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1980: Looking back on a good/bad year

The year 1980 will be bid farewell with a sigh of relief both here and across the nation. The world situation, the economic hardships and changing times commanded the front pages of newspa-

pers and the nightly news—nightly. Thoughts of "It-can't get worse—so it's got to get better" have crossed everyone's mind and it has seemed more often this year than others.

When contemplating a couple of weeks of research and writing for the Ledger's annual retrospective of 1980, I seriously thought of giving everyone a break and forgetting it this year. Somehow, though, after thumbing the inky pages of our local weekly, the picture changed for me. Read on, and I can guarantee that you'll have a different perspective, too.

We live in a great community filled with fine people who do so many worthwhile things. As a "transplant" to the area some four and a half years ago, I am still amazed that such a small area can get so very much accomplished.



STILL NO SNOW

Even though the first day of winter was last week and the Christmas holiday is closing fast, anyone who counts on a little white stuff on the ground to make winter bearable is still disappointed. Skiers, hunters, snowmobilers and children keep looking to the skies for signs of a few inches of snowfall.

The City has prepared the surface of a new ice skating rink at Richards Park and it is already getting heavy use. Ice fishermen are at it already.

And still our swans remain in Lowell. It is a pretty good sign that our winter is going to be mild. Folks at the Lowell Light and Power office called last week to tell us the swans were ice skating on the Flat. Others report that they have shifted their residence to open water below the dam.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This issue of the Ledger is a combined one covering the weeks of December 24 and December 31. There will be no paper on December 31. Our office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24 until Monday, January 5.

News and advertising copy can be submitted for publication in the January 7 issue of the Ledger through the mail or by dropping in through our mail slot on the front door, 105 N. Broadway. This two week hiatus is our traditional vacation time.

GET OUT OF THE RED

Secretary of State Richard H. Austin reminds all motorists to get out of the red by December 30 or you won't be legal on New Year's Day. Anyone who still has 1980 red tabs on their vehicles should head for the license plate bureau because everyone must have black and white license tabs by Jan. 1. Those born on December 31 must renew their vehicle registration and obtain the black and white tabs by Dec. 30 because Dec. 31 is a state holiday.

REPORT IN JANUARY

If you are an alien in the U.S. you must report your address to the government each January. In view of serious penalties for failure to comply with the law, go to the Post Office to obtain an address report card.

ON NATIONAL TV

Attwood Corporation's newest product, the Bayou Ed Live Well Bait Keeper was one of a number of suggestions recently offered for Christmas gifts for the avid sportsman on ABC television's early morning news/talk show, "Good Morning, America."

OFF THE BLOTTER

The Lowell Police Department asks parents to be cautious about sending cash to school with their children, for whatever reason. Last week a larceny of \$37.50 from a locker at the Middle School was reported to police. The money was the receipts for a product sale. Investigation continues.

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Ada celebrates bridge return



The Ada Covered Bridge was formally dedicated at ceremonies last week. Many people who were involved in raising the funds to rebuild the bridge were on hand with smiles and a sigh of relief. The bridge was razed by fire a year ago and the community immediately banded together to see the Ada landmark restored.

The covered bridge across the Thornapple River, which has become a symbol and landmark in Ada, is back in use.

This time, the bridge is an entirely new span at the same spot where a wooden bridge has offered a crossing on the Thornapple for 113 years.

Ada residents, history and bridge lovers, plus concerned citizens from California to Florida participated in a fund raising drive that collected over \$26,000 to make sure Ada's bridge would be rebuilt after an arsonist destroyed the former structure in September, 1979.

The impetus for the re-

building drive was an Amway Corporation pledge to make up the difference between what the community's residents could raise and the sum required to rebuild the bridge. Amway, an international direct selling firm, has its world headquarters in Ada.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER



Hoping that Christmas and the New Year Bring you joyful hours, pleasant memories and much happiness.

From The Grand Valley Ledger Staff:

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Obituaries...

DOYLE — Miss Ethel T. Doyle, aged 29, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, Dec. 13, 1980.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara; three brothers, Charles of Ada, John of Rockford and Tom of Lynchburg, VA and three sisters, Susau Barber of Houston, TX, Kathy of Denver, CO and Mary at home.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. Gerald R. Bates of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Also speaking was her brother, Tom who attends Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, VA. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Neura-Fibromatosis Program Dept. of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 77030.

FRENCH — Mrs. Carlton (Elsie) French, 77 of 122 E. 24th St., Holland, died Thursday in a local convalescent home.

Born in Grand Rapids, she graduated from Lowell High School and Davenport College. She came to Holland with her family in 1939. For 15 years she was secretary at First United Methodist Church, a member of the church, United Methodist Women and a former Sunday School teacher. She was also

active in the American Red Cross.

Surviving are her husband, Carlton; two daughters, Mrs. Madeline Tindall of Grand Rapids and Mrs. William (Dorothy) Gray of Grand Haven; a son, David French of Colorado; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Mae Wingler of Ionia and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Dystra Downtown Chapel with Dr. John Francis and the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

KELLOGG — Cecil L. Kellogg, 62, of 122 Depot St., Ionia, died Sunday morning, Dec. 21, in Veterans' Hospital in Saginaw following a long illness.

He was born Sept. 5, 1918 in Vestaburg, the son of William and Lydia Kellogg and attended Lyons schools. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and married the former Janet Penn.

Mr. Kellogg was a retired employee of Universal Metal Products in Saranac and was a member of Saranac VFW Post 4363.

He is survived by his stepfather, Thomas Borton of Stanton; wife, Janet of Pewamo; four sons, William of Ionia, Fred of St. Johns, Gerald of Rockford, Ill., and David of Pewamo; one daughter, Judy Kellogg of Pewamo; one brother, James of Harrison, MI; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Hull Memorial Chapel in Muir, with the Rev. Howard McDonald of Lyons United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Muir Cemetery.

SIMMONS — Gary Lee Simmons, aged 30, of Grand Rapids, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 1980 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; his children, Sam David and Kandice Starr; his parents, Donald and Jacqueline Simmons of Wyoming; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Berhage of Alto; several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services were held Friday at the Stebbins and Simpson Funeral Home in Sheridan with the Rev. Ronald Dow of the Ionia First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Ionia.

STEELE — Mrs. Mabel C. Steele, 81, of 719 N. King St., Ionia, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1980 at her home following an extended illness.

She was born April 8, 1899, in Fenwick the daughter of Ren and Eva Collins. She has been a lifelong resident of the Ionia area and was a member of the First Christian Church of Ionia. She was married to Merle Steele on Oct. 11, 1920 in Stanton. He survives.

Other survivors are a son, Ormond (Jack) Steele of

Evansville, Ind.; four daughters, Mrs. Vera Steele, Mrs. Beulah Colley, Mrs. Joyce Lower, all of Ionia, and Mrs. Merlene (Sue) Herrick of Saranac; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Frank Collins of Greenville, and Arza Collins of Fenwick.

She was preceded in death by two daughters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Stebbins and Simpson Funeral Home in Sheridan with the Rev. Ronald Dow of the Ionia First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Ionia.

Revolution brought tree

The tradition of decorating Christmas trees in the United States began in 1776 during the American Revolution, when Hessian soldiers brought the custom from their native Germany. A short time later, in 1804, a Christmas tree was mentioned as part of a holiday celebration at Fort Dearborn, Illinois. With little objection, the traditional tree became an integral part of a 19th century Christmas and the practice of decorating holiday trees has continued ever since. Today, more than two-thirds of American homes have a beautiful tree as part of their holiday decorations.

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1980: Looking back...

had found a dandelion growing on the Middle School lawn on January 3. Several inches of snow fell just four days later and schools closed early.

Saranac's school board began its search for a new superintendent on January 3. Earl Cady had announced his resignation in December, effective June 30.

The effort to raise funds to rebuild the Ada Covered bridge was nearing the \$7,000 mark at mid-January.

Alex Robertson retired from the Lowell Post Office after traveling the west side of Lowell with mail for nearly 15 years.

Lowell Savings & Loan announced the imminent merger with First Savings & Loan of Saginaw. The merger had been under study for some time. The Lowell Savings & Loan had been the last savings association in the state to remain Federally uninsured until this merger.

New officers were elected to a one-year term at the annual general membership meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council. New president was John Harper; vice-president, Kathy Kemp; secretary, Laura Garcia; treasurer, Jill VanAntwerp; 3 year director, Jane Gillespie.

Pewamo-Westphalia topped Saranac in basketball and broke their string of six wins with a score of 62-58.

Members of the Lowell Music Boosters were making progress in their drive to purchase new band and concert uniforms for the high school music department.

Donations at mid-January tallied nearly \$2,000.

Charles Lippert, Lowell businessman, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of First Security Bank.

Demolition of the old, cutter factory took place in late January. O.E. Bieri & Sons were in charge of demolition. It was purchased in 1927 by the King Milling Co. to house the company's feed plant.

