. The prime objective of an article such as this one is to remind parents that in the bustle and excitement of Christmas accidents can happen. Certainly no one wants to spoil a holiday with undue worry about safety. Make your plans for a safe Christmas, then enjoy it to the hilt.

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