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## Kids Tell Hostages, "You're Not Alone"



Bushnell Principal Dave Burdette and Reading Consultant Vic DeWaard look pleased as they read some of the efforts of Bushnell students to bring Christmas to Iran.

Five hundred and thirty-nine Christmas cards left Lowell last weekend bound for the Iranian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and then, hopefully, on to the Americans held hostage in Iran. The original hand-made cards were created by every student in Bushnell Elementary School, kindergarten through fifth grade. Although the skills and messages varied greatly from grade level to grade level, the thought remained the same... you're not alone—we're all with you.

## Important Meeting

### For LAAC Jan. 10

The annual meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council will be held Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Bushnell Kiva. The most important order of business at this meeting will be the election of 1980 officers. Members will ballot for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three year director from a list of nominees selected by the nominating committee chaired by Steve Idema. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

In addition, an amendment to the LAAC Bylaws will be on the ballot. The purpose of the proposal is to amend the Articles of Incorporation in order to meet requirements for a tax-exempt organization under IRS regulations. The amendment would provide for the action to be taken were the Council ever dissolved.

## X-Country Ski Clinic Jan. 12

On Saturday, January 12, there will be a free cross-country ski clinic held in the conference room of the Board of Education Offices, located in the Middle School. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour break for lunch, and will include a film on the basics of cross-country skiing and a demonstration of types of skis and techniques.

Most of the clinic will be conducted outdoors, on skis, and will be geared for beginners and intermediate skiers. Attention will be focused on refining technique so that everyone can get the most out of this fast-growing sport.

Although the clinic is free, pre-registration is a must and is limited to the first 20 registered. For registration or more information, contact the Lowell Community Education Office at 897-8434.

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# 1979: A Year To Recoup Losses

As the curtain comes down on yet another year, it is good to take an assessment of the events, the highs and lows, the achievements and mishaps that shape a person or a community. Lowell was pretty fortunate during the past year and a good many of her citizens brought the glory home in one form or another. For example, there was... but you can read that for yourself in this summary...

The First Congregational Church of Lowell was severely damaged when the hot water heating pipes burst during a weekend blizzard which forced the cancellation of Sunday services. There were few areas of the church undamaged by water and hot vapor. It took only eight minutes to install two 45,000 pound air make-up units atop the Attwood building in Lowell with the help of a helicopter dispatched from Detroit.

Owner Dwight Brown hadn't planned on remodeling the front of the Ionia Co. Shoppers Guide but it had to be done after Stephen Esparza of Saranac ended up in the business' front office while still in his vehicle.

Kevin Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill C. Barrett, won first place in the 7th grade division of the annual Autorama Design Competition.

Lowell High School Debate team finished their season with three trophies and 3rd place for both Varsity and Novice divisions of the Tri-River league. The critically acclaimed New World Quartet was presented in concert by the Lowell Area Arts

Council at the First Congregational Church.

Steve Ries, Lowell High School hockey standout, set a WMHA record in the game against Kenowa Hills by scoring two goals in seven seconds.

Saranac parents confronted School Board members and demanded an explanation of the decision not to release students before conditions became hazardous due to a sleet and snow storm.

## FEBRUARY

The nearly 300 families of St. Mary's parish unveil plans for their new church to be located at Amity and Howard Sts.

Cumberland Manor held a two-day Open House at the senior citizen retirement home.

Lowell Rotary sponsored an arm-chair travelogue to Australia through the film and narration of Monroe MacPherson.

Genevieve DeVries, R.N., retired after nearly 25 years of service in the offices of Drs. McKay and Gerard.

Lowell Showboat undertook a new fund raiser with a Las Vegas Night. The event, chaired by Diane Siciliano, drew about

900 people and raised nearly \$4,000 toward construction of the new Robert E. Lee.

Lowell Senior Neighbors Center celebrated its 5th birthday with five days of special programming.

A new school precinct was established by the Lowell Board of Education. Registered electors in Ada, Cannon, Grattan, Keene and Vergennes Townships now vote at the Vergennes Township Hall.

Donald Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corporation, announced plans for construction of a 90,000 square foot expansion. This was only the first phase of a two to three year expansion program which will eventually create over 100 new jobs for the Lowell area.

Area snowfall inched past the 84 inch mark (that's 7 feet, folks)! Four of the five Great Lakes were frozen over for the first time on record.

"Tatter Tailwind", a three-year-old red dun Quarter horse was shown at the Michigan Horse Council Stallion exhibition. Tatter is owned by Marlin and Margaret Meyers of Saranac and was a state champion this

past year. "Orndorff's Lark", a Belgian stallion owned by the Robert Duntons of Saranac was also invited to show.

One of nature's most spectacular events—a solar eclipse—was visible late in February.

United Methodist Women of the Lowell Methodist Church sold a collector's plate featuring a color print from the photo collection of Ms. Pearl Poe, a church member.

Rain, ice, and snow took a heavy toll on the Ada Covered Bridge over the Thornapple River. The combined weight on the roof caused it to collapse.

Dawn Condon represented the Lowell Future Farmers of America at the Regional contests and won a trophy in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Lowell's Steve Ries broke the West Michigan High School Hockey Association's record for the most points earned in one season.

Saranac Junior Scott Kreiger placed fourth in the state in Class D wrestling action.

Lowell Area Arts Council presented their annual winter play, "See How They Run", to near sell-out houses each performance.

## MARCH

Members of the Detroit Lions exchanged their football uniforms for basketball uniforms to face the Lowell Broken Arrows, a group of Lowell Athletic Boosters, in a benefit game.

The first visible sign of Lowell's new Showboat arrived in Lowell in early March—four army surplus pontoons. In all, six pontoons will be used to float the new Showboat. The other two were located and purchased in Helena, Arkansas, and will be transported to Lowell through the donated service of Steelcase.

Blue Lake International Exchange Program announced that Lowell's Barry Eldridge and Dolly Gerard would tour Europe in the summer under its auspices with one of the Blue Lake musical groups.

Saranac Redskins wrapped up its second TCAA championship in a row with a win over Montabellia. Kevin Theisen to-

continued on following page...

## Old-Fashioned Caroling Party In Ada Saturday

Voices will join in festive Christmas songs on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 7-9 p.m. in the Village of Ada in a songfest sponsored by the Ada Rebuild the Bridge Committee.

Carolers are invited to assemble at The Schoolhouse, located on the Village Green, bringing flashlights, instruments, and best voices! They will proceed through the village along streets lined with luminaria, sand-filled paper bags illuminated by small candles.

Steve Darcy will coordinate the efforts of area Boy Scout troops to set up candles and bags supplied by Ada's Friendly Owl Store. The troops will precede the singers in order to light up their musical route.

After caroling through the area adjacent to the site of the Ada covered bridge, the group will return for a warm-up cup of hot chocolate provided by The Schoolhouse.

Although sponsored by the fund-raising Ada Bridge Committee, no funds will be solicited by carolers: only the proverbial "rafters" and a community spirit of hope will be raised as friends and neighbors share the spirit of the Christmas season.

The Committee reports rapid progress towards its goal of raising the \$91,000 necessary to rebuild the 112-year-old landmark span destroyed by fire early this fall. Many spontaneous fund-raising efforts have begun, and residents are urged to verify the affiliation or authenticity of a fund-raising project by contacting official committee members or Chairman John Vanderveen, 676-9950.



Carolers will lift their voices and the community spirit in Ada on Saturday evening. The songfest is sponsored by the Ada Rebuild-The-Bridge Committee.

**May the Christmas spirit sing in your heart  
 from one end of the holiday, to the other!**

**From The Grand Valley Ledger Staff:**  
**Kathie Quada, Maggie MacNaughton, Jay Vezino,  
 and Roger & Terese Brown**



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
 The staff at the Ledger hopes you are ready for the holidays so that you can relax and enjoy the festivities. We intend to do the same.

This is a combined issue covering the weeks of December 19 and December 26. There will be no paper on Dec. 26. Our office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 20 until January 2.

The next issue of the Ledger will arrive later than usual. We will publish on January 4. All news copy and advertisements should be submitted by January 3. Items can be mailed to Box 128, Lowell or dropped in our mail slot at 105 N. Broadway as we will be picking up mail during this time, our traditional vacation week at the Ledger.

**WINTER SLIDES IN**  
 An ice storm caused all kinds of trouble in Lowell last Sunday. Cars slid as the Department of Public Works rushed to salt intersections and slick spots. Ice on the lines and high winds between Lowell and Portland caused a power outage along Wolverine Power lines. According to Lowell Light and Power, power had to be completely switched over until the winds died down.

**CLOSED**  
 It would be a good idea to hang on to this issue of the Ledger instead of lining the birdage. Information on what's doing and what isn't is contained herein.

State Savings Bank will close early on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. City Hall will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve Day.

Lowell Beer Store will close at 9 p.m. on December 24 and reopen at 9 a.m. on Dec. 26.

Keiser's Kitchen will close for Christmas at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23 and reopen at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26. For New Year's, the restaurant will close at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29 and reopen at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Riverside Fireplace Shoppe will be closed on Monday, Dec. 1 and Tuesday, January 1.

**BE CREATIVE**  
 You don't have to build it yourself. Just come up with a workable, attractive idea. The Lowell Area Arts Council asked us to remind you that designs for a sculpture for Richards Park will be accepted until Feb. 1, 1980. Designs can be submitted to Nature's Emporium or That Special Place. If you can't find last week's Ledger for the details, call 897-8533 or 897-5721. The LAAC is hoping for several designs to choose from.

**SANTA'S ELVES**  
 There is at least one Santa elf in Lowell who works wonders and works them early. Michael Moore stopped in at our office with a wide smile on his face because this "Elf" arranged for a new bike for him through Social Services after his was wrecked in an accident. The bike is his only means of transportation. Michael wanted to make sure that Santa's elf knew how much the favor is appreciated.

**OFF THE BLOTTER**  
 Lowell police responded to several property damage accidents during the past week. Michael Warner of Saranac struck a fence on Avery St. near Lafayette on Saturday evening, Dec. 15. A 16-year-old juvenile from Dorr and Deloss Bevan collided on Hudson St. at Main on the same night. Richard Bennett of Grand Rapids struck a parked vehicle on Monroe near Fremont on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13. The accident was partly due to the vehicle being parked too far from the curb.

Louis Pocs of Ada was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol in a jury trial on Monday, Dec. 10 in 63rd District Court. He was arrested on September 11.

Pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol on Monday, Dec. 10, was Eugene Strauss. Strauss was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Arrested on a warrant for writing fraudulent checks was Bonnie Perry. Perry turned herself in to authorities in Portage, Michigan, and was lodged on the warrant from 63rd District Court Friday evening, Dec. 14.

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# Obituaries...

**HICKMAN** — Alfred Hickman, age 87, of the Ionia Manor passed away Sunday morning, December 16, 1979 at the Ionia Manor Nursing Home.

He was born in England February 19, 1893, son of Charles and Elizabeth Hickman and was the superintendent at the County Farm near Saranac.

He is survived by two sons Charles E. Hickman of Gun Lake, Albert E. Hickman of Texas; two daughters Marie E. Tinsley of Bitley, and Clara M. Smith of Saranac; and one sister in England, ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

**CLARK** — Harold J. Clark, (Cha Cha) aged 70, of 2619 84th St., Byron Center, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, 1979 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Clark has been retired from General Motors for 10 years.