William S. Doyle of Lowell was elected Chairman of the Board of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for 1980.

The past year (1980) marked the 20th anniversary of the Lowell YCMA. Lowell is the smallest city in the U.S. able to have its own YMCA branch.

A local Junior Achievement group called Dimensions, sponsored by Harco Graphics of Grand Rapids, won honors as the Company of the month among the 44 JA companies in the Grand Rapids-Jenison area. The 15-member company included four from Lowell: Mary Jo Serne, Kevin Whaley, Pam Nagy and Phil Richards.

The Canadian All-Star wrestling team members were guests of the Lowell High School wrestlers in their respective homes. The international exchange began in 1972 with the teams playing host every other year.

As the month ended, Grand Valley publisher Roger Brown announced changes in his format of his newspa-

per. Size of the paper was the most noticeable change, going from a broadsheet to tabloid form. Typeface and style of headlines was modernized although body copy stayed the same. The price was also increased to 20¢ at the newsstand. Prices were last raised on July 4, 1974.

Two fund raisers for the Lowell Showboat were announced. Werpert Distributors and the Lowell Admiral Station announced a milk coupon promotion with 25¢ going to Showboat for every gallon of milk purchased. The second year Las Vegas night was scheduled for the first week of February with proceeds to go to the Showboat Corp.

Ada Township's need for a site to house a water metering station on the township's western edge was met through a gift from neighboring Amway Corporation. Amway's gift consisted of a parcel of land along Ada Drive about three miles west of Ada.

Two young men from the area earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank of Eagle Scout. Both were honored by the West Michigan Shores Council. They were Robert Yeiter of Lowell and Scout Unit #102 and James Hospodarsky of Ada and Scout Unit #365. Brien Simpson completed his project necessary to obtain the Eagle Rank. He is from Saranac and Unit #71.

The Ledger's "Cozy Corner" featured a first, a puzzle asking reader's to match up pictures of old

printer's tools with their names.

FEBRUARY

The Lowell Area Fire Department took delivery on a new 1,500 gal. tanker they had ordered a year ago to augment local firefighting capacity. Cost of the tanker was \$47,500.

George F. Jacou of Grandville was named Assistant Superintendent of Business and Personnel for the Lowell Public Schools. A former teacher, he had eleven years of administrative experience. He filled the vacancy created by the resignation of former Business Manager Robert Coussens.

The Lowell YMCA started a new program called "Leaders Club" with 59 boys accepted into the club by early February. One of the primary purposes is to assist the Lowell YMCA staff in conducting its various programs.

Ronald and Elsie Grummet were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at an Open House given by their 7 children, 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The law firm of Hess and Loeks opened a satellite office in Alto with temporary offices at the Whalen State Bank Building.

In a gesture to help with reconstruction of Ada's historic covered bridge, Kent County Road commissioners will allow the township to keep the \$1,400 it owes the county. The money, raised by Ada youths to rebuild the

roof of the bridge which buckled under the weight of last winter's heavy snowfall, was promised to the Road Commission last spring. Before the money could be turned over to the KCRC, the 112 year-old bridge was razed by fire.

There were 25 students from Lowell High School who attended the fifth annual Michigan Close-Up program held in Lansing with Gov. William Milliken as keynote speaker.

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

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Area Sports

Arrows top Union, 7-4

The Lowell Red Arrow hockey team posted their second win of the season last Saturday night with a 7-4 victory over the Union Red Hawks. Arrow Coach Preston McCracken made some major line changes which proved to be the key factor of the game.

The Arrows opened scoring midway through the first period on a score by Randy Lotterman assisted by Pat Bergy. Union came back just minutes later to tie the score then took a 2-1 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the period. The Arrows tied the score with 43 seconds left in the period on a goal by Paul Whaley assisted by Lotterman.

The Arrows took the lead back midway into the second



Arrow Ray Benedict #6 scores on goal in the third period of Saturday night's 7-4 win over the Union Redhawks.

period with a goal by Brad Shamblin assisted by Whaley. Union tied the score again less than two minutes later. The Arrows wasted no time and scored 15 seconds later with a goal by Shamblin assisted by Kerry Vezino and Wahley. With 3:37 left in the period Union tied the score again.

With the score tied at 4-4 going into the final period the Arrows came out of the locker room with the winning spirit and scored with only 1:03 lapsing in the third period on an unassisted goal by Kerry Vezino. The Arrows scored again 9 seconds later on a goal by Ray Benedict assisted by Shamblin and Bob Sarniak, to take a 6-4 lead. Lowell scored their last goal with 29 seconds left in the game on a goal by Whaley assisted by Lotterman and Shamblin to finish

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Ada celebrates, cont'd.

The Kent County Road Commission paid 10 percent of the bridge costs, plus agreeing to maintain and insure the new bridge under a special non-motorized vehicle program. That means those crossing the bridge must do so on foot or by vehicles without motors.

Ada Township officials provided additional safeguards for the new bridge through increased lighting and a program of police protection under the township's park ordinance. The bridge, constructed from more than 35,000 feet of Douglas Fir and other woods, was erected by Dan Vos Construction Company. That Ada firm donated the labor of its employees to erect the bridge under a \$91,830 contract with the Road Commission.

Additional major donors of labor, equipment and specialized skills included Gelock Heavy Movers and Newhof and Winer. Inc. Gelock provided the moving experts and huge cranes that swung the 40-ton span into place early in December. Newhof and Winer provided plans based upon a remodeling of the original

bridge done in 1941 to make sure the new structure is true to the original architecture.

During opening ceremonies, Roger Rotschafer, president of Standard Supply & Lumber, presented a check for more than \$10,000 to the Ada Bridge Committee. The firm's donation was based upon 25 percent of the costs of materials it provided for the bridge. Rotschafer specified the donation is to be used for beautifying and maintaining the area around the bridge.

No provisions for landscaping were included under the contract for the bridge's rebuilding. The Committee now is starting work upon landscaping plans so that the bridge and its entire setting can be a source of pride for the community.

The dedication ceremony included brief comments from John VanderVeen, chairman of the Ada Bridge Committee plus Richard DeVos and Jay VanAndel, Amway's co-founders. Then, Ada Township Supervisor Paul Nelson accepted the new bridge on behalf of Ada's citizens from Dan Vos and Road Commission officials.

1980: Looking back...

The Home and School Association of St. Mary's School announced its formation and first official meeting in early February. Officers were: Dick Schroeder, Ben and Cathy Olds, Sharon Zigmont, and Ann Rosloniec.

Alto's Ski Hi React C.B. club received certificates of appreciation from the Department of State Police for their efforts in making Operation C.A.R.E. a success.

Kent County Prosecutor David H. Sawyer advised Kent County investors to beware of an illegal pyramid investment scheme. Sawyer warned that potential investors were being told that the scheme was not illegal. The prosecutor stated that it was a violation of the Michigan Franchise Investment Law to induce, offer, or sell, or engage in any form of participation in a pyramid or chain promotion scheme. The law carries a penalty of seven years' imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine to participate in such a scheme.

The Lowell Area Arts Council presented as its annual theatre production a drama in three acts, "The Haunting of Hill House".

The first Lowell Middle School spelling Bee was a success. Eighteen participants reached the finals. The Janynce Althaus and Tracy

Joshua were winner and first runner-up respectively and they advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee.

Cast members were: Cheryl Blodgett, Kathy Conrad, Pat Covell, George Dey, Charlie Doyle, Melissa McLauri and Keith Swenk. The play was directed by Kim Hoag and ran for four performances.

Lowell Rotary Club presented a travelogue "To London and Around About England" with Monroe MacPherson. MacPherson spent a portion of five summers shooting film all over England. He owns and operates radio station WION in Ionia. Students from Lowell High School competed in the Vocal Music solo and Ensemble Festival at Grand Valley State Colleges with excellent ratings. Kim Kidder, Mark Rehl, Julie Ramsdell and Kim VanderMuelen all placed in the top two divisions.

Selina Stahl, 14, competed in the USGF Class III A State Gymnastics Championships earning second place on balance beam and another silver medal in floor exercise. She was an eighth grader in Saranac.

Saranac, 14-2 overall and 10-1 in the Tri Central Athletic Association clinched a tie for the conference championship with a victory over Carson City Crystal and a victory later in the week gave the Redskins undisputed claim to the league championship for the third consecutive year.

Rotary International celebrated its 75th anniversary and Lowell Rotary celebrated its 45th with Leonard Jackson as president this year.

A newly formed Lowell Area Business Association met and elected officers on a temporary basis they they discussed whether to form a new commerce organization or to use the new interest to revitalize the Chamber of Commerce.

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Area Sports...

Girls' Varsity is busy club

The Lowell Girl's Varsity Club initiated 18 new members in the club this past September increasing the total number to 37 members.

By selling cheese tubs and sausage, the girls raised money to purchase 15 travel bags to be shared by the women's basketball and volleyball teams, a roll-dri for the tennis team and two practice volleyballs.

In addition to these purchases, the girls visited the elderly in Cumberland Manor to sing Halloween carols and distribute treats, A dance and a varsity breakfast honoring the women athletes was held in November. A special thanks to Clare McCaul for his assistance.

Other club activities are being scheduled for the upcoming year under the leadership of Diane Clark, president; Kristy Marsteiner, Vice-President; Ruth Reagan, Secretary and Tammy Nagy, Treasurer.



Diane Clark (Left, President) and Kristy Marsteiner (Vice-President) have done an outstanding job organizing activities for the G.V.C. Club this year. Missing from photo are officers: Tammy Nagy (Treasurer) and Ruth Reagan (Secretary).

Belding pins LHS in close one

The LSH wrestlers lost to Belding last week with a close 29-32 score.

Kevin Hurt (98) had a fast first period pin and Troy Hall (105) won by decision 16-4. Randy Roth (119) pinned his opponent in the first period while Mark Wilcox (155) won his match 8-5. Dave Chrisman (198) won by a decision 5-4.

Arrows walloped, 90-51

The undefeated Lakewood Vikings took an early lead and held it to win their fifth consecutive game last Friday night over Lowell, 90-51.

The Vikings raced to a 24-10 lead in the first quarter and Lowell never did estab-

lish enough momentum to overtake them. In the second quarter, Lakewood ran up a 35-12 lead but had several turnovers enabling Lowell to cut the lead to 41-28 just before the half.

Lakewood totally ran away with the game in the third period, outscoring the Arrows 28-11 to take a 71-39 lead.

Jeff Stormzand led Lowell with 18 points followed by Craig Eley with 11.

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1980: Looking back...

Lowell's Red Arrow icers were victorious in the final playoff for the Ford Cup by taming the Forest Hills Central Rangers, 4-3.

Country-rock singer Billy "Crash" Craddock was signed for a one-nighter on the Fourth of July in Riverside Amphitheatre. Proceeds from the venture went to the sponsor, Lowell Showboat Corporation.

Kimberly and Christopher Kamphuis wore red, white and blue as they became naturalized citizens of the USA. They are the daughter and son of Cal and Louise Kamphuis of Lowell.

Jay Rickert qualified for the state wrestling tourney with a second place showing at the Regional Meet in East Grand Rapids.

MARCH
St. Mary's Church completed the move to its new building and held its first services on Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. Planning and construction of the new church spanned three years, start to finish. Dan Vos Construction Co. of Ada built the new church. Jennifer Lynn Kaska wore a 100-year-old gown for her baptism during the service on Sunday as she became the first child christened in the new church.

A new Department of Public Works garage and fire station in the City of Lowell was given the nod by the Council. The structure was to be built by Wolverine Building Construction of Grand Rapids.

The Lowell Board of Education held a special public hearing on elementary attendance areas. A plan for changing elementary boundaries to balance class size in Alto, Bushnell and Runciman schools was aired. Attendance was lighter than expected.

Saranac's varsity volleyball team took the district

title by defeating three opponents.

Robert Tisch, sponsor of the controversial Tisch Amendment shared the platform with representatives of the State Tax Commission and the State Department of Budget and Management in an informational meeting sponsored by Vergennes Township.

Jimmy's Grill, home of the blueberry muffin, announced it would reopen in late March. Jimmy Still and Donald Holmes remodeled the restaurant south of Lowell after a tragic fire several years ago closed it.

Lowell Board of Education voted to purchase uniforms and foul-weather gear for the bands. The Band Boosters raised about \$13,000 toward their goal of \$15,000 by mid-March. The board funded the remainder of the \$27,892 purchase price.

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College in Ohio were presented at the First Baptist Church of Lowell. A team of 12 students appeared in concert and also provided aid to the local church in its community outreach program.

Bill Nagy won the 126 lb. Championship in the Grand Rapids Press All-Star Tournament. Dale Bieri, Greg Martinez, Jay Rickert and David Crisman were also invited to compete based on their excellent records. They accounted for a second place and two fourth places.

A periodic photo-feature, "Lowell... in days gone by," made its first appearance and drew favorable comments from both Lowell's old-timers and newcomers.

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced that Lowell's upper bridge on S. Division St. was one of 46 in the state to receive funding for replacement. The bridge was declared unsafe and closed in May of 1979. It was built in 1895. Estimated cost of a new bridge is \$942,000.

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Red Cross has new clinic

The Kent County Red Cross chapter has established a free blood pressure testing clinic one day each week at the Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, N.E.

From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., each Thursday, Red Cross volunteer Helen Barnes, R.N., will be available to conduct blood pressure tests on anyone desiring this service.

"In the past, people tended to drop into the chapter building at any time on any

day of the week to request a blood pressure check," said Barnes. "And we felt that it would be much more efficient to establish a regular day each week for this special clinic," she continued.

For more information on the new blood pressure testing clinic or other sites in the county where Red Cross volunteer nurses conduct free blood pressure tests, call Red Cross nursing and health services, a United Way service, at 456-8661.

Classes for new parents

Lamaze Childbirth Education, Inc. is now accepting registration for couples expecting babies in May and June.

For further information or class registration call: 451-

2406 in Grand Rapids, or 392-2292 in Holland.

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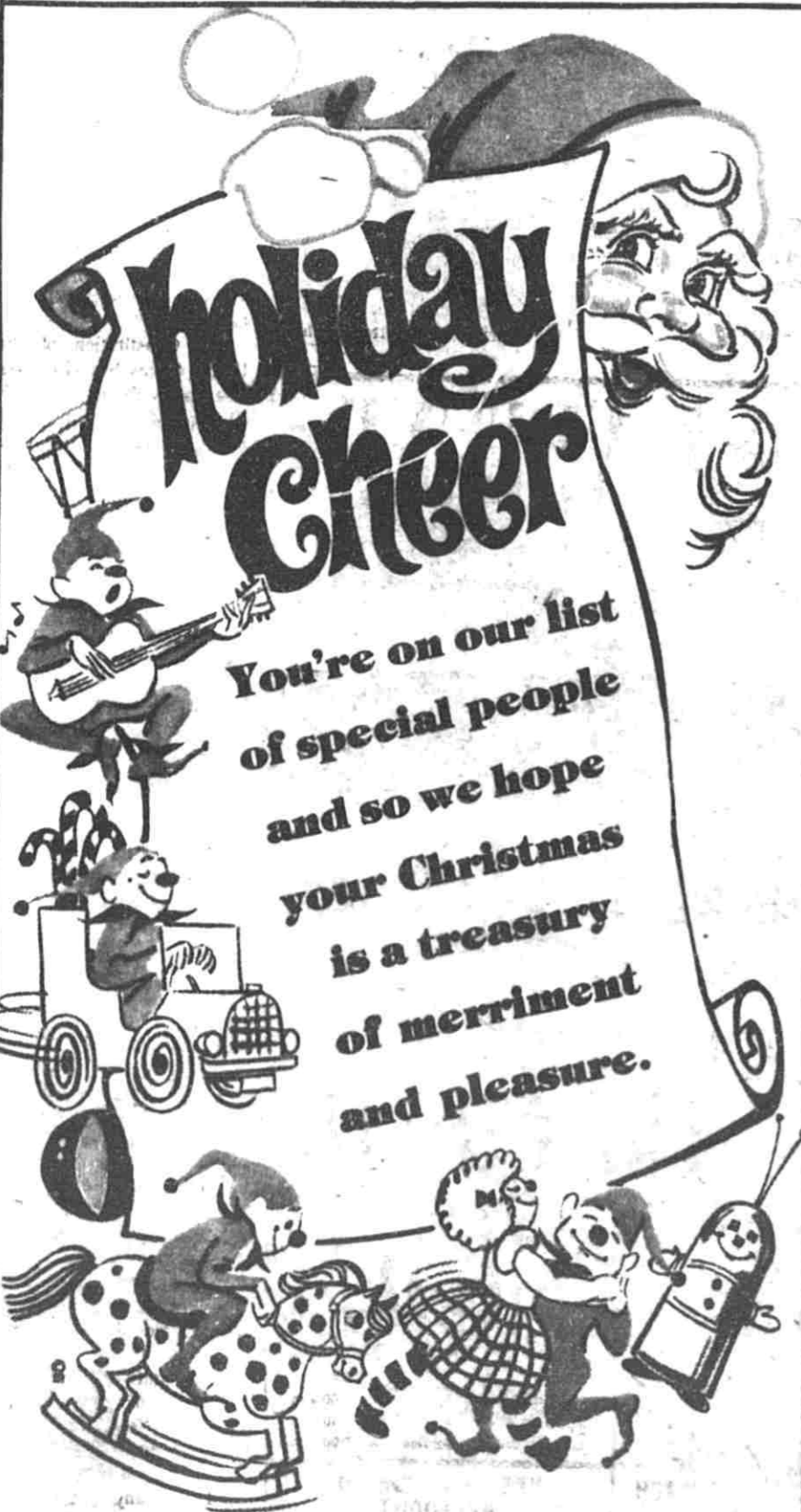
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Church News

Missionaries serve Lowell area

New to our area are two young missionaries, Elder Brad Rich and Elder Kory Sweatfield. They are presently living in Lowell.