Surviving are his children, Jerry and Jan Clark of Shelbyville, Dick and Connie Clark of Mansfield, Ohio, David Clark of Ionia, Marge and Don Jernigan of Mentor, Ohio, Judy and Don Benedict of Byron Center; 12 grandchildren; brother, Herbert of Lowell; two sisters, Mrs. George (Louise) Hinken of Cutler, Mrs. Don (Lillian) Zoulek of Byron Center.

Funeral services were Monday with Fr. James Hoogterp officiating. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

**PRICE** — Services for Russell J. Price, 61, of 327 S. East St., Freeport, who died Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Pennock Hospital, were held Thursday at the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville. Rev. Vernon L. Draggoo officiated with burial in the Freeport Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 19, 1918, in Barry County, the son of Forrest and Mae (Ware) Price. He married Ethel M. Thompson on Oct. 26, 1940. He was a self employed carpenter and was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Freeport.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Rev. Harold M. Price of Grand Rapids; one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Elna) Smith of Woodland; six grandchildren; three brothers, Gerald Price of Hastings, Kenneth Price of Alto and Beryl Price of Middleville; two sisters, Mrs. Keith (Neve) Smetker and Mrs. Paul (Helen) Burkey, both of Hastings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cripple Children's Shrine Hospital.

**RUNYAN** — Mrs. Retta Litchfield Runyan, 91, 8273 Front St., Palo, died Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Bedding Christian Nursing Home.

Mrs. Runyan was born Aug. 17, 1888, in Sunfield, the daughter of Cyrus and Julia Reinsmith Shaffer. She attended the Sunfield area schools, and married Roy W. Litchfield on Sept. 15, 1907. He preceded her in death May 26, 1957.

She married Herbie Runyan Dec. 26, 1959, in Ionia, and they lived in the Lake Odessa area before making their home in

Palo in October 1978. He preceded her in death July 9, 1979. Surviving are two sons, Leo L. Litchfield, Palo, and Durwood V. Litchfield, Baldwin; two daughters, Mrs. Erma Weeks, Saranac and Mrs. Clara Maxine Stahl, Clarksville; one brother, Elmer Shaffer, Sunfield; and 22 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Cleo died in 1970 and another son, Elvin died in 1977. A daughter, Aethel Fisher died in 1974.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home in Sunfield with the Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating.

**Live Nativity At Congregational Church**

As a present to the Lowell Community, the First Congregational Church will present a Live Nativity Scene across from the church in Richards Park on Sunday, Dec. 23.

There will be two enactments of the Christmas story. The first will begin at 7 p.m. and the second at 8 p.m.

The nativity story will be told with word and music by members of the church.

Refreshments will be available in the church narthex and the sanctuary will be open for meditation from 7-9:30 p.m.

**Special Topics**

**At Alone-Together Meeting**

The Alone-Together Group will meet on Sunday, January 6 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Lowell.

Nita Dreger, of Women's Resources will speak to the widows on the topic "Grieving." Dr. Richard Greenwood of the First Congregational Church will speak to divorcees on the subject "Rejection."

All women are cordially invited.

**Happy Birthday...**

December 21: Bill Grummet, Chuck Schroder, Courtney Arnett, Kathy Kropf, Loda Mier, Frank Rugegeger, York Keim.

December 23: Amy Lake, Pearl Ramjeet.

December 24: Katie Hooker, Mary Wheat, Julie Anderson.

December 25: Mary Roth, Zona Postma, Karen Durke, Marguerite Stauffer, Arthur Koenes, Peggy Hayes, Walter Smith.

December 26: John Kwani, George Gundrum.

December 27: Royal Clark, Arthur Megarrah, Elmer Dalton.

December 28: Wes Keim, Lisa Brown.

December 29: Jeremy Gutierrez, Danny VanDusen, Isaac Skimhorn.

December 30: Ann Smith, Dorothy Young, Frank Gutowski.

December 31: Steve Idema, Cathy Peckham, Ferric Lombardo, Grace Schutte.



Santa's merry spirit enhances every dazzling moment of the magic of Christmas... the sharing and caring of family and friends. Loaded with good wishes, we reach out to say thanks and to hope you have a beautiful, bountiful holiday!

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# Coming Events...

**WED., DEC. 19:** Lowell Middle School Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Admission free.

**WED., DEC. 19:** Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 will meet at the home of Alice Snyder at 7:30 p.m.

**THURS., DEC. 20:** Lowell Middle School Band Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Admission free.

**THURS., DEC. 20:** Mid-West Bible Club will have a Christmas program at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main St., Lowell from 4-5 p.m. Refreshments, singing and a puppet show telling the story of

Christmas. All children, parents and friends are invited.

**THURS., DEC. 20:** Attention Clerks. If interested in joining the Emergency Assist Team, attend the meeting at 7 p.m., Valley Vista Triller Park office, Lowell, Mich.

**FRI., DEC. 21:** Lowell Public Library Open House from 2-5 p.m., corner of Main and Hudson Sts.

**FRI., DEC. 21:** Lowell Public Library will hold a Christmas Open House on Friday from 2-5 p.m. Refreshments. See the newly-reddecorated rooms and get acquainted with the Lowell Library.

**Skate For Those Who Can't**

A Holiday Skate-a-thon, for the benefit of Muscular Dystrophy, will be held at the Woodland Skating Center, 2100 28th St. SE, starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, until Thursday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m.

The admission (includes skates) is a minimum of \$10 in donations. The money is to be turned in at the beginning of the event. Pledge sheets can be picked up at Woodland Skating Center, or the Muscular Dystrophy Office, 2577 28th St. S.W.

There are prizes for skaters bringing in the most money and skating 24 hours. There will be door prizes, such as, T-Shirts, skate passes, and coupons for food.

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Recently, Antanino Siciliano, a Michigan Guardsman and a resident of 806 N. Lafayette, Lowell, received instruction on the Physical Weapons security of a National Guard Armory.

Siciliano, a Master Sergeant with the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry, serves as the Intelligence Sergeant for the unit. In addition to this duty, he is also responsible for the security of the unit's weapons stored at the Grand Valley Army in Wyoming.



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Thurs., Jan. 3: Hot Dogs with

Pickle, Garden Salad, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Choice of Chilled Fruit, Bars or Cookies, Milk.

Fri., Jan. 4: Fruit Juice, Assorted Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Pickles, "Cook's Special Soup", Assorted Fruit and Cookies, Milk.

**Happy Holidays**

Joyous Wishes for a Happy Holiday to Everyone. We enjoy doing business with you and hope to see you soon.

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Davenport Associates, Inc., an architectural/engineering firm of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has announced the appointment of David Roth to Associate.

Roth, a Lowell High School graduate, received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan in 1974 and he has been a Registered Architect in the State of Michigan since 1977. He has been with Davenport Associates since 1976, active in the design of educational buildings, apartment and housing complexes, commercial and industrial buildings.

Roth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roth of Lowell, resides in Grand Rapids.

**Happy Holidays**

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### 39 Complete SnoMo Safety Classes

Because of the hazardous driving, the attendance was small at the meeting of the Flat River Snowmobile Club on Sunday. However, Christmas gifts from the Club to their children were sent to the ones unable to attend.

The business meeting was conducted by President Bill Gardner with reports from Steve Stephenson, Lou Roskamp, Ed and Faith Marshall and Winnie Snider.

Roskamp reported that 34 children and five adults completed the Safety Training classes held at the Lowell Middle School recently. It is the belief of the Safety Director of the



These Christmas greetings are right down your alley! May warmth and happiness fill your holidays.

**American Legion Lanes**  
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### DNR Report

Presently, we have weather that is more like spring than Michigan December. Temperatures in the high 50's and low 50's discourage winter, from making an entrance. Meteorologists indicate that this should all change to a more reasonable winter weather pattern by mid-week.

Steethed are being taken in both the Muskegon and Grand Rivers with the Grand yielding to greater pressure and to more fish being taken. Spawns prove the best bait at the 6th Street dam where fishing seems best.

In Muskegon Lake, northern pike provide good fishing with minnows, mepps, and daredevils. Speckled bass are an added plus while fishing Muskegon Lake with minnows. Perch and bluegills should do better when the first ice comes.

Fishing for steelhead on the piers is still fair when onshore winds allow fishermen to wet a line.

Rabbits appear down in numbers and hunters report few taken.

Grouse along the river thickets seem to have fair numbers with hunters experiencing a bit of success.

Mazal loader deer season is in full swing with hunters trying to keep their powder dry and find that elusive buck. Preliminary reports indicate lots of interest without much success.

The 1979 firearm deer season indicates a record breaker in two categories. Both were set in Region III where past winters had little effect on deer herds. A record total of 34,400 deer were taken, with 12,430 Antlerless deer. The 1979 gun deer season ranks the 6th best on record and the 3rd best in the past 5 years.

More Star of Wonder Shows

Additional performances of the Saftice Phantasm sky show "Star of Wonder" are scheduled for the last week of December. On December 26, 27, and 28 the show can be seen at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. The regular performances will continue as previously announced at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Performances of "Star of Wonder" will end on Sunday, December 30 with the 3:45 p.m. show.

Tickets go on sale one half hour before each performance and visitors are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75c for students. Children below the first grade level cannot be admitted.

If it has to, a chicken can run at about nine miles an hour over a short distance.



### SnoMo Do's And Don'ts

Litter—if you've got room enough to bring it, you've got room enough to take it out!

Never travel alone! The distance out on foot is always much harder and farther than the distance in on a snowmobile.

Be especially cautious in unfamiliar territory! The tracks you follow may lead to a cliff, a wire fence or a hole in the ice. Don't be the second person to make the mistake!

Always carry emergency materials and supplies—like an extra drive belt and a spare set of plugs.

The key to good snowmobiling: Respect the rights of others!!!

**YULE GREETINGS**

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### Grattan Man Heads SCD

At the Kent Soil Conservation District's Board Meeting Dec. 6th elections were held for District officers. Terry Nugent was elected Chairman. Terry has been a Director for four years and is also on the Grattan Township Planning Board. He has four children ages 3 to 12. Their family attends St. Patrick's Church in Grattan. Terry owns 400 acres and is in dairy farming.

Elect. Vice Chairman was Glenn Anderson. Glenn is in partnership with Dale and Jim Shade in dairy farming. Merrill Post was elected Treasurer for the second consecutive year. Merrill owns 158 acres and is into potatoes. Duane Roberts was elected Secretary. He is in partnership with his father and brothers. They work 500 acres and are in dairy farming.

Chairman of the Tree Program is Paul Betts. Paul is in partnership with Jerry Kingsbury. Together they farm 200 acres. According to Paul the tree sale is now in progress. Available are Red Pine, Austrian Pine, White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Black Walnut, and Wildlife Packets. The Wildlife Packets contain approximately 80 seedlings of various types. These include Red Pine, Autumn Olive, White Pine, and Austrian Pine. For more information and order blanks contact Paul at 361-5345.

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## Society Notes...

### HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

New faith is the substance of things hoped for... (Hebrews 11:1).

Long before the season our girls began making up lists of things they wanted for Christmas. It was their way of informing their father and me of their "substance of things hoped for." In fact, I remember one time right after the holidays when one of them began, "Next year I want..."