Elder Rich is from Smithfield, Utah and Elder Sweatfield is from Bountiful, Utah. They have been called to serve in the Michigan Lansing Mission, which covers Western and Northern Michigan and have received specific assignments to serve the Lowell, Ada, and Cascade areas.

Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), as they are more widely known, serve the Lord full-time for two years. They do not have employment or receive a salary from the Church during this two year service. Neither does the Church pay for their food or lodging, but they rely on money they have saved or receive assistance from families for their support.

Holiday services at St. Mary's

The holiday Mass schedule for St. Mary's Church will be slightly different for Christmas services and New Year's.

On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 5:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Children's Christmas Mass will be held. It is prepared especially for and carried out mainly by the children of the parish. The



Elder Kory Sweatfield (left) and Elder Brad Rich are two young missionaries of the Mormon Church.

Those interested can contact the missionaries at 897-7798.

Midnight Mass is for the people of the parish.

Mass on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, will be at 9 a.m. only. There will be no 11 a.m. Mass. Weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27-28, will be at the usual times.

New Year's Day Masses will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and at 9 and 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 1.

Special service

The Vergennes United Methodist Church will hold special services on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 24). The service will also honor students and several college students will take part. The community is invited to join church members.

BUGS HIDE INSIDE

Most of the insects that come inside in firewood won't damage the wood in your home. The major exception is the carpenter ant, which will occasionally excavate tunnels in structural timbers. Even if they don't, they will forage in the kitchen, where they can be quite a nuisance.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

Just read an editorial article discussing "Carols in the Classroom" which dealt with the singing of carols by students in our public schools. It seems that the Supreme Court refused to hear a suit that would ban carols from the classroom.

What would our lives be like without the Christ-child in the manger? How much has that baby affected life in these United States?

First of all, it was the Pilgrims, committed to their

understanding of the Christ child that settled our country. They were not allowed to worship as they saw fit in England and so braved the harsh winter sea and finally settled in what we now know as New England. They wanted to be free to worship as they saw fit. And so involved in our Constitution is not only total Equality for all, but also a total separation of Church and State. We are free to Worship as we are led of God.

The Constitution of the United States has also been affected by the Christ child. The fact of equality for all is enough evidence, but let's remind ourselves of the Pre-

amble of the Constitution: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Do I need to point out that the justice in the Pre-amble talks about comes from equal justice, that we all have before God, or that our concern for the poor comes from our belief in the general welfare of all.

It's interesting to say that every time we pledge allegiance to the flag, we say "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." Thus, we have our democracy, one of the best, if not the best in the world. In our democracy, my vote is just as good as yours and my voice is as important as the ideas the mayor, or any member of the city commission, to say nothing of a Senator or Representative.

All of this didn't just happen. We haven't even mentioned the freeing of the slaves, equality of women and so many other things we owe to a wee baby in a manger, born 2000 years ago.

So, when I say "Have a good Christmas," you know what is going through my mind.

Shalom... Jerry

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...

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. Contrarily, He is displeased if we ask half-heartedly, not expecting to receive when we ask. He has promised to give us every good thing if we ask in believing faith. And He is abundantly able to provide for us. He does not have to borrow, beg, nor steal. His warehouse is full and running over. He will supply our needs and give us those items on "our Christmas

list" which He knows we should have.

Prayer: "Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications." Give me what Thou wilt. Withhold from me what Thy seest best. Thy will be done. Amen.

Special services at First Methodist

Christmas Eve Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. and at 11 p.m.

At the early service, parents and children will join in singing Christmas carols, light the Christ candle on the Advent Wreath and celebrate the birth of the Christ child together in the sanctuary.

At 11 p.m., those who wish may share the Candlelight Communion service in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec. 28, will be Student Recognition Day at the church during the 11 a.m. service. College students will lead the special worship sharing with church members their particular concerns, interests and approaches to their faith. The 8:30 and 9:45 services will be held as usual.

MISSIONARY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. (Meeting in the Lowell-High School Choir Room) 750 Foreman Road Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. (Meeting in the Pastor's Home, 10288 Foreman Road) Pastor Glenn H. Marks Ph. 897-6110	ADA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 7168 Bradford St., S.E. - 678-1888 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. - 678-1032 Pastor: Jerry L. Johnson Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTO Corner of Orchard & Pleasant Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jr.-Sr. High Young People 8:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. REV. GEORGE L. COON Telephone 888-6403 or 888-6912	GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SARANAC Corner of Orchard & Pleasant Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Peoples Afterglow 8:30 p.m. Wed.-Family Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. REV. JAMES FRANK 642-9174 - 642-9274 (Nursery & Children's Churches)
BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3800 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAX 1470) Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 1151 West Main Street - 897-8941 REV. RICHARD VANDEKIEFT Worship Service 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Supervised Nursery During All Services	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street REV. WILLIAM F. HURT Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m. Jr., Teens, Adults Nursery - Come & Worship With Us	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Early Service 8:30 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. Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 p.m. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 p.m. DR. DARRELL WILSON - 897-5300	REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 8146 - 68th St., S.E., Alto, Mich. HIGH PRIEST DIRK VENEMA PASTOR 668-6292 Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Midweek Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI DIAL-A-PRAYER - 642-8659 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity FR. THOMAS SCHILLER PASTOR NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 9 & 11 a.m.	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. WESLEY A. SAMUELSON, D.D. Interim Pastor Nursery Provided	VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST Corner Parnell & Bailey Drive Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. DR. STANLEY H. FORKNER Ph. 531-7942 Little White Church On The Corner	

★ IN THE SERVICE

Airman Gordon R. Priest, son of Alice F. Hill of East Riverside Drive, Saranac has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. He will study flight training equipment. His father, Melvin A. Priest, lives in Ionia.

service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

They'll discuss \$\$\$ planning

The Alone Together group for widowed and divorced women will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson.

Financial Planning will be the topic of guest speaker Margaret O'Donnell.

There are no dues for this group and women who are experiencing "singleness" and urged to attend.

Staff Sergeant Richard H. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Palmer of 1021 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell, has been decorated with the second award of the Air Force Commendation Medal at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious

Announce plans to marry



Carol Ann Baird

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Baird of Lowell announced the engagement of their daughter Carol Ann to Robert Lloyd Leyman.

Carol is a 1978 graduate of Lowell High School, attended

Kline is WMU grad

Ferris State College, and is currently employed by Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Leyman of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania and is presently employed in Ionia. He is a U.S. Navy veteran.

A fall wedding is being planned.

Anne Marie Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kline of Ada graduated from Western Michigan University with her Bachelor of Science Degree with a Distinctive Education major on Saturday, Dec. 20.

A 1977 graduate of Lowell High School, Anne earned an Associates degree from Grand Rapids Junior College.

Anne recently completed student teaching at Forest Hills Central in Ada.

4-H arts

program meets

The 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is scheduling an orientation session on January 2 for all interested youth ages 13-19 and their parents at the Kent County Cooperative Extension Service office, 836 Fuller Ave., NE, at 2 p.m.

All potential members who received notices to fill out and return, please do so before this meeting. If you did not receive a notice and would like to be part of this stimulating arts program, please call the 4-H office at 774-3265 for more information. The next workshop is scheduled for January 10 in St. Johns, MI (Clinton County).

Seniors have busy month

The schedule of events for January is a busy one for the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center on Main Street.

The Center will be closed on New Year's day, January 1 but dinner will be served on January 2, a little earlier than usual. The Center will close at 1 p.m. that day.

Slated for Mondays at 1 p.m. are Cribbage and Pedro. Beginning Jan. 12, there will also be a macrame class held at that time.

On Tuesdays, the schedule for the month varies. On Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. there will be a slide show of a Colorado River trip. On the 13th, the men's breakfast is at 8:30

p.m. and at 1 p.m. there will be a movie and health screenings by appointment. On the 20th there will be a bus trip to the Plainfield Meijers store. On the 27th the monthly Birthday Party will be held at noon, and at 1 p.m. blood pressures can be taken.

Wednesdays all month there is grocery shopping for 1 p.m. On the 15th, legal assistance is available at 10 a.m. by appointment. On the 22nd, tax assistance is offered at 9 a.m. (no appointment needed) and at noon there will be Euchre and a potluck at Schneider Manor.

Fridays at 1 p.m. is the weekly bingo game.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF JANUARY 5:
MON., JAN. 5: Italian Spaghetti With Meat and Cheese, Cole Slaw, French Bread, Chilled Fruits, Milk.
Tues., Jan. 6: Cheeseburgers With Pickles, Tossed Salad With Dressing, Whole Kernel Corn, Assorted Fruits, Bars or Cookies, Milk.
Wed., Jan. 7: Roast Pork and Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Green Beans, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Jello With Whip or Fruit, Milk.
Thurs., Jan. 8: Fruit Juice, Pizza With Meat and Cheese, Cabbage Salad or Vegetable, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.
Fri., Jan. 9: Macaroni and Cheese, Garden Peas, Raisin Bread or Rolls and P-Nut Butter, Chocolate Pudding With Whip or Fruit, Milk.

Because of the upcoming holidays, all offices, branches and drive-ups of The Lowell State Savings will close on Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31 and will be closed all day on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1.

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*** HOLIDAY HOURS ***

Christmas Eve, December 24	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, December 25	Closed
Christmas Party, December 27	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve, December 31	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
New Year's Day, January 1	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saranac Doin's...

SHS humbled again, 88-53

Portland's Red Raiders handed Saranac another defeat Tuesday night but Saranac gave them a hand. The Redskins had 20 turnovers and 26 fouls, mostly in the first half, to seal their doom and the 88-53 final tally.

Portland, 1-2 overall and 1-1 in TCAA, held the lead all the way with a 27-13 first quarter, and 48-30 halfway mark. The margin increased in the third period to 66-43. Saranac (0-3, 0-2) was led by Ed Overbeck's 15 point, 15 rebound performance. Tom Hardy added nine and Brien Simpson had eight.

The Redskins were only 18 of 71 field goal attempts and 17 of 40 free throws.

IBC declares dividend

Independent Bank Corporation's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of 5.14 cents per share. The dividend will be paid January 20, 1981 to shareholders of record as of January 10, 1981.

Loren C. Adgate, President of Independent Bank

Corporation, stated that this is the 27th consecutive quarterly dividend paid since the establishment of the bank holding company in June, 1974.

Other members of Independent Bank Corporation include, First Security Bank, Bank of Rockford, First State Bank of Newaygo, Western State Bank and The Olivet State Bank.

Off The Blotter

According to State Police records, Harrison Brock Jr., 9301 McArthur, was cited for disobeying a traffic signal and fined \$19. Christopher Chickering, 160 Summit, was cited for speeding and fined \$20.

Felled tree sends man to hospital

A Saranac man received multiple fractures when a tree fell on him early Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21.

Calvin Cooper Jr., 6708 Sayles Road, was in stable condition in Ionia County Memorial Hospital after nearly six hours of surgery. Sheriff's Deputies report Cooper was cutting wood near his home with his brother-in-law about 12:30

p.m. when a tree they were cutting twisted and fell atop him.

The tree had to be cut into pieces before Cooper could be removed, Deputies said.

Season's Greetings

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

Olive's
— Saranac —

1980: Looking back...

Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons issued a warning and a plea to parents on the dangers of a practice in this area called "iceberging". Youngsters had been breaking off chunks of ice in the Grand and Flat Rivers and piling them down the river. Currents and radically changing temperatures make the practice life-threatening.

Ms. Peggy Shade of Lowell was the invited guest of President Jimmy Carter in mid-March in honor of Head Start's Fifteenth Anniversary. She had been active in the Head Start Program for three years serving as representative for the Lowell area three years as Kent CAP Head Start Chairperson for two years, as National Head of Head Start Association Board of Directors for two years and as the newly elected Chairperson for the Michigan Federation of Head Start Parents, Inc.

Saranac basketball star Ben Tower announced that he had signed a Big Ten letter of intent with Michigan State University for 1980-81. MSU coach Jud Heathcote expressed pleasure at the move and said he felt Tower would be challenging for a starting position. Tower was named to the WOTV All Star Basketball team later in the month.

Janeyne Althaus won the Regional Spelling Bee Championship at Forest Hills Middle School in mid-March. Tracy Jousma finished fourth.

Carriage House Realty's office in Ada got a new side entrance when a careening auto smashed through a wall. Ironically, the realty office was once a drive-through car wash.

Tonja Sue O'Neil was a contestant in the Miss Michigan/USA/Universe pageant held in Mt. Clemens. She was one of 100 girls chosen to compete.

A merger of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and a new group of business people, the Lowell Area Business Association was effected in late March. With the merger approved unanimously by those attending a special meeting, the group made plans for publication of a monthly newsletter and a membership committee was established.

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O Holy Night...

May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace fill your hearts with love and contentment this Holiday Season

Goss Corner Store
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Merry Christmas

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

Saranac American Legion Post 175

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Martin Twin Style & Beauty Shop
— Saranac —

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your blessings increase and may your home be filled with happiness. In appreciation... thanks.

Adgate's

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Kent
JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner shown below alleging that "said children are neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said children being made temporary wards of the court."

Child: Xathia Deschaine Marie Beal
Hearing: January 5, 1981 at 10:30 a.m.
Petitioner: Narva Lewis

Child: Lucia and Diana Lozano
Hearing: January 5, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: William Lee

Child: Peter Matagaspay and Cindy Cavos
Hearing: January 5, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Kenneth Hosteter

Child: Sam Jack
Hearing: January 6, 1981 at 4:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Gail Milner

Child: Rebecca Buttemyck
Hearing: January 13, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Child: Mary Ellen Bennett
Hearing: January 15, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Dorothy Wallace

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

Dated: December 17, 1980

JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Kent
JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner shown below alleging that "said children are neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code and asking that all parental rights be terminated. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center at 1501 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said child (ren) being made a permanent ward of the court with all parental rights terminated."

Child: Richard Shaver
Hearing: December 30, 1980 at 4:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Gail Milner

Child: Andrew John Strickland
Hearing: December 30, 1980 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Bruce Brown

Child: Dale and Debra Roen
Hearing: January 6, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Gary Eby

Child: Tanya Marie Boer ASA Tokyo Marie Boer
Hearing: January 13, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Marthee Jager

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Child: Derek Hale
Hearing: January 27, 1981 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Thomas Brown

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

Dated: December 17, 1980

JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

DERRICK BOSWELL
Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 20th day of October, 1980.

Present: The Honorable Woodrow A. Yared, Circuit Court Judge.

On this 14th day of August, 1980, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 676 Rowe NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 2nd day of March, 1981.

FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Stuart Hoffius, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Marilyn Holloway, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A True Copy. Marilyn Holloway, Deputy Clerk. 12/10-17

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT VICKY L. CARTER,
Plaintiff,

VS.
GERALD THOMAS CARTER, JR.
Defendant.

File No. 80-41453 DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan on this 1st day of December, 1980.

Present: The Honorable Stuart Hoffius, Circuit Court Judge.

Publication in the GRAND VALLEY LEDGER once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

Dated: December 10, 1980

JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT CHERYL JEAN BOSWELL
Plaintiff,

VS.
WOODROW A. YARED,
Circuit Court Judge

Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Susan Schroeder, Deputy Clerk.

ATTEST: A True Copy. S. Schroeder, Deputy Clerk. 11/26-12/17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lowell is calling a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 1981, at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of this Hearing is to provide the opportunity for a public discussion of the alternative treatments under consideration for the proposed reconstruction of the Division Street Bridge over the Grand River, including restoration of the approach roadway within the Grand River flood plain.

The existing steel bridge has been determined to be of local historical significance. Alternatives being considered for the project include demolition of the existing bridge and replacement in its present approximate location, rehabilitation of the existing bridge, and construction of a new bridge in a different location. A draft Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Statement including maps, drawings, and other pertinent information are available for public inspection at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Kent County Road Commission, 1500 Scribner, N.W. and Fishback, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., 1500 East Beltline, S.E., weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A tentative schedule for the reconstruction of the project and the right-of-way requirements will be discussed at the Public Hearing. This project is to be funded with Federal and State critical bridge funds.

This meeting is called in accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act and Section 118C of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, Section 128 of Title 23, U.S. Code.

The meeting is held to hear testimony of interested citizens regarding the social, economic, historic, and environmental impact of this proposed project on the area and communities involved. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted in place of, or in addition to, oral statements at the hearing for a period of ten days after the hearing.

City of Lowell
Ray E. Quade,
City Manager

Ray E. Quade,
City Clerk

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Coming Events

WED. DEC. 31: New Year's Eve Dance tickets are now available for St. Mary's Parish party from Nancy, 897-7800 or Maureen, 897-8092. The party is sponsored by the St. Mary Social Commission. RSVP must be paid by Sunday, Dec. 29. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$12.50 single. Cocktail hour from 8:30 till 9:30. Music by Gerri and the Continuums at 9:30.

SUN., JAN. 4: Alone Together Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. to talk about investments at First Congregational Church.

WED., JAN. 14: Grand Rapids Northeast Christian Women's Club will hold their "Winter Pastimes Brunch" from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Adrian's Ramona Terrace. Reservations by Jan. 12. Cost \$3.25.

SEND THE LEDGER TO COLLEGE!

Joyous Noel



Unchanging and ever cherished are the traditions of the Christmas season, uniting all men of good will in harmonious brotherhood.

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GOOD NEWS...