There is something about a child's faith that brings results. A child is certain he will receive the things for which he asks. Parents will go to extremes to provide coveted gifts; some people go in debt to secure presents for their children; others have gone so far as to steal in order to provide the things their children wanted.

Our Heavenly Father is pleased when His children come to Him with childlike faith.

### They'll Celebrate 60th



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adriane

Christmas Eve will be extra special for Maude and Ed Adriane as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were both born in the Grand Rapids area and moved to Lowell in 1935.

Ed was self-employed in several garages starting in Ada, had a bus line between Grand Rapids and Ionia, and then worked at Kelvins for 13 1/2 years. He retired in 1961. Maude was employed by the Michigan Employment Security Commission and she retired after 20 years in 1963.

They have one son, Wesley, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### English Hand Bells Ring For WC

The Womens Club of Lowell met December 12 in the lounge of the Schneider Manor, and welcomed four new members: Marguerite Beaman, Barbara Litchevski, Alice Campos and Elura McPherson.

The members voted unanimously to give \$200 toward a band uniform for the Lowell High School band. A bushel of fruit was also sent to the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, and a gift of money sent to Girls Town.

Mrs. Randall, program chair, introduced Mrs. Joyce VanArmen, who is the Michigan chairman of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and was director of the bell choir of Mayflower Congregational Church for five years. She showed a film on the history of these bells and three large cases of different size bells were on display.

The public is invited to hear a unique Cantata arranged and composed by Don Wyrtenz and Phil and Lyane Brower.

The thirty-four voice choir is directed by David Roush with accompaniment by Jan Moss.

### Family Services Dec. 24

A special service of meaningful words and music will be presented on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Families are urged to attend.

On Sunday, December 30, college students will present a special 11 a.m. service. The United Methodist Women will hold a reception for them and their families and friends following the service in the fellowship hall.

### SWITCHBOARD

Is having a training program for persons interested in volunteering their help.

There is no charge for the training. To learn more about Switchboard's Training Program, or to sign up, simply call Switchboard at 774-3535.

### OPEN LETTER

Dear friends,

Let that love, that beauty, which was the message to the shepherds, be thine today.

Unto thee is born—yea unto thee—each one—is offered a knowledge and understanding of the life of the Christ, that will renew thy life, thy purpose—if ye will but "Love One Another."

Respectfully,

*David Gerst*

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### Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

Sunday, those of us on the east side of town had our lights out again. Just about 10:30 they went out and didn't go on again until 11:45, when the 11:00 Service was nearly over. What an experience! We only have six windows, three on a side and you had to hold your hymn book or the bulletin so that the light could shine upon it.

Did you ever stop and think about how dependent upon light—electricity—we have become? What would happen if all of the generators stopped at once in our country?

Let's see: Many of us could not cook our food. Men could not shave. Water would be cold. Our furnaces depend upon forced heat. All the computers would be dead and we'd have to depend upon our memories. Life would really be a mess.

There is a light that we can depend upon. It is a light that cleans up the mess, shines in the darkness. John speaks about the light in this way—"His (Jesus') life is the light that shines through the darkness—and the darkness can never extinguish it. The one who is in the light arrived to shine on everyone coming into the world."

Have a good CHRISTMAS! Keep the love flowing... Jerry

### Baptist Youth To View Film

Police men roam the corridors of many American High Schools and educators look to the future with grim predictions, but there is a silver lining to the cloud. SENIOR YEAR, a feature release by the Ken Anderson Film Organization of Winona Lake, Indiana, documents the other side of the story.

The film, based on actual happenings in American High Schools, tells the story of Steve and Angie. New Christians, they struggled to convince their peers that faith in God is not just a matter of belief, but a living, breathing, and lasting happiness.

Excellent cast and beautifully photographed, SENIOR YEAR is a fast-moving, believable motion picture experience. It will be shown at First Baptist Church of Lowell on December 31, 1979 at 10:15 p.m. Sponsored by St. Youth Group.

### Special Services Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, December 24, there will be two services at Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., with one scheduled at 7 p.m. and the second at 11 p.m.

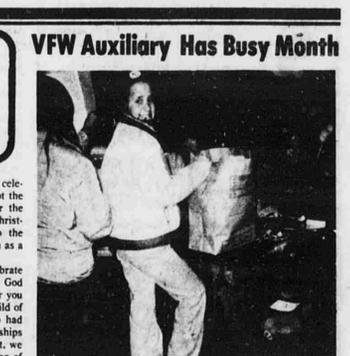
The services both feature a living crèche, music by the choir, the singing of carols and traditional scriptures and prayers.

With regret, there will be no babysitting provided as it is difficult to recruit babysitters for Christmas Eve.

The special offering will go to the National Bereavement Association of the Christian Church who operates over thirty homes for the aged, orphans and homes for the handicapped.

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### VFW Auxiliary Has Busy Month



Young Terry Powell has that Christmas secret as he because she just finished shopping for the family at the VFW Auxiliary. "Kids Only Shopping Area" recently. An annual Christmas present to the children of the community, the project is the brainchild of the ladies of the VFW such as Shirley Labine and Brenda Miller, shown above wrapping Terry's gifts.

The "Kids Shopping Only" was a huge success again this year. The response was so great that it was almost a complete sellout.

The Ladies Auxiliary members who worked on the sale are well rewarded with the pleasure of serving these kids of the community, so ladies please get those knitting needles, crochet hooks and sewing machines into action for an even bigger and better sale next year.

The Auxiliary is now busy getting a large Christmas box of needs ready for the Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids.

**Merry Christmas to all**

Here's hoping that Santa's jolly spirit embraces your holiday and that everyone around your tree shares its special delight!

**Cheers and thanks.**  
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## Attend Services

<p><b>ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7152 Bradford St., S.E. — 876-1888 REV. ANGLUS M. MACLEOD</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. — 876-1032 REV. WILFRED FIET</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS — COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO</b> Corner of 50th Street &amp; Benaroff Avenue</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 9:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>REV. GEORGE L. COON Telephone 866-8403 or 866-6912</p>	<p><b>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 3900 East Fulton</p> <p>REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAX 1480) 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 1151 West Main Street — 897-8841</p> <p>REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT</p> <p>Worship Service 10 a.m. &amp; 8 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Supervised Nursery During All Services</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL</b> 201 North Washington Street REV. WILLIAM F. HURT</p> <p>Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE Jr., Teens, Adults 7:00 p.m. Nursery — Come &amp; Worship With Us</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street</p> <p>Early Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m. Wednesday Family Hour 7:00 p.m. DR. DARRYL WILSON — 897-5300</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (Member United Church of Christ) North Hudson at Spring St., Lowell</p> <p>897-9309</p> <p>DR. RICHARD GREENWOOD</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. (Cribbery &amp; Nursery Provided)</p>
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**Our Look Back Over '79 Continues**

tiled 29 points in the game and led the TCAA in scoring with 249 points in 14 games. The team went on to tie its second District title.

Roger Brown, in his Cozy Corner, recounted his harrowing trip in search of McCord's, Michigan.

A 46 inch balsam wood model of the proposed new Lowell Showboat was unveiled at the annual Kick-off Dinner. The model was created by Bill Barber and took 370 hours to build. Jim Hall is the designer of the new Robert E. Lee. Della Reese is announced as the star attraction for the 1979 Showboat.

In regional hockey playoffs, the Lowell Red Arrows lost to the Northville Wildcats. The team's season record was 11-9 with a third place finish in the Suburban League. Steve Riss was voted to the league All-conference team and Bob McGrew was named to the second team.

Saranac Varsity Girl's Volleyball team brought home the TCAA league trophy.

In a gymnastic regional meet held at Ottawa Hills, Jillina Grooters and Chris were team members who qualified from LHS. Jillina earned 11th place on vault.

Saranac's varsity football coach Rick Roberts was honored by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as Regional Coach of the Year.

John McDowell, Robert Lake and Warren Chadwick were re-elected to the Saranac Village Council. They were unopposed for two year terms.

Lowell High School students Cheryl Graham, Barry Eldridge and Jillina Grooters received a Most Grant check from the Lowell Education Association to be used to help defray the cost of this year's Washington Close-Up seminar.

Lowell emergency units were called to the scene of a nine car derailment at the south end of Hudson Street in Lowell. Of the cars involved, eight were empty and one was loaded with lumber.

There was little property damage. Clean-up took less than 48 hours.

About twenty acts appeared in the Lowell Music Booster's Gong Show. Proceeds from the event were earmarked for new band and concert uniforms.

Saranac was pleased with signs of encouragement for the Redskins who advanced to the semi-finals before bowing to Detroit East Catholic.

Stanley Johnson announced the purchase of the former Gee's Hardware building and the west half of Cary's. His Riverside Fireplace shop was slated to relocate there in June.

Workmen were unsuccessful in stemming the flow of the Flat River through an open inspection hatch in the old Consumers Power Hydro-electric plant on M-91 north of Lowell.

Julie Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Rowe of Cutlerville and formerly of Lowell, won the Class II championship at the state meet of the United States Gymnastic Federation.

Roger Rollins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rollins Sr., earned the title of State Champion Youth Bowler in the All-American Youth Bowling Championship.

APRIL

Several local artists were featured in the artist's demonstration car of Michigan A&E TRAIN on its week long visit to Lowell. The Lowell Area Arts Council and the City of Lowell co-sponsored the visit. Nearly 3,000 attended.

Aves Advertising of Grand Rapids held the winning ticket in the Ke-boat the Lowell Showboat new car drawing. Charles Haskel, the company's senior copywriter, outbid the other Aves employees for the ticket and checked a Pontiac from Wittenbach Sales and Service.

Reverend Dean I. Bailey was appointed to serve in the United Methodist Church of Stevensville, Michigan. The announcement was made by Bishop Edsel

Church took place with District Superintendent Darwin Salisbury attending.

Three Saranac Redskin girls received post-season honors on the TCAA all-conference volleyball team: Debbie Stuart, DeAnn Eddy and Debbie Schneider. Stuart was named most valuable player in the league and named to the first team all-conference squad. Eddy and Schneider were named to the second team.

Ann TerBurgh of Saranac was chosen to attend the Young People's Citizenship Seminar sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

John and Barb Vos of 403 Hunt St. bought a china mustache cup at auction to add to their collection and on close inspection found that the cup had originated in Lowell around 1904. A picture on the front of the cup commemorated the March 27, 1904 flood in Lowell.

**Greetings to All!**

Hoping all the bright days of your Christmas will glow with delight. Thank.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

As we gather together to share the blessings and joy of the holiday with those we love, we greet old friends and say thanks.

**VFW Post 8303 & Its Auxiliary**

**if it fitz'**

When my five-year-old grandson returned from seeing his first professional football game, he was asked how the Detroit Lions looked.

"They wore blue and white shirts and played on a green carpet," he answered.

Ahhh. That's my boy. His literal and intelligent response reminded me of when my friend Sherman tried to embarrass me at a newspaper convention.

It was about 15 years ago. I was a county editor at the time, and Sherman was emperor of a publishing empire. While there has been a considerable change in my occupation since then, Sherman is still an emperor today, which proves that some things never change. People are still afraid to tell the emperor he has no clothes.

Anyway, at this long-ago convention, a bunch of publishers and editors began to discuss a new type of printing press. I was drawn into this discussion, not because I knew anything about printing, but because the bunch was bunched at the bar. I dodged my head frequently and every few minutes I said "Linotype."

(The Linotype was the only piece of printing equipment I knew by name. It has since become obsolete, which is why I quit being a county editor. I no longer had anything to talk about at newspaper conventions.)

All county editors are supposed to be able to roll up their sleeves and repair every piece of equipment in their back shop. This is a law of journalism passed many years ago by a group of ink-stained wretches who simply wanted an excuse for their dirty shirts and had no idea they were creating a tired cliché.

My friend Sherman was the only person at the convention who knew I was the only county editor in the country who'd never set type by hand, or even caught my necktie in a proof press. He knew the ink stains on my shirt were phony. He knew the last thing I did before leaving home for a newspaper convention was roll my shirt sleeves into my typewriter and type "ink-stained cliché" on each cuff.

Unfortunately, Sherman also knew that the newspaper of which I was editor had just installed a new printing press and that this marvelous press was the very same press that the bunch at the bar was discussing with great avidity. So Sherman signaled the assembled publishers and editors and loudly informed them that they had in their midst the editor of the first newspaper in Michigan to own this splendid piece of machinery.

"Tell everybody how the new press looks to you, Jim," Sherman demanded, pushing me to my feet.

"It's blue," I said.

Many years later, after seeing a football game, a little boy displayed signs of having inherited his grandfather's talent for using succinct comments to disguise profound ignorance. Which brings us back to the beginning of this essay, with my grandson.

His name is John. He and his big sisters, Melissa, 7, and Michele, 10, came across the freeway and up the elevator to Grandmother's for Thanksgiving dinner. Sixteen other people also showed up to eat, or was it 17?

Michele was assigned to print name cards so everyone would know where to sit around the dinner table. Because he was once a county editor, the grandfather was assigned to make a list of all the guests so Michele could spell their names correctly on the cards. Grandmother had set the table for 19, but there were 20 names on Grandfather's list.

Consternation ran rampant in the kitchen. Grandmother was sure 19 people were coming. There were eight from one family, five from another, three from another, two from another, and Aunt Madeline. Grandmother recited their names and roots out loud several times, and each time they added up to 19.

But the names on my list also checked out perfectly, and they added up to 20 every time they were computed. Good Lord! It was time for the appetizers and Grandmother had a Valium.

Just before the last guests arrived, the mystery was solved. It was my dumb son's fault. I had put him on the list twice, once by his given name "Ed" and later by his earned name "Nerd."

Several of my concerned relatives asked me how I could explain having done such a stupid thing.

"Linotype," I said.

**holiday greetings**

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**cozy corner**

By Roger Brown

Once nice thing about writing a column like this, is the fact that I have a complete history of all the stupid things that have happened to me over the past three years. What's so nice about that you might ask? Well, when it comes to the end of the year and I'm stuck for an idea for this column, I can just go back and hit some of the highlights from Old Cozy Corners.

Kicking off 1979, I wrote about post-Christmas problems which included the fact that there were Lincoln Logs, Legos, and Tinker Toys scattered all over the house. I can't believe that Santa is actually bringing more Legos this year.

I ran across the column that I wrote concerning my dog bringing me fuzzy items from around the house. He was in the house last night, and near where I was sitting is a stuffed monkey, a fuzzy sofa pillow, and a fuzzy slipper. With life around us changing so rapidly these days, it's nice to know that I can always count on Old Thor to bring me warm fuzzies.

In a column written on March 8, 1979, I told about breaking out my golf clubs on a nice Sunday that we had just been blessed with. In the column, I told about the frustrating time that I had trying to chip a few balls around the back yard with my pitching wedge. As the year wore on, my chipping didn't get any better and my pitching wedge is in two pieces in the bottom of my bag to prove it.

In another column, I told about Casey throwing my pocket calculator out of the rear window of my van while doing fifty or so. As mentioned in the column, it got banged up pretty good but still worked. In fact, it works so good that I don't even have any more. My wife has laid claim to it for keeping track of her spending while grocery shopping and for computing her team's bowling scores.

Also, here it is, the Cozy Corner that Terese will not live down, even if I make it to a hundred. This relates to the time I inadvertently tried to put the lever that operates the wipers in her car into the park position. The lever is mounted on an American made car and was 'n' up to that kind of pressure. I literally ripped it out and left it dangling by its wires. Darned foreign cars, anyway.

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Another column recounted the incident when I was frightened half to death by a fig tree in our shower stall when I used the bathroom at about two a.m. The fig tree appears in the shower quite regularly now and since I'm so used to seeing it in there, a real burglar could hide in there and I'd mistake him for the fig tree.

Well, this has been like being in school again—that is, rewriting an old book report on these paper and re-reading it in another class.

About 150 national forests are administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

**"Letter From Washington"**

by Congressman Hal Sawyer

Fifty American citizens are now in the second month of their captivity at our embassy in Iran. This action violates every principle of international law, which requires the protection and immunity of diplomatic personnel.

The American people have shown remarkable restraint in the face of this grave situation. They have stood solidly behind the President's efforts to seek freedom for our people through diplomacy rather than military action. We must make clear to those holding the hostages, however, that our restraint is not to be interpreted as weakness or a lack of national will.

I have asked residents of the Fifth District to take a moment to write a personal message to the government of Iran expressing our unity and requesting the immediate release of our embassy personnel. If you will take the time to write a letter and send it in care of my office, I will personally deliver it to the Iranian embassy here in Washington.

With only a few days remaining before Christmas, many of you have asked how you might send Christmas cards to the hostages. If you will also send them to me, I will be happy to deliver them for you to the Iranian embassy with instructions that they be forwarded to Tehran. I would hope, however, that if their captors have any compassion at all that our people would be home in time for Christmas.

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by Congressman Hal Sawyer

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**New Track Records Are Set In April**

Village Body Shop located at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes, is opened by owner Mike O'Neill.

Back to the drawing boards for the Lowell Showboat. Word was received that Della Reese would not be able to fulfill her contract and another entertainer would have to be found.

New track records were set for Lowell High School in track and field events by Mark Johnson. Carl Kloosterman and Steve DeNolf.

Roger Newton of Saranac was found guilty of assault with intent to commit murder on a police officer by a jury after only one hour of deliberation. Kent County Sheriff's deputy Patrick McCullough was driving a county E-unit last September, 1978, when he was injured by a blast of buckshot fired through the windshield.

Area townships were strongly opposed to an attempt by Department of Natural Resources to designate the Flat River and some of its tributaries under the Natural River Act. The act effectively takes control of land adjacent to the river out of local governing bodies' hands.

Sherri Van Belkum and Patti Kline were chosen to represent Lowell at 1979 Girls State to be held in June at Olivet College. The girls were sponsored by the Lowell Business and Professional Women and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Many athletes were honored at the annual winter sports banquet in Saranac, among them: Scott Krieger and Jim Caboon; wrestling: Kevin Reynolds, Kevin Theisen and Ben Tower; basketball: DeAnn Eddy, Deb Stuart and Deb Schneider; girl's volleyball: Sally Breckon and Shannon Richardson; cheerleaders: Kristina Jona Co. 4-H honored several leaders, among them: Mrs. Bea Bowen, Lillian Overbeck, Ten Oram, Larry and Nadine Tjernem, all of Saranac; Kristina Clouser, Tom Esterline, Lowell, Wayne L. Vandercook of Grand Rapids presented a drawing of the Ada Bridge to the Kent County Road Commission framed with wood from the bridge salvaged after it was damaged during the winter.

**Season's Greetings**

from all of us... To all of you!

**The City Of Lowell**

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# Bright Fall Colors May Mean Better Maple Syrup

The bright shades of red in this fall's display of color may mean large-volume, high-quality maple syrup production for Michigan next spring.

There may be some connection between the two, says Mel Koelling, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service forestry specialist.

He explains that the production of maple syrup depends upon the amount of sap produced and collected in the spring and the concentration of sugar in the sap. Both factors are affected by weather conditions during the previous year's growing season, which runs from June through September.

The amount of fall color also depends on weather conditions during these months. Adequate supplies of moisture and sunshine are required to produce high quality sugar and brightly colored leaves.

The past summer was a good growing season for the trees," Koelling says. "There was a good distribution of moisture and favorable temper-

atures, and no early frosts. In addition, there was ample rain-fall in August and a lot of bright sunshine in September.

Koelling said the excellent color across the state this fall should correlate to good syrup production in the spring, but this cannot be guaranteed because the weather in the spring is a big factor.

For the sap to flow in the springtime, alternately freezing and thawing temperatures are required. Maximum sap flow can be expected when the temperature dips below zero at night and rises above 45 degrees in the daytime.

If cold weather continues later into spring, however, the sugar may be high quality but the volume will be low.

## Planner Predicts Downtown Revival

The '60s saw the boom of neighborhood shopping centers. The '70s saw the malls and supermalls come to dominate.

With 1980 just around the corner, the logical question is, "What next?"

According to Malcolm Drummond, an urban planner from St. Louis, Mo., who is an adjunct professor at Michigan State University, the next trend in the way America shops will be the revival of older downtown areas.

"Downtowns were designed for a different era," Drummond says. "When they ceased to meet the needs of the people, we saw the growth of the shopping center and later the mall and the loss of money and businesses from downtown."

Some small towns, he predicts, will experience an economic resurgence in the near future as industries looking for a labor pool take the work where the workers are. Another phenomenon he says we'll see in small towns is the transformation of rows of old storefronts into unique and imaginative living and working places.

Decorations: Use flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations. Untreated cotton batting, flock, tissue paper, and some foamed plastics can catch fire very easily.

Wrappings: Pick up wrapping paper while opening gifts. Don't "boofire" them in the fireplace—collect all trash and store it in a safe place, away from any source of heat, pending disposal. Don't give a fire a place to start.

## Free Guide To State's 75 X-Mas Tree Growers

For family outings during this holiday season, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association, has produced a guide to choose and cut Christmas trees in lower Michigan, according to Dean M. Pridgen, MDA director.

Our state is the nation's largest grower of plantation Christmas trees and they are shipped as far as Florida, California, Texas and Hawaii.

## SWITCHBOARD IS A 24 HOUR CRISIS HELP LINE

Trained volunteers are available day and night, seven days a week for people to call with their concerns.

The Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division reminds you that last year there were 39 fires in the state directly attributed to Christmas trees, decorations, lights and ornaments.

Trees: Select a freshly cut tree and put it in a sturdy, non-tip stand containing water. Beware of any tree with brittle or shedding needles. Keep tree away from heat and check the water level daily.

Lighting: Inspect all lights closely for worn insulation, loose bulb sockets or broken plugs. If strings of lights have been damaged or frayed, discard them.

Outdoor lights should have special wiring intended for outside use. Indoor electrical equipment is not safe outdoors.

This is the first winter no government funds are available to build snowmobile trails in Michigan, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

Budget cuts at the State Department of Natural Resources and the veto last winter of a bill to increase funding through state gasoline taxes are cited by some groups as major reasons Michigan's trails are unchanged this season.

Michigan has more snowmobilers than any other state, and the number has changed little in the last two seasons. Snowmobilers in Michigan will find 2,300 miles of marked state forest trails and 1,250 miles of trails and routes in four federally managed forests.