Lawrence E. Voss of 11999 Five Mile Rd., Lowell received his Doctorate degree in Philosophy from the University of Michigan on Sunday, December 21 during commencement ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Frazer of Ionia have a girl, Marcie Anne, who was born Dec. 12, 1980 at Butterworth Hospital. Marcie weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. at birth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frazer of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larsen of Ionia. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ray Larsen of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Conner of Saranac.

Notice

Lowell City Dump will close on January 3, 1981 and remain closed until April 25, 1981.

Tony Stollano,
Department of Public Works

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NOTICE

Special Vergennes Township Meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 12, 1981 at 7:45 p.m. at Vergennes Township Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether or not to proceed with purchase of approximately 1 acre addition to Cemetery behind The Methodist Church on corner of Bailey and Parnell.

Linda Biggs,
Vergennes Township Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance to prohibit cross-connections between the public water system and private wells or private sewer systems at 8:00 P.M. on January 19, 1981 in the Council Chamber of the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Ray E. Quade,
City Clerk

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A holiday abloom with love, peace and hope... that's what our wish is for you. May our friendship flower and grow in the future, as it has in the past.

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1980: Looking back...

APRIL
Work began early in the month on clearing off the island in the Flat River below the Main St. dam and finishing the riverbank rehabilitation along the east side of the river. Plans are to return the island to a former use, that of a park. A photo of "Island Park" as it looked at the turn of the century was also carried in the Ledger.

The Lowell Area Arts Council offered two \$100 fine arts scholarships to junior high or senior high students to attend a summer camp, workshop or institute teaching the fine arts.

Eighth graders at the Lowell Middle School produced 25 gallons of maple syrup and offered it for sale. They made the syrup as part of a "sugarbush" study unit under the direction of school naturalist Steve Harrington.

The drive to rebuild the historic covered bridge in

Ada got a boost when the Kent County Road Commission agreed to pay for part of the estimated \$91,000 project. The KCRC will pay \$10,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less.

Christopher VanAntwerp was elected to the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies. Van Antwerp is past president of the Lowell Area Arts Council and an art teacher at Saranac High School. He will serve a two year term.

Lowell School Board members decided to convert all Lowell school buses to propane fuel at a cost of \$750 per bus. It was estimated that the move would pay for itself within a year, given the cost of regular gas.

Carissa Dollaske celebrated becoming a citizen of the U.S. with all her classmates at Runciman School. She is the daughter of Rev. Paul

and Carol Dollaske of Lowell. Treva Johnson was named a Merit Award Winner by the Voluntary Action Center in their annual Volunteer of the Year Awards. Mrs. Johnson was chosen for the award for 31 years of outstanding volunteer service to the community of Lowell.

For the second year in a row, Lowell senior Steve Riest was named to the first team of the Suburban League All-Star Hockey Team. Riest had 37 goals and 30 assists for the season for 67 points in his high school career record, including this season, is 118 goals and 104 assists.

Melinda McCain replaced Mrs. Margaret Dean as coordinator of the Senior Neighbors Center in Lowell. Mrs. Dean assumed a new position at the head office of SN in Grand Rapids.

The Showboat Garden Club provided a \$90 scholarship to enable one teacher

from the community to attend the Environmental School at Higgins Lake in the summer.

Fr. Emery Tang, a Franciscan priest from Los Angeles, California, conducted a Week of Renewal at St. Mary's Church in Lowell.

Jeff Meyers became Saranac's only full-time fireman. He had been a volunteer fireman for 16 years.

Lowell's Main Street was reconstructed by the students at Methodist Pre-school. Of course, it was somewhat smaller than the real thing. The project was in conjunction with a unit on community studies.

Cascade Christian Church announced its plans to celebrate its 100th anniversary of the original church building (now known as The Chapel) during the month of October.

Any surplus "4 x 4" was refurbished for use as fire equipment for the Lowell Area Fire Department.

Another fund raiser for the rebuilding of the Ada Covered Bridge was the Ada Historical Home Tour slated for May 3. Ten village homes and buildings were included. The Michigan Sheriff's Posse 18th annual Pony Express Ride announced it had chosen Lowell for the site of their June 14 meet. The Ride would relay mail from the north, south, east and west points in Michigan and come together at noon in Lowell.

Six students from Saranac High School received awards at the Michigan Intercollegiate Press Association conference. They were: Nancy Kirby, DeAnn Eddy, Cherie Gage, Deb Adams, Jim Darby and Craig Coulson.

Before leaving for Japan, the students will attend a three day orientation which will introduce them to Japanese culture and tradition. The program also includes expense-paid Fall seminars for most participants for three years following the summer exchange experience. This enables students to continue to develop their understanding and appreciation of Japanese life.

Interested students should apply immediately in order to be considered for this special scholarship opportunity prior

Spend summer in Japan

Youth for Understanding (YFU) is offering scholarship opportunities for American high school students interested in spending next summer in Japan.

Youth for Understanding, one of the largest teenage student exchange organizations in the world, will award more than \$60,000 in partial scholarships to qualified high school students between the ages of 14 and 18. A total of 315 American high school students will be going to Japan through the YFU program, leaving home in mid-June and returning in mid-August. Youth for Understanding has exchanged more than 80,000 high school students since its establishment in 1951.

The scholarships will be awarded primarily on the basis of merit, although need may be taken into account. Among those providing funding for the scholarships are the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and many well-known Japanese companies including: Toyota, Datsun, Mitsubishi Motors, Seiko, Hitachi, Nippon Steel, Toshiba, SONY, Saayo, Honda, Pioneer, Kikkoman and Minolta.

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On December 4 of this year, we hosted an unexpected visitor. Carol's Dutch "brother", Pim Dirkse. He will stay with our family in Lowell for a time, and share our Christmas and New Year.

For seven years, we have kept in contact with Carol's Dutch family and we would like to encourage area students to visit another country (through YFU) and really know that they have a family in that country.

Pim lives in Borger, the province of Drenthe, in a rural area much like Lowell. If you have stayed with a family there or have had a student from the Netherlands, we would enjoy having you meet Pim. He plans to travel and go south, then leave for home from Florida about June 1. He has finished his time in the army and will now attend a university. Pim plans to leave Lowell on January 12 although we hope he will stay with us longer than that.

Dr. & Mrs. H.R. Myers, 407 N. Division, Lowell

to the February 15, 1981 deadline. For more information on this or other YFU exchange opportunities, including programs in Europe, Australia, South America and the Far East, write:

Youth for Understanding Student Exchange Program, Japan Scholarship Program, 3501 Newark Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016 or call toll-free: 1-800-424-3691.

Letters . . .

Dear Editor:

In the summer of 1973 our daughter Carol went to the Netherlands to stay with a family through the Youth For Understanding program. Her maternal great-grandparents grew up not too far away so she was able to visit with her great-great aunts and uncles.

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1980: Looking back...

MAY
Tom and Ruth Moore of Cumberland Manor celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary with an open house. They were married May 3, 1911.

An Open House was held at Lowell City Airport hosted by the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music's Missionary Aviation Program. Tours, presentations and plane rides were part of the festivities.

After months of discussions and interviews, the Saranac School Board approved a contract with the district's prospective superintendent, Albert Butler. Butler was then director of administration services in Howell, Michigan.

Plans for a graphic mural by Lowell artist Joseph Kinnebrew were presented to the Lowell school board. Cooperating in funding the graphic for the Media Center at the High School was the Student Council at the High School, Bushnell School and the Lowell Area Arts Council. Senior high art students and members of the LAAC

worked under the direction of Kinnebrew and project chairman Jerry Biernacki. James Greiner of Saranac was honored with the Aquinas College Community Service Award by Aquinas College for his contributions to the community during the past academic year.

Patricia Prins of Alto was one of 12 young women competing for the title of Miss Ada in the second annual Miss Ada Scholarship Pageant held in Mid-May.

Lowell Lodge #90 F&AM held a special meeting to honor special members. Guest of Honor was Howard Rittenger. Gordon Johnson was also honored.

Brian and Cheryl (Parson) Doyle graduated from Kansas State University. Nancy L. Bieri graduated from Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing. Jana M. Whaley graduated from Central Michigan University.

Gordon Hill of Lowell was part of a doubles team that won the NAAI District 23 state tennis championship. Hill is a 1976 graduate of Lowell.

Honey Creek Christian Homes sponsored its first Walk-A-Thon. Proceeds raised funds for the learning center. The walk earned \$7,000 for the center.

Fr. Thomas Schiller, pastor of St. Mary's Church, was honored by the members of his parish on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

Lowell girl tracksters broke three school records on their way to a first place in the Tri-River Conference meet. They shared the title with Fremont.

Saranac girls brought home their fourth consecutive TCAA title in softball.

JUNE
A major telephone carrier cable was partially severed when it was accidentally hit by a cable TV company in the area of Ada Dr. and Maple Hill, cutting service to Grand Rapids.

A super-celebration was being planned for the Lowell Fairgrounds for the Fourth of July including an appearance at the Riverside Amphitheatre by country rock singer Billy "Crash" Craddock. Beginning with a 30-unit parade, there was food and games, swimming and the evening fireworks.