### Christmas Cheer

Wishing you a perfect score for the holiday season as we strike our greetings for you.

### New Year's Eve Party

\$1500 Per Couple, Includes Buffet With Larry Ballard

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## GREETINGS

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## The Shining Hours of Christmas

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# Saranac Doin's...

## Self-Esteem Bulletin Available

The Adult's Role in Aiding Adolescent Self-Esteem, a new bulletin in the "Self-Esteem and You" series, is now available from the Cooperative Extension Service in Ionia county.

May you be so very gay on this happiest of Happy Holidays!

Olive's Sport & Bait  
— Saranac —

## Merry Christmas

Let the bells ring with the tidings of the Season Happy Holidays!!!

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## NOEL

Holiday Greetings to all of our dear Patrons and Friends

Greetings From Lloyd

## Grand River Oil Co.

— Saranac —

## Supt. Cady Resigns After 20 Years

After 20 years as Saranac superintendent of schools, Earl Cady has resigned that position, effective June 30.

Cady, who moved to Potteryville in August, had been criticized by several board members recently for living outside the school district. Cady has maintained that nowhere in state law, school policy or in his contract does it specify that school employees live inside the school district.

As far as future plans go, Cady said he has nothing specific in mind. He did say, though, that he does not plan to seek other employment.

He explained, however, that "Adolescence and Self-Esteem: Being There" for their adolescent children.

For a free copy of the bulletin on self-esteem and teens or more information, contact the Ionia County Cooperative Extension Service office at 110 E. Washington Street, Ionia, MI 48846.

WEDDING INVITATIONS — & Napkins available at the Grand Valley Lodge, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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## Area Farmers To Aid County

Area farmers have elected 80 fellow farmers to the township committees to assist the county committee in making decisions in the administration of federal farm programs.

The newly elected members will take office Jan. 1 and serve for one year.

Elected to the five townships contiguous to the immediate Saranac area were:

Boston Township: Alton Mick, Clarksville; Dick Stuart, Lowell; Ron Alderkin, Lowell; Robert Roth, Clarksville; and Gerald Kysar, Lowell.

Keene Township: Darold Simpson, Saranac; Edwin Roth, Lowell; Robert L. Yeiter, Belding; Dale Spranger, Saranac; and Phlores Hale, Lowell.

Easton Township: Dale Haney, Ionia; Larry Leak, Ionia; Norman McKendry, Ionia; Sanfor Yeoman, Ionia; and Dexter Arnold, Lake Odessa.

Campbell Township: Kenneth Thompson, Freeport; Kenneth Nielsen, Lake Odessa; Dean Geiger, Clarksville; Donald Shoemaker, Lake Odessa; and Marion Jackson, Lake Odessa.

## Off The Blotter

Edward Minard, Box 502 Portland Rd., was fined \$20 for speeding. Minard plead guilty to possessing a loaded firearm before Judge Ward and was fined \$28.

## Plan Feb. Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bishop of Lake Odessa are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sharon, to Kevin Wyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wyman of Saranac.

Bishop is a 1976 graduate of Lakeview High School and a 1979 graduate of Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She is presently employed as an R.N. by Pennock Hospital in Hastings.

Wyman is a 1973 graduate of Saranac High School and a 1979 graduate of Grand Valley's Advanced Emergency Medical Technician program. He is employed by Mercy Ambulance of Grand Rapids.

Plans are being made for a Feb. 16, 1980, wedding.

## Dairymen Offered Home Study Course

For \$5 dairymen in west central Michigan can increase their knowledge about mastitis control through a four-part, self-taught course of study beginning Jan. 2.

The correspondence course is offered by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. It is being conducted in Mason, Ottawa, Lake, Oshtemo, Oceana, Mecosta, Mueken, Kent, Allegan, Ionia, Newaygo and Montcalm counties. Dairymen interested in the course should contact the MSU Extension office in their county. Registration should be made as soon as possible.

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## Tough Going For Lowell

Last week the Tri-River basketball season opened with a full state of games. Lowell's Red Arrows traveled to Cedar Springs and Greenville, The Cedar Springs varsity handily defeated Lowell by the score of 87-68.

The first quarter was fast paced with both teams fast breaking and pressing with a lot of scoring by both teams. At the end of the quarter the Cedar five was up by five 27-22. In the second quarter the Lowell squad was blitzed 23 to 12 as the Red Hawks opened up a 16 point lead 50-34.

In the third quarter the Red Arrows were unable to close the gap on Cedar as both teams scored 18 points. The score at the end of three quarters was 68-52 in favor of the Cedar five. The fourth quarter was similar to the third with both squads tending baskets as Lowell was never able to get closer than 12 points. The final score was Cedar Springs 87, Lowell 68.

Lowell was led in scoring by Gary Ellison with 18 points, followed closely by Mike Kaye with 16. Steve Doyle with 14 and Greg Machado with 11. Mike Kaye was the leading rebounder pulling in 9 errant shots.

Bob Navitskas and Steve Rönberg led the Cedar five in scoring with 31 and 24 points respectively.

In a game played last Friday

## Sitzer, Dickerson Break School Records

The Lowell girls basketball team broke school records in their 11-11 victory over the Cedar Springs Red Hawks 47-14. The Red Arrows made a fine showing at their first conference match, which should show the Tri-River teams that they have competition on the way.

Troy Hall, the only sophomore on the team, wrestling at 98 pinned his man in the 2nd period. At 105 Dale Bieri won his match 12-8. Joe Rathbun and Jeff Dykhusen lost to their opponents.

At 126, Bill Nagy easily pinned his man in the 1st period. At 132 Greg Martinez won 12-3. Tony Posthumus pinned in the 2nd period at 138. Chuck Shrank followed with a win 10-4 at 145. Jay Rickert (155) and Brian Brown (167) were both defeated by close decisions. Finishing in the 2nd period were Dave Christman and Mark VanWeelen. Dan Stuart won by a forfeit.

Saturday the Arrows attended the Olivet Tournament and returned home with a 1st place trophy. The scores were Bronson 95-9, Pontiac Catholic 130, South Haven 150-9, and Lowell 179.

Medals were received by VanWeelen with a fourth; two third places, Bieri and Dykhusen; second place finishers, Rathbun, Nagy, Christman, and Stuart.

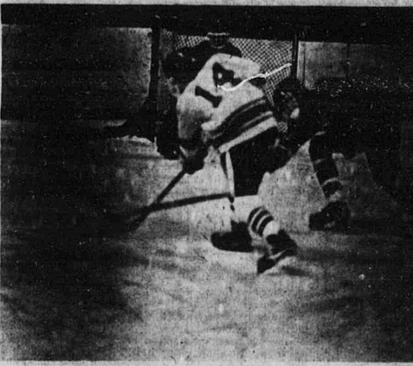
Three first places were awarded to Hall, Martinez, and Rickert. The Lowell squad wrestled exceptionally well.

While the varsity was at Olivet the J.V.'s were doing a fine job at the Saranac Tournament. The Lowell J.V.'s received a 4th place.

Randy Roth wrestling at 119 brought home the only first place medal. Five 4th places were taken; Kevin Hurt, 98; Fred Bechtler, 105; Eric Swift, 126; Steve Martinez, 145; and Jamie Zywicki, 161.

Special events presented at the Lowell girls basketball banquet were: Sitzer, Elaine Blasher, Kelly Dickerson and Lori DenBoer. Photo, Steve DeNolf.

## Icers Clip Eagles' Wings 9-5



Arrow Bob McGrew angles one for a goal in Wednesday night's hockey game against the Christian Eagles. McGrew was responsible for four goals and teammate Steve Ries added another four.

The Red Arrow hockey team defeated the Christian Eagles 9-5 in action last Wednesday, Dec. 12. The win brings Lowell's record to 3-2.

Lowell's Steve Ries and Bob McGrew each scored four goals and four assists to put the Arrow's scoring drive together.

The Arrows opened scoring six minutes into the first period on a goal by Ries with McGrew and Dan Sarniak assisting. Ries scored another goal two minutes later with McGrew and Brad Shamblin getting the assists on that goal. Christian's Joe Van Wiet scored the next goal which caused some controversy when

## Wrestlers Take 1st

The Lowell Grapplers continued their winning streak as they triumphed at Greenville, Wednesday, Dec. 20. Lowell will be wrestling at Greenville, J.V. starts at 6:15, then varsity at 7:15.—T.N.

## First League Win For SHS

Defeating conference champions, the Saranac Redskins took on a tough Lakeview team on Tuesday night, Dec. 11 and slipped by them for their first league win of the season, 56-48.

Defensively the Redskins did pretty well in Coach Kip Cady's estimation but he points to the Lakeview game as proof that his offense needs shaping up.

The Redskins opened up the game by taking a 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter—a quarter that saw 6'8" Ben Tower score 10 points.

Lakeview dominated the second period, outscoring the Redskins 12-9 to narrow Saranac's lead to 15-14.

Saranac got the lead out and came back in the third quarter to outscore Lakeview 16-10 and again in the fourth, 15-14.

Tower led the Redskins with 29 points, seven of those from the free-throw line. Also assisting in the Saranac victory was 5'11" senior guard Scott Metternick, who scored 12 points, as well as totaling up five assists and four steals.

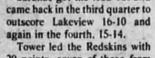
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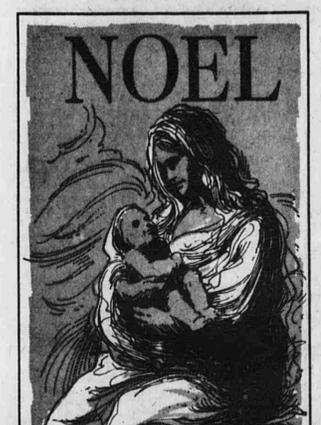


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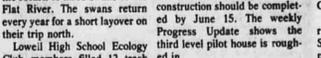
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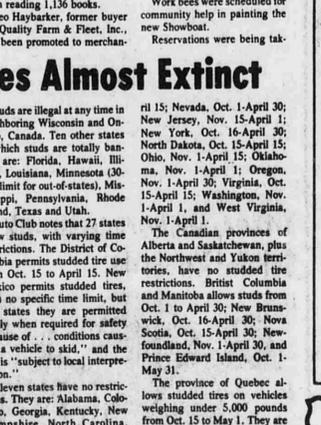
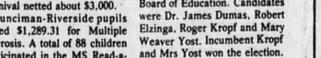
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Gary Thilgen, employee at Arts TV, and Stanlee Johnson, owner of Riverside Fireplace, were trapped on the rear porch of Johnson's store over the Flat River when a gust of wind slammed the door shut. After 45 minutes they were able to alert the crew working on the new Showboat that they needed help.

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## Auditions For 1979 Lowell Showboat Held In June

still searching for an inmate who walked away from the Michigan Reformatory in Ionia. Todd Kirby of Alto was suspected of being involved in a robbery at Adgates Supermarket in Saranac. He was captured later in the month.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for St. Mary's Church were slated for early June.

Kathy Zywicki and David Barwald were announced as 1979 Valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for LHS.

Karise Lambert of Lowell was a state finalist in the 1979 Miss United Teenager Pageant and Abby Potter of Lowell was a finalist in the Miss Michigan Teen USA Pageant. Debbie Ward of Saranac also competed for the Miss Michigan Teen USA title.