Three members of Saranac's varsity softball team were honored. Deb Stuart was chosen Most Valuable Player, Diane Hubbard was Most Improved Player and

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Area Avon reps earn trip



From left to right: Avon District Manager Midge Johnson of Belding and Representatives Marilyn Fell of northeast Grand Rapids, Carol Lillie and Carolyn Vanderlaan, both of Ada, toured the Longue Vue House and Gardens in New Orleans during a recent all-expenses-paid trip in recognition of their outstanding sales achievements.

Avon District Manager Midge Johnson and 100 local Avon representatives have just returned from New Orleans where they were honored for their outstanding sales achievements. The district was the regional winner in a four-week sales competition known as "President's Celebration."

Their three-day, all-expenses-paid visit included such activities as dinner at Arnaud's, luncheon at Commander's Palace, a Mississippi River cruise on the

famed Natchez, plus a tour and tea at the exquisite Longue Vue estate.

The trip was highlighted by a gala banquet hosted by Avon's President William R. Chaney and featuring Tony Award-winning singer, Melba Moore. During the festivities, Mr. Chaney presented Mrs. Johnson with a 14K gold tree pendant necklace with 25 two-point diamonds.

The New Orleans celebration was the largest single

gathering of Avon Representatives ever with regional winners joining the Grand Rapids district to bring the total number to almost 1,000.

Avon is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of cosmetics, fragrances and fashion jewelry. Its products are sold by approximately 1.2 million independent sales Representatives to customers in 31 countries.

Firemen respond to 7 calls

December has been a busy month for the Lowell Area Fire Department.

On December 7, lightning struck the home of John DeVries at 10 Flat River Drive. On the 14th, the department responded to an alarm at Cumberland Manor but no fire was located.

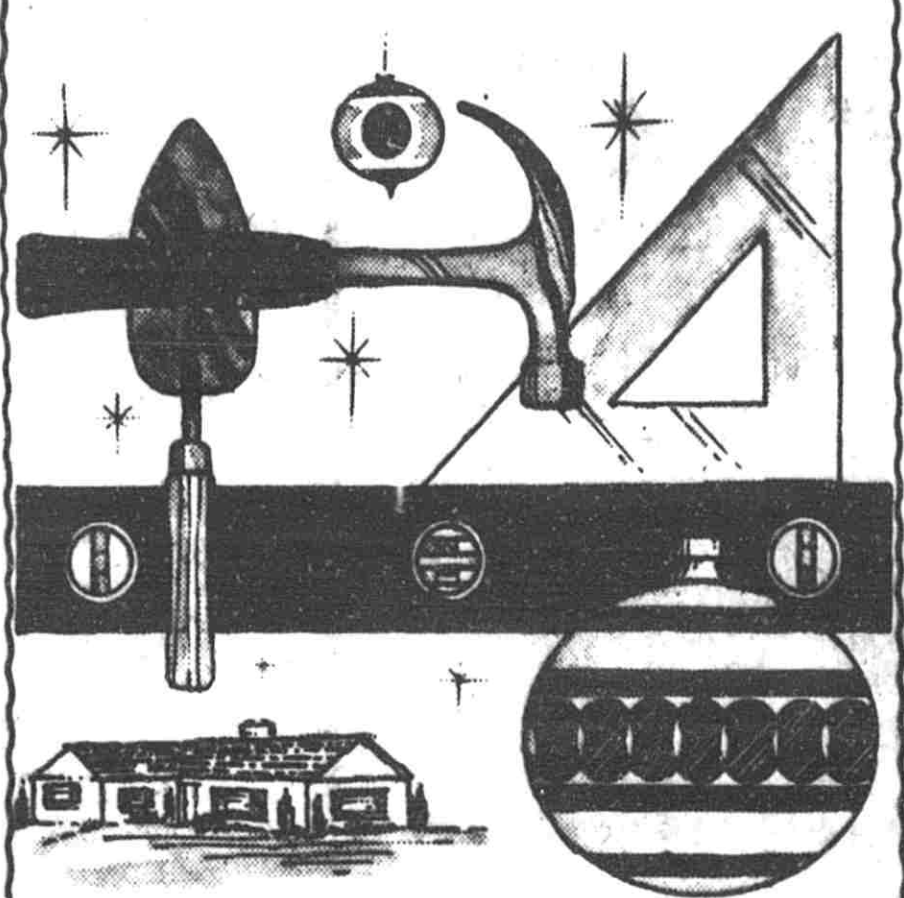
A chimney fire at the Arthur Roodvoet's home, 9914 Vergennes on Dec. 18 was out on the arrival of the firemen. On the 19th, they responded to an electrical fire at 2166 N. Jefferson. Also on the 19th, firemen put out a dryer fire at the home of Phyllis Parrish, 1304 Sibley.

The department responded to an electrical fire at Cumberland Manor on December 21. On December 22,

firemen doused a grass fire at 10443 36th Street which started when burning trash was blown about by the wind.

Keep holiday plants healthy well into the new year with proper care. Place them in a spot free of hot or cold drafts; provide them with plenty of bright light and keep temperatures a little on the cool side—no higher than 70 degrees F during the day and a little cooler at night. Water whenever the soil surface feels dry, and fertilize according to the care instructions that came with each plant.

GREETINGS



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Ada man's photos

in MNR mag

Roger P. Tomczak, 25, of 9417 E. Fulton St., Ada, an outdoor enthusiast and amateur photographer, is one of 65 finalists to have color photos published in the January-February 1981 Readers' Photo Issue of the Michigan Natural Resources Magazine.

His photo is one of a loon "dancing" across the water on Little Whitefish Lake southwest of Howard City, Montcalm County, with the water splashing madly from the action of its feet.

"Naturally, I feel very elated about the honor accorded me, but particularly so when you consider 8,000 slides were submitted, out of which only 65 were chosen for reproduction in the magazine," Tomczak comments. "This is the first such photo honor I have been given and it occurred the first time I entered any of my photos in a contest," he adds.

Tomczak has been an outdoor lover for many years, but it was only four years ago that he became interested in color photography. He does not work in black and white. He takes his camera with him when he goes hunting, takes

a hike or skis cross country. Specializing in scenes of old barns and farm machinery, Tomczak also shoots pictures of wildlife and country vistas. Sometimes his wife, Kathleen, accompanies him on one of his safaris.

A Konica camera with a zoom lens was used to get the loon picture taken early last July about 10 a.m. He and his wife were canoeing when the loon, about 75 feet away, suddenly began its water "dance." The picture was shot at f8, 250th of a second.

The judges boiled down the 8,000 slides to 1,000 which were then skimmed down to 400. After going over these again, they reduced the number to 92, following which the 65 finalists were chosen.

The judges noted that most of the photos were slightly out of focus and eliminated at once, and that of the 65, nine women were winners.

Tomczak builds desk tops at Steelcase, Inc., where he has been employed the last four years.—Dave Barnes.

Counting calories important

Calories do count, folks. You need calories to sustain health. But the intake must be limited to needs, or you get fat.

Think of calories as fuel—the fuel that is used to keep you alive, alert and moving. If you take in more fuel each day than your body can use, the excess is stored as fat.

Most people leading moderately active lives need about 15 calories per pound to maintain their weight. If you want to stay at, say, 150 pounds, you can eat foods containing 2,250 calories each day. That's 150 multiplied by 15.

If you're well above your ideal weight, you'll have to cut back on calorie intake and use more of the stored fuel to lose. There are approximately 3,500 calories in each pound of stored fat. So, to lose one pound a week, consume 500 fewer calories each day. For the 150-pound

er, this would be a total daily intake of 1,750.

Of, if you want to lose two pounds each week, cut back by 1,000 calories less than the amount needed to maintain weight.

It usually is unwise, says a pamphlet from the American Medical Association, to try to lose more than two pounds per week because rapid weight loss may leave you tired and vulnerable to illness. If your plan is to go on a crash diet, lose weight quickly, and go back to those thick milkshakes and 12-ounce steaks, you are probably going to have lifelong weight problems.

Taking off weight and keeping it off means a changed approach to eating and exercise habits for the rest of your life. This is why the crash diets all fall in the long run.

Season's Greetings



May you milk the Christmas season for all the joy and happiness it holds! It's been a pleasure serving you.

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1980: Looking back...

Lisa Eddy was honored for leading the team with three home runs. Holleen Opdycke had 22 assists.

Elaire Blasher was chosen as Outstanding Senior Athlete of 1980 graduating class at Lowell Senior High School.

Auditions for Lowell Showboat Amateur Talent Night were held in mid-June. Two amateur acts appear each night of Showboat Week in late July.

Lowell High School announced its top ten seniors. They were: Sheila Smith, Deanne Snyder, Barry Elbridge, Dolly Gerard, Leesa Hartley, Mark Lessens, Mary Magie, Steve Sierczek and Kathy Thebo.