Steve Dickerson, Pamela Westcott and Nancy Metternick placed first, second and third, respectively, in the tenth annual America & Me contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

Dedication ceremonies for Saranac's new housing units for the elderly, Mill Creek Meadows West, took place in early June.

Five Saranac Varsity softball players received individual honors in the Tri-Central League. They were Tammy Hardy, Lori Haller, Hollene Opydyck, Wendy Sheldon and Deb Stuart.

Lowell Lions donated a new practice driving board at the tennis courts on Foreman Road.

Lisa Willard was selected as the Outstanding Senior Athlete of the 1979 graduating class at Lowell Senior High School.

Main Street saw plenty of changes in mid-June. Renovation of Cary's (now West's Apparel) was well underway. The old Curly's Diner was fast becoming Lucchese's Ranch House.

Riverside Fireplace was nearly ready for its new home.

Voters in the Saranac School District approved renewal of two millage issues and returned incumbents Jack Bauman and Darold Simpson to the Board of Education.

Jim Maatman, of Modern Photographics was awarded a Certificate of Merit for displaying excellence in photographic creativity and technical competence.

Auditions for the openings for amateurs for the 1979 showboat were held in June and trimmed competing acts from 85 to 30.

Mrs. Sue Beute's third grade class in Bushnell School perpetuated their art in a Prairie Quilt. Each student depicted a scene from a book they read together. "Little House on the Prairie".

Rev. Gerald Bates is assigned to the pastorate of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Root-Lowell Corporation was awarded a SPARC award for excellence in dealer merchandise sales in national competition held annually by Discount Store News Magazine.

In only a few days, most traces of the old Kellogg Vinegar plant were erased to make way for Michigan Wire Processing's expanding operation.

Charlie Doyle, Lowell's Postmaster, was re-elected State President of the National League of Postmasters at their convention held in Traverse City.

Lowell Community Education's first Safety Town was well attended and termed a success by coordinator Mitch McMahon.

Over 35 pre-schoolers took the 20 hour course with lessons about crossing the street, bicycle safety, the dangers of train crossings and 35 other safety topics. The "dove" on the mini-streets painted on the Bushnell playground.

**JULY**

Division Street Bridge may be closed for good after studies show that the bridge is unsafe for all traffic. Vandals continued to smash barricades at the bridge and residents grumble at the inconvenience. Repairs for the bridge are estimated to be much more extensive than first thought.

Residents of Eastgate in the Woods plan to capitalize on Showboat Week with a Grand Siam Garage Sale where 200 people in the subdivision held their sales on the same two dates. Ed Benjamin of Westdale Co. helped the group with advertising.

Joel Thurlert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thurlert of Lowell, wrote an article for the South Bend Tribune and the Grand Valley Ledger which questioned why shops were ever built over the river, given the town's history of floods. The local mystery remains unsolved.

Loren Adgate was elected treasurer of the Michigan Bankers Association. He is the president of First Security Bank and Independent Bank Corp.

The new Robert E. Lee was officially "Re-Born" in early July with a Maiden Voyage that was open to the public. Decked out in red, white and blue bunting the stern-wheeler made the trip around Cattail Bend with only minor hitches. Area TV celebrity Buck Matthews and his WFTV crew were aboard and filming a planned one hour special on Showboat.

Also Firemen beated the Lowell Firemen in a waterball fight at the gala Fourth of July festivities.

Tom and Helen Goss of Saranac purchased Rhoades Corner Store and have changed the name to Goss' Corner Store.

The Sixth Annual Gus Macker All-World Invitational Three-on-Three Outdoor Basketball Tournament took place in mid-month with Elizabeth Street closed to traffic for the duration of the event. There were 250 players in five divisions.

Roger Kropf was elected President of the Lowell School Board with Lloyd Miller as Vice-president, Orin Thaler, Secretary and Wayne Dowling, Treasurer.

Twelve acts were chosen to appear with Leslie Uggans on the 1979 Lowell Showboat and thanks to a 50 man barber-shop chorus, the picture of the winners almost didn't fit on the Ledger page.

Safe driving awards were given to six mail carriers from the Lowell Post Office: Bill Coodon, John DeHann, Dennis Kropf, Alex Robertson, Jim Rittersdorf and Rex Collins.

Lynn Wilcox of the Lowell FFA received two honors when she was selected Star Farmer for Region 5 of the Michigan Association FFA and was elected president of Region 5.

Ernest Forrest L. Bush, veteran of 44 Showboat productions, officially christened the Robert E. Lee by smashing a bottle of champagne on its rail. Showboat President Chuck Lipfert then surprised "Bucky" by proclaiming him Honorary Captain of the brand new stern-wheeler. Opening night of Lowell's Showboat Week found Riverside Amphitheatre jammed as the R.E. Lee made its grand debut to cheers from the crowd and the traditional "Here Comes the Showboat".

The only thing it didn't do during Showboat Week was snow: Monday, oppressive heat; Tuesday, tornado sightings; Wednesday, warm and clear

Work was underway in the expansion of three local industries: Country Roads, Inc.; Michigan Wire Processing; and Atwood Corp.

Visitors to Showboat were treated to the talents of Don Harvey who creates life-size sculptures from wood stumps with a chainsaw. He sculpted a peg-legged riverboat captain which is now in the foyer of City Hall.

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**AUGUST**

Lowell again hosted the annual Kent County 4-H Youth Fair. Richard W. McVet was promoted to Vice President/Director of Production Services at the J.I. Scott Co.

Lowell Light and Power Company joined 17 other municipalities in a cooperative called Michigan Public Power Agency which will work together to purchase electrical power from Consumer Power Company's coal fired Campbell plant and for Detroit Edison's coal fired plant if needed in the future.

Forty artists were selected to exhibit and sell at the annual Fallburg Fall Festival. The artists came from as far east as Dearborn, as far north as Manistee and as far south as Mishawaka, IN. There were 18 exhibitors from Kent County.

Judy Jansma resigned from the Lowell School Board after serving three years. Dr. James Dumas was appointed to complete the open term.

Fallsburg Park was the site of the 4th Annual Road Run sponsored by the Lowell YMCA and the Lowell Auto Dealers.

First Security Bank in Saranac is beehive of activity as builders rush to complete the new bank by the mid-September deadline. First Security opened a new branch office in Lowell Township in temporary quarters

while plans for a permanent facility are being developed.

Seven candidates for vacancies on the Lowell City Council filed petitions to stand for election which meant a primary election had to be scheduled for September 11.

Lowell City Council approved spending \$2,000 to extend the runway at the airport.

Dedication of the inactive hydroelectric facilities, Burroughs St. and M-91 north of Lowell, as a national historical landmark is scheduled for September 11.

The Grand Valley Ledger's phototypesetting machine went on the frit causing chaos on press day and providing the gist for the most unusual looking Cozy Corner ever.

The one year anniversary of the horrendous storm which caused so much damage in Lowell was remembered on Ledger pages. Pictures of the smashed Showboat and bent

steeple from the First United Methodist Church were grim reminders of all the work done to repair the damage in so little time.

Recreation Park was the site of the first annual City Employee Picnic with nearly 150 city workers attending. Lowell City Council members instituted the picnic as a way of saying thank you to its employees for their service and loyalty.

Emory Bowen was beaming over the acquisition of an authentic violin created in 1741 by Dominicus Montagnana, one of the world's greatest masters of violin making.

**SEPTEMBER**

For the first time in the Lowell School's history, teachers voted to withhold services. Lowell's 3,100 students had an extended vacation of four days. Agreement was reached after meeting with a state-appointed mediator.

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**OCTOBER**

After consulting with experts in the field of bridge-building, the Kent County Road Commission was told that rebuilding of the Ada Bridge could cost \$125,000 and that there was nothing salvageable from the old structure.

MEDIC of Alto opened temporary offices in Alto at 6070 Linfield. A team of four doctors comprise the corporate office: Robert E. Servis M.D., Jay Lagthart, M.D., James Eckert, M.D., Bernard Lemke M.D. The service area includes Alto, Cascade, Ada, Lowell, Clarksville, Saranac, Freepport, Caledonia and Alaska.

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# Music Boosters Launch New Uniform Campaign

the occasion of her 100th birthday. Eight graders at Lowell Middle School were able to view moon rocks when Roger Willis and Steve Tchozeski brought information and lunar samples to their classrooms. The Lowell Fire Department quickly extinguished a fire at the George Archert residence on N. Hudson St. Archert sustained a minor injury and there was extensive smoke and fire damage to the home.

Lowell Area Music Boosters launched their fund raising campaign to raise \$15,000 for new marching and concert band uniforms. The United Way Fund Drive got underway with Arnold Wittenbach chairing the community drive. Stanley Gardner, Evelyn Wittenbach and Jean Jackson chaired special divisions of the drive.

Bill Wieland received a plaque in honor of being chosen Farmer of the Week in recognition of his contributions to Michigan agriculture. Lowell's Outdoor Education program and the Outdoor Adventure course was validated by a Kent Intermediate School District evaluation team and will now serve other Michigan schools as a model. The Lowell program was designed by school naturalist Steve Harrington who also writes the Outdoor Education column in the Ledger. Don Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corp., Lowell, was awarded the marine industry's prestigious Mel Barr Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the marine industry.

When the dust settled at the Cross County Conference meet at Grand Valley State College, the Red Arrows were in third place and Lowell barriers Kathie Day and Cliff Mulder were in the spotlight. Mulder made the All-conference list for his performance. **THINGS YOU NEED:** Corrugated cardboard, Christmas gift wrap or cards, white glue, colored yarn if making decorations, paint brush, varnish and sealers. Cut a circle from the cardboard, about 3-3/4 inches in size. Trace around the rim of a

wide glass or jar for this. You need 1 circle for each coaster or ornament. Cut same size circle from the gift wrap or colored greeting card and glue onto cardboard circle, pressing down from center to outer edges. When glue is dry apply 1 coat of varnish—let dry overnight. Apply a second coat of varnish and let dry again overnight. (Clean the varnish brush after you use it so it doesn't get hard). You now have a pretty waterproof

coaster. A set of four makes a handsome gift! If you want to make tree decorations, continue as follows: Glue colored yarn around edge of finished coaster. Cut a 5 inch piece of matching or other color yarn and glue onto back of coaster making a loop at the top. Now it's ready to hang on your tree or to give!

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# Savings From Bulk Buying Offset By Costs

[Third in a series of five articles] CPAs on Living With Inflation Faced with the prospect of continuing inflation, wouldn't it be wise to use its savings, or even borrow, to stock up now on everything it will need for the next two or three years? Probably not, says the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, because of what are known in business as inventory maintenance costs, which could easily outweigh any savings on the cost of stockpiled items.

One such expense, say the CPAs, is the high interest caused by inflation, itself—an import reason for not attaining products that may not be used for many months. To purchase those products, a family must either pay high interest on money borrowed, or lose high interest on funds that could otherwise be invested. In either case, the interest must be deducted from any savings on the purchase price.

Some other considerations the CPAs suggest keeping in mind when deciding how far ahead to buy:

- 1) The costs of storing the inventory; lost household space; heating and air condition expense.
- 2) Possible deterioration of the products; loss of strength, flavor, freshness or style; possible even spoilage.
- 3) The bother and expense of protecting the inventory from vermin, fire or water damage.
- 4) Insurance protection.
- 5) The temptation to be lavish in the use of products that appear to be in such abundant supply.

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The CPA Association acknowledges that in addition to the savings possible through paying today's prices rather than those that will prevail a year or two hence, there's the added attraction of "economies of scale"—the price reductions that come from buying in bulk. But, an Association spokesman warned, if business conditions were to turn down, as some economists expect, big savings in inventory could turn into big losses. "That's what happened to many companies in 1974," a CPA Association member said. "They were heavily stocked when a recession set in and had to dump millions of dollars of inventory at a loss."

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# Donley To Head Savings Bond Campaign

Carson Donley, General Manager, Diesel Equipment Division, General Motors Corporation, was appointed Chairman of the 1980 "Take Stock in America" Campaign for the Grand Rapids/Kent County Center by Edward J. Giblin, Volunteer State Chairman for the Savings Bonds Program. Donley will direct Savings Bonds activities for Kent County. He will work with a committee of leading businessmen, bankers and community leaders to encourage more area residents to "Take Stock in America" by joining a payroll savings plan at work, by increasing current bond allotments, or by buying more savings bonds at their bank or savings institutions.

# Letters...

**Dear Editor:** I am writing in behalf of Citizens for Capitol Punishment. We are having a meeting in this area Thursday, Dec. 20, 1979, at 7 p.m. in Standale at 4243 Lake Michigan Drive (RT 45). The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of our cause—which is, to obtain enough signatures to get capitol punishment on the ballot in Nov. 1980. We will be handing out petitions for circulation at this time, and Ken Pearo and John Jostura will answer any questions on the issue of capitol punishment. For additional information a volunteer worker can be reached at 774-5866 Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or call Ken Pearo at 899-5528 any time. Thank you very much, Ken Pearo

# Smaller Cars Change Winter Driving Habits

Clarence Mosher, newly elected chairman of the National Safety Council's Highway Traffic Safety Division, commented on a trend that can be both good and bad news for drivers, the trend to smaller and lighter vehicles. "Downsizing of our cars can have important implications in fuel economy," he pointed out. "At the same time, whether you drive a conventional, compact or subcompact car makes an important difference in stopping and starting on ice slick winter roads!"

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**GOOD NEWS...**

Freshman Lori Rash of Lowell should have been listed in the recent Honor Roll. His good news that she made the list, right?

The University of Michigan has announced that two men from the area will earn degrees at the end of this term. Kenneth F. Kroyf, 988 N. Washington, 7410 Leonard St., NE, Ada, has earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Stephen T. Lecuyer, 7410 Leonard St., NE, Ada, has earned a Bachelor of Science in the college of Law.

Robert Hoeseth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hoeseth, Marble Rd., Lowell, has lettered in football at Adrian College. He is a junior majoring in earth science.

Coast Guard Ensign Gilbert W. Fonger, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Fonger of 611 N. Washington, Lowell, is participating in underway refresher training with the U.S. Navy in southern California. He is an officer assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell, homeported in Seattle. Fonger is a 1975 graduate of Lowell Senior High School, and a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.

Navy Seaman Recruit David A. Killgore, son of Andy A. Killgore of 7700 Morse Lake Road, Alto, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. A 1979 graduate of Caledonia High School, Caledonia, MI, he joined the Navy in September, 1979.

Darroll and Eileen McLaughlin celebrate their wedding anniversary on January 3.

**ARMY OFFERS 2-Year Option**

The U.S. Army now offers a two-year enlistment program for qualified young men and women who sign-up for selected Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). To be eligible for this program, a young man or woman must be between 17 and 24 and be a high school graduate. This program gives young people the opportunity to get training and job experience. It also allows them to participate in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). Under VEAP, an educational savings program, the government puts \$2 into the soldier's education fund for each \$1 the soldier contributes. The soldier must contribute between \$50 and \$75 a month for 12 straight months to be eligible. Individuals enlisting for the Army's two-year option may also be eligible for an additional \$2,000.

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The Society recommends the following procedures (listed on the sticker): BEFORE ATTACHING cables you should put out all cigarettes and flames! A spark can ignite hydrogen gas from a battery. Make sure cars don't touch. Set both car's parking brakes and automatic shifts to PARK (manual transmissions to NEUTRAL). Turn ignition OFF. Add battery water, if needed. Replace caps, cover with cloth. Don't jump-start if fluid is frozen! Do not jump-start unless both batteries are the same voltage. American cars are either 12-volt or 6-volt. Check owner's manual.

Rules for attaching the cables (Do in order listed): clamp one jumper cable to positive (+) pole of dead battery. Then clamp cable's other end to positive (+) pole of good battery. At good battery, clamp second cable to negative (-) pole. Then clamp cable's other end to dead car's engine block on side away from battery. Start car with battery—then start the disabled car. Remove cable from engine block and other car's negative pole. Then remove cable from positive poles. Persons interested in purchasing a quantity of these stickers for personal use or for fleets should write directly to The National Society to Prevent Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. (1 Sticker, 25¢; 12c for each additional up to 100; \$10.00 for 100; and \$80 for 1,000).

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# Lowell Area Schools WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

1979-80 WRESTLING SCHEDULE			1979-80 HOCKEY SCHEDULE		
Dec. 6	Union	Away	November	Monday 26	East Kentwood 6 p.m.
Dec. 8	Lowell Quad (Forest Hills-Alma-Musk, Catholic)	Home	Wednesday 28	Forest Hills Central	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Cedar Springs	Away	December	Saturday 6	Union 8 p.m.
Dec. 15	Olivet Tournament - J.V. at Saranac	Away	Thursday 12	Kenowa 4 p.m.	
Dec. 18	Grandville Quad	Away	Wednesday 19	Christian 8 p.m.	
Dec. 20	Greenville	Away	Thursday 27	Northview 8 p.m.	
Jan. 10	Belding	Home	Friday 29	West Catholic 8 p.m.	
Jan. 12	Mt. Pleasant Tourn.	Away	Saturday 29	East Kentwood 8 p.m.	
Jan. 15	Zeeland	Home	January	Wednesday 2	Grandville 4 p.m.
Jan. 17	Coopersville	Away	Saturday 5	East Grand Rapids 2 p.m.	
Jan. 19	Muskegon Tourn.	Away	Thursday 10	Kenowa 2 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Kenowa Hills Quad	Away	Friday 17	Central 6 p.m.	
Jan. 24	Lakewood-Canada Double Dual	Home	Thursday 23	Grandville 6 p.m.	
Jan. 26	Lowell Invitational	Home	Friday 24	Ottawa 8 p.m.	
Jan. 31	Fremont	Away	February	Saturday 2	Northview 4 p.m.
Feb. 7	Conf. Meet	Cedar Springs	Saturday 7	Creston 6 p.m.	
Feb. 9	Forest Hills Northern	Home	Tuesday 12	Forest Hills Central 6 p.m.	
Feb. 14	Districts	Regions	Thursday 14	East Grand Rapids 8 p.m.	
Feb. 16	Regions	State Finals			
Feb. 23-Mar. 1					

1979-80 HOCKEY SCHEDULE		
Dec. 7	Dalton	Home
Dec. 11	Grand Springs	Away*
Dec. 14	Greenville	Away*
Dec. 18	Grand Rapids Central (freshman vs. K. Occp.)	Away*
Dec. 21	J.C. Ford Fieldhouse	Home*
Dec. 28	Belding	Home*
Jan. 4	Forest Hills Northern	Home*
Jan. 8	Coopersville	Away*
Jan. 11	Fremont	Away*
Jan. 15	Caledonia	Home*
Jan. 18	Sparta	Home*
Jan. 22	Kenowa Hills	Home*
Jan. 25	Cedar Springs	Home*
Feb. 1	Greenville	Home*
Feb. 5	Belding	Away*
Feb. 8	Coopersville	Home*
Feb. 15	Lakewood	Away*
Feb. 19	Ionia	Away*
Feb. 22	Fremont	Home*
Feb. 26	Sparta	Away*
Mar. 2	Regionals	Away*
Mar. 11-15	Regionals	Away*
Mar. 19, 21-22	Regionals	Away*

1979-80 HOCKEY SCHEDULE		
Jan. 14	Cedar Springs	Away*
Jan. 15	Union	Home*
Jan. 18	Scrimmage at F. H. Northern	Away*
Jan. 21	Greenville	Away*
Jan. 26	Battle Creek	Away*
Jan. 28	Belding	Home*
Jan. 31	Kelloggsville	Home*
Feb. 4	Coopersville	Away*
Feb. 6	Caledonia	Away*
Feb. 9	Grand Rapids-Invitational (16 Team) (Varsity only)	Creston
Feb. 11	Lakewood	Home*
Feb. 12	Ionia & Battle Creek	Ionia
Feb. 14	Fremont	Away*
Feb. 18	Pre-Districts	Home*
Mar. 1	District	Home*
Mar. 8	Regionals	Home*
Mar. 15	State	Home*

LOWELL GYMNASTICS		
Jan. 7	Caledonia	Home
Jan. 14	East Grand Rapids	Away
Jan. 21	Holland	Home
Jan. 26	Fremont	Away
Jan. 28	Kenowa Hills	Away
Feb. 11	Rogers	Away
Feb. 13	East Kentwood	Home
Feb. 18	Rockford	Home
Feb. 25	Ionia	Away
Mar. 1	Conference	Kenowa/Ionia
Mar. 4	Ionia Invitational	Ionia
Mar. 8	Regionals	Ionia
Mar. 15	State Meet	Ionia

**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular School Board Meeting  
December 10, 1979

The board approved general fund bills totalling \$37,083.88 and a building and site bill for \$485.88.

The board took action to approve policy changes and deletions as presented at the previous meeting; offer a contract to a new teacher for students who are severely emotionally impaired; purchase a four-door sedan and nine-passenger station wagon replacing present vehicles on lease, and to correct a previously-approved motion on a property transfer.

An update on teacher union grievances was presented by the superintendent.

New business included discussion of Capital Outlay Items and a motion to purchase 13 typewriters for use in the senior high school typing room, adopted by the board.

Parent-teacher conferences brought comments from the building principals, expressing excellent participation at the conferences. Principals were concerned on the fact that only one day or evening is allowed under the present teacher contract, with parents complaining about the lines and waiting.

Pending strike legislation was discussed by the superintendent, the board members responding that they would contact legislators.

Forms were distributed on evaluation of the superintendent, with a special meeting called by President Kropf for January 7, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the evaluations. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing will be held before the Lowell City Council on Monday, **January 7, 1980** at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 East Main Street.

The purpose of the Hearing will be the request of Newell Mfg. Corp. for the establishment of an Industrial Development District, within the City of Lowell, in accordance with Public Act 198, Public Acts of 1974.

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

I will be at my residence, 10376 Three Mile Rd., Lowell, MI 49331, on December 28, January 4, 12, 18, 26 and February 11, 12 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I will be at State Savings Bank on Saturday, December 29 and February 9 from 9 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Carol Nault, Treasurer  
Vergennes Township

**TO THE CITIZENS OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A public hearing of the Grattan Township Planning Commission will be held at the Township Hall, 11680 Belding Rd., Grattan MI on **January 3, 1980** at 8 p.m. at which time the proposed Master Plan will be considered and at which meeting any interested person will be heard.

George Poulas, Secretary  
Grattan Township Planning Commission

Dated: Nov. 28, 1979  
(11/28; 12/19)  
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## Council Proceedings...

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

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 3, 1979.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Christiansen, Jackson, Warning, Lessens and Collins.

Absent: Councilman Carter.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the absence of Councilman Carter be excused, supported by Councilman Warning.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Minutes of the November 19 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Jackson.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Warning, supported by Councilman Christiansen, that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Jackson, Warning and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: Councilman Carter.

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**

General Fund	\$22,751.90
Major Street Fund	\$ 191.82
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Presentation/Newell Mfg. P.A. 198 Hearing Date

Mr. James Hazard, representing Newell Mfg. Corp. then made a presentation to the Council on a proposed plant expansion, in conjunction with the Public Act 198 program, and asked that a Public Hearing be scheduled to establish an Industrial Development District.

He explained that in 1978 Newell's employed 63 persons, with a payroll of \$646,000, 1979, 100 employees, payroll of \$1,000,162,000, and projecting for 1980, with the plant expansion, employees numbering approximately 120-125, with a projected payroll of \$1,000,495,000. They will need to expand the facility by 30,000 to 35,000 square feet.

A discussion followed, with question and answer period by Council.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that a Public Hearing be set for the January 7, 1980 meeting, supported by Councilman Warning.

**Public Hearing/Ordinance Planning Commission**

Mayor Collins then opened the Public Hearing at 8:34 on the proposed Ordinance change to remove the Mayor and Councilmember, and City Manager from voting positions on the Planning Commission and then be allowed to appoint three members-at-large from general public within the City.

There were no comments from the audience.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Jackson that the Ordinance be adopted, supported by Councilman Christiansen.

Carried.

Hearing closed at 8:43 p.m.

**Public Hearing/Council appointed Zoning Board of Appeals**

Mayor Collins then opened the Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m. on adopting the amendment to appoint the City Council as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A discussion followed, with no comments from the audience.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the amendment be approved, supported by Councilman Jackson.

Carried.

Hearing closed at 8:48 p.m.

**Council Discussion/Water/Sewer on West Main Street**

Council then discussed the feasibility of installing water and sewer extensions along West M-21, Main Street from Thomet Chevrolet to the west City limits. It would be a ten-inch sewer, and four-inch water main, costs could be paid either by the City at large, and collected back by hook-up fees, or by a special assessment district to property owners as developed.

Council concurred to spend necessary funds for a feasibility study.

Manager's Report

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music has erected a new sign for the Airport, Fedewa Brothers reported that the application for 1979 funding for the Senior Citizens housing complex has been rejected, but that it looks promising for 1980 funding.

He also reported that the Open Space easement proposed for Vergennes Township, approved by the City Council in November has raised several issues of usage by neighboring residents and other Vergennes Township residents. He asked if Council wished to rescind their support. Council concurred to leave the decision as is, if Vergennes Township wished, it could still vote it down.

The Manager's Report continued with a letter from Mrs. Anita Townsend, citing the parking problem on Main Street, stating that she felt it was the City's responsibility to solve the problem.

A discussion followed in which Manager Quada outlined several possible solutions, such as, getting merchants and employees to park elsewhere, rather than in front of their business; or install parking meters, an idea which has been rejected by local merchants on several occasions before.

Manager Quada also reported that the Planning Commission has appointed Prein and Neuhoff as Planning Consultants.

**Council Remarks and Reports**

Under Council Remarks, Councilman Warning stated that he did not feel that the Council had been lax in dealing with the Main Street parking dilemma. Money has been spent for paving of parking lots, a house was purchased, torn down to make a larger lot, and the City has fought the State "tooth and nail" to reject the removal of parking on one side of Main Street.

Manager Quada then passed out the annual Council checks, along with the annual Audit Report. He stated that Mr. Virgil Biggs would be present at the next regular meeting to discuss the Audit. He also stated that he was most impressed with the percentages of interest earned on the investment of the Lee funds.

Under Council remarks and reports, School Representative Lessens asked about the City's policy of snow removal on sidewalks.

Manager Quada replied that it has not been enforced, for two reasons. 1. The City does not have enough man-power to do the job if residents don't clean them themselves, and 2. The City is populated with many senior citizens who are physically unable to clear them, and who could not afford to pay a fine for City employees to do it.

Councilman Jackson asked if the City would have Christmas decorations up this year. Yes, they will be placed this coming week.

Councilman Warning commended the Police Department for their handling of traffic at the Christmas Parade, when an ambulance needed to get through.

Also discussed was the method of snow removal on Main Street.

Manager Quada commended the Chamber of Commerce for the nicest parade ever.

**Citizen Input**

Mr. Gordon Hill was present and read comments on the decline of Lowell's neighborhoods and business district, and urged the Council to do something to bring the people back to Main Street.

Mayor Collins then adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Approved: December 17, 1979.

DEAN E. COLLINS, Mayor  
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**FRANKIE** — Even though the numbers are getting larger, doesn't mean you have too. Have a Happy 21st. —Lave ya, Lave ya.

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## Red Arrow Teams Are All Grid Champs

performances in dual meets throughout the season and in the conference. They won the individual Girls Tri-River Conference Championship with a time of 19:36.

The Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club hosted the fall meeting of District IV. All 12 clubs were represented with 55 women present.

A Kent County Circuit Court jury awarded \$200,000 to the parents of Jack Lucchesi Jr. who was killed last year when the Jeep he was driving flipped over the side of a gravel pile and landed on its top.

Nature Pantry, a food cooperative offering wholesome foods, has taken up residence on Main St. The Pantry is a non-profit organization.

Mike Myckowiak celebrated his 93rd birthday on Oct. 29 with greetings from President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. Lylia Johnson was honored by the Lowell Cyalamen Chapter #94 Order of the Eastern Star with a life membership in the Grand Chapter, a high honor.

Lowell Red Arrows varsity football team shares in a quad-conference championship with Sparta, Lakewood and Belding. All four teams had identical 5-2 records. The JV's emerged Tri-River Champions and the Freshmen team was also tops in the conference.

Named to the All Conference golf team from Lowell was Andy Rogers and Jon Vezino earned

Honorable Mention. Named to the all Conference tennis team, girls division, were Jilisa Grooters and Tawnie Knottnerus.

### NOVEMBER

Twelve Lowell students attended an area seminar in the Close-Up program hosted by the Kent Intermediate School District in Grand Rapids.

Close to 400 people made the first Moose Lodge Las Vegas Night a success. Rick and Pat Fonger won enough play money to "purchase" the grand prize, a trip to Las Vegas.

The Historical Society of Michigan announced the presentation of a Michigan Centennial Business Award to the Grand Valley Ledger. The newspaper first began publishing on July 13, 1865.

Erb Lumber Co. completed work on a large storage addition which replaces four outbuildings that have been taken down during the year.

A new hangar at the Lowell City Airport nears completion, privately owned by Roger Odell, Jim Serne and Doug Olin.

Nearly one-fourth of Lowell's registered electorate turned out to vote in the citywide election to seat three councilmen. Incumbent Robert Christianser, James Maatman and M. Jack Fonger will assume their terms on January 1, 1980.

Tri-County Concerned Citizens plan to carry on a further legal battle with the DNR over the designation of the Flat River

as a Natural River. Resistance to the DNR plan arose because 8 of the 9 townships affected had already enacted management plans in relation to the river and zoning ordinances in compliance with earlier directives.

With the end of the 1979 football season came the announcement of seven Lowell gridder to the All Conference team. They were: Mike Kaye, Karl Kloosterman, Steve Ries, Tom Grim, Jay Rickert, Bill Nagy, Kerry Kyser.

Albert Ford won the local First Buck contest by showing up first at the Ledger office with his three point buck. He took the beauty at 8:35 a.m. on his farm.

A group calling themselves the A la Bridge Committee met to lay plans for rebuilding the covered structure which was reduced to rubble by fire. New estimates put the figure needed to rebuild at \$91,000.

Fire gutted the upstairs of the Riverview Residential Treatment Facility and sent eight foster care children and three adults scurrying for safety. Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

Pen and ink drawings of Lowell's new Showboat, scenes of downtown, Fallasburg Bridge and the Flat River are featured on notepapers being sold by the First Congregational Church. By Lowell artist Jan Johnson, the assortment may still be ordered by calling the church.

Lowell Womens Club hosted the State President Mrs. Fergu-

son who spoke on Unity in Diversity and the Michigan State Federation of Womens Clubs.

Flat River Snowmobile Club, for the eighth year, conducted the Snowmobile Safety Classes at the Lowell Middle School in cooperation with the Kent Co. Sheriff's Department and the Lowell Area Schools.

Members of St. Mary's parish held ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone for their new church. The parish family hopes to be in the new structure in the spring.

Steve Pattok was elevated to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit at the Lowell Moose Lodge.

Despite the inclement weather, the opening of the south-bound lanes of the East Beltline took place without a hitch. A 40 foot belt was "unbuckled" to herald the long-awaited opening.

Recent renovation has made the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center barrier free.

Paul Erickson of Lowell was presented an award at a recent Away rally in Lansing for his record in sponsoring eleven new dealers in the six months he has been with the firm.

The George Eddy Scholarship will benefit students in Saranac. The Eddy estate will provide \$303,227 for use in funding scholarships.

### DECEMBER

Newell Manufacturing revealed plans for expansion and

## JayCee T-Shirt Sale Begins



Stan and Cheryl Williams are project chairmen for the Lowell Jaycees T-Shirt sale which will raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. The facility is located next to Children's Hospital in Detroit and enables families to live together while their children are undergoing long term treatment.

The Williams children—Carrie, Kenny and Shelly—each chose a shirt for a Christmas present out of the latest shipment received by the JCs. The shirts can be purchased through any JC, Jayteen or Jaycette. To order call 897-6374 or 897-6173.

asked Lowell city fathers for a tax break under Public Act 198. The proposed project will generate additional employees and therefore local salary expenditure increases.

David W. Miller retired from the Michigan Department of Transportation after 30 years as a civil engineer. In his career he worked on projects all over the state.

Lowell Rotary hosted renowned operatic baritone Jake Gardner at its luncheon meeting. Gardner is an Affiliate Artist now appearing in the Grand Rapids area.

The hit of the annual Christmas Parade was Santa Claus, of course, and the "King of the Road", a Lowell school bus decorated with eyes, ears and a handlebar mustache.

Gasohol made its debut locally at the Zephyr Station owned by Bob Kammer who said he pumped 140 gallons of the stuff in just five hours the first day.

Lowell area Arts Council is looking for a sculpture design to

be produced by the group and placed in the revitalized Richards Park in the spring. Deadline for entries is February 1, 1980.

Elmer Wittenbach, 70-year-old treasurer of Vergennes Township, was killed in a two car collision.

Tara Yeiter brought home to Saranac honors from the Michigan State Pony of America Club in their year-end Hi-point standings.

Lowell Area Jaycees are selling special T-shirts to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House which is a facility located next to the Children's Hospital in Detroit. It offers rooms to families of critical and/or long-term care patients at the hospital.

Some city folks would say Lowell and its neighboring towns are mighty small, but it takes a mighty big amount of inspiration, perspiration and heart to accomplish all of this. Individually and collectively, the Grand Valley is full of "mighty" people.

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