After 21 years at the same location, Frank Smith of Smith-Clemens Motor Sales on West Main St. sold the business to local businessmen Ken Ayers and Dick Roth. The business will no longer be a car dealership.

Michigan's Sheriff posse held its Pony Express Days in Lowell, highlighted by a parade, Grand Ole Opry Show at Riverside Amphitheatre, a dance and a day full of food and games. The Kent County Sheriff's Posse organized the event this year.

Dave Carter of Lowell was appointed City Manager of Newaygo, Michigan. He began work with the present manager in mid-June and assumed his duties on July 1. Carter served on the Lowell City Council since January of 1978.

The City of Lowell hosted the City of Paw Paw during Mayor Exchange Day.

Saranac High School graduated 76 seniors in early June. Valedictorian was Sheryl Kimball and salutatorian was Deborah Adams.

Six Saranac varsity softball players were named to the Tri-Central Athletic Association All-Conference team. They were: Deb Stuart, Holleen Opdycke, Lisa Eddy, for first team and Barb Snay and Wendy Sheldon for the second team.

Bill Nagy was chosen as the Outstanding senior Athlete of the 1980 graduating class at Lowell Senior High School.

Six Lowell youngsters were honored in the Fourth Young Author Festival at Calvin College. They were: Amy Davis, Joy Drayton, Christina Davis, Victoria Barnes, Brad Barnes and Lisa Garcia.

Dr. Paul Gauthier and Dr. James Lang will take over the office and practice of Dr. H.R. Myers. The doctors planned to open the osteopathic office about July 15.

Along with 18 other Michigan teachers, Chris VanAntwerp was honored as Outstanding Teacher of the Year during the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Central Michigan University.

Dolores Dey, co-owner of That Special Place and member of many community and business organizations was named by the Lowell City Council to the chairmanship of Lowell's Sesquicentennial Celebration to be held in the summer of 1981.

Lowell's four new car dealers banded together to offer 500 new and used cars and trucks at a huge Tent Sale during a four day push to increase area sales. Lowell State Savings Bank cooperated by offering financing for both new and used purchases at an incredibly low 10.97 percent interest rate. Held adjacent to the bank's Westwood branch, between 50 and 60 new car loans were approved.

Women's Fellowship of the Saranac Community Church put on a Strawberry Festival with strawberries for lunch and strawberries decorating many of the new bazaar items offered for sale.

The steel superstructure of the New Department of Public Works garage was completed in mid-June.

Dan Coursier, owner of the Lowell Bakery, announced that new management would be Roger and Melody Morri-

son of Ionia. Coursier will concentrate on his "super cookie" operation.

The annual Grand Slam Garage Sale throughout Eastgate subdivision was held for late June.

Ada Reformed Church welcomed a new pastor and his family. The Rev. Jerry Johnson was installed on Sunday, June 27. He was a recent graduate of Western Theological Seminary in Holland.

Lowell teacher Bob Garcia was among 27 Michigan teachers, administrators and environmental education specialists to attend a workshop at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center.

The search was on for a new Miss Macker who would reign over the 7th Annual One and Only Original Gus Macker All-World Invitational 3-on-3 Outdoor/Backyard Basketball Tournament set for July 11, 12 and 13. Hundreds participated and more than two thousand watched.

Ingred Berg of Drammen Norway, visited her pen pal of 42 years, King Doyle of Lowell. The correspondence began in 1938 when Doyle's English teacher at Lowell High School, Anna Mae Roth, encouraged her students to become pen pals with someone in a foreign country.

Two LHS students were honored by the American Legion for their participation in the American Legion Oratorical contest. Tom Caldwell and Kelly Byrne were presented with certificates and pocket calculators for their efforts in the contest.

Land needed by the new Southeast YMCA for future facilities and access to them was donated by Amway Corporation. The donated land is part of an Amway parcel north and east of the YMCA property at Forest Hill Road and Ada Drive.

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Yuletide Cheer

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Tis the season... again!

The December holidays are creeping up on us again and with it are shopping days spent in frustration looking for that perfect gift. Unfortunately, along with you are several thousand other people with the same thought in mind. To save on a few precious commodities such as time and money during this holiday rush, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants says, try advance planning before making the shopping expedition.

Before setting foot in a store draw up a list of all the people you're buying for with several gift ideas for each. Once this is determined, then calculate the amount of money needed for the gifts. Will there be extras such as gift wrapping, store delivery, postage and handling charges for mail orders to be considered? Don't forget gas and parking costs or bus and train fares. And what about eating out? All these factors need to be figured in for an accurate view of the holiday shopping expenses.

Store catalogues can be helpful in determining gift lists. If you find the right gift for someone in a catalogue, save yourself some time and order it directly either by mail or over the phone. This works best when you only have to pay a small percentage of your total purchase price in shipping and handling charges. If it costs \$2 to order a \$6 item, it makes sense to buy it at a store during a shopping trip.

Catalogues may take care of a portion of your gift needs but you'll probably have to do some of your holiday shopping in person. Select one store or group of stores, whatever you feel you can manage in one trip, and shop them completely. Do the same each time you shop and you won't waste gasoline running back and forth from home to store. In a shopping mall determine which stores to shop and stick to your plan.

If you're looking for a special item call the store beforehand and make sure it is in stock. By starting at the uppermost floor of the store and working your way down, you'll beat the traffic since most people shop from the first floor up.

You may be able to have your packages delivered to your home. Delivery policies vary from store to store and a charge may be imposed if the value of the purchase is less than a set amount.

By spreading out your shopping trips over a period of time and distributing your spending between stores where you have charge accounts, you can stagger your bills. Be sure you're charging a purchase at the beginning of a billing cycle rather than at the end, so there will be a delay before you are billed. If your credit issuers allow you 15 to 25 interest-free days to submit your payment, pay the bill at the end of that period. That way you can leave your cash in an interest earning account until you actually need it. Check your credit agreement for interest-free days and your monthly statement for the billing cycle. Keep your receipts to check against your statement.

Ball in finals

Six students from Northern Michigan University have been chosen as participants in nationwide theatre finals next spring in Florida.

Selections were made last week at the Kentucky Theatre Association's regional auditions held on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights. Over 300 students from Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan participated.

Advancing to the National Finals March 6-8 in Orlando, Fla., are Senior Susanna M. Banks, Escanaba; Juniors James Ball, Lowell; Gwen M. Gautsch, Kingsford; Daniel B. Hicks, Iron Mountain; Michael Kunnari, Negaunee; and Barbara Legler, Marquette.

Senior John Ogile and Sophomore Michael Skehen, both from Marquette, were selected as alternates.

All students were members of a special audition class which Panowski says has proven "highly successful" during the past two years. The class prepares both actors and technicians for nationwide auditions.

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Legend unfolds in December skies

On December evenings, nearly straight overhead, are four stars forming a large square which is part of the constellation Pegasus, winged horse of Greek lore, says University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

"Pegasus lies almost in the middle of a group of six constellations that are identified with the players in one of Greece's exciting legends, the rescue of the chained princess Andromeda," Teske notes.

"According to the story, Andromeda was the daughter of Cepheus and Cassiopeia, King and Queen of Ethiopia. Chained to a sea-coast rock as sacrifice to a deadly sea monster, she was saved in the nick of time by the great hero Perseus, riding astride the winged horse."

In the sky, says Teske, Queen Cassiopeia is identified with the familiar W-shaped constellation lying north of Pegasus. "At this time of year, some people in Michigan think the star group looks like a block M."

"King Cepheus is located on the west side of Cassiopeia, where five of his brightest stars are shaped something like a church steeple that points roughly towards the pole star," he says.

Andromeda is seen today "as a curving line of stars extending underneath Cassiopeia's W, starting at the northeast corner of Pegasus. Just eastwards from Andromeda is her rescuer, Perseus."

"The vanquished monster, Cetus, the Whale, is a dim and rather uninteresting constellation lying halfway down the sky, southeast of the great square."

The U-M astronomer explains that the names of nearly all the constellations visible in the earth's northern hemisphere have been passed down from the tales of antiquity. However, the constellations look slightly different than they did long ago. "Because the stars that compose the constellations are moving about in space,

the shapes of the star groups are slowly changing."

If ancient astronomers should be shown today's constellations, Teske says, they would still be able to recognize the shapes, although they would easily notice that some stars were not in exactly the same locations as they remembered.

Also, he notes, the ancient astronomers might be surprised to learn that today the names and boundaries of the constellations are specified by international agreement.

"Parts of only a few constellations are made up of stars that happen to belong together," Teske continues. "For example, five of the stars forming the Big Dipper belong to the Ursa Major Cluster, a group that moves together through space."

"The star at the end of the handle and the one at the tip of the bowl are not cluster members, and they move in different directions from the rest. Consequently, after thousands of years, the Dipper will lose its shape."

"Most constellations are composed of stars that lie at different distances from our sun and which, unlike the Ursa major stars, are not associated with one another. They only accidentally remind us of a scene or animal. If we could view them from a nearby star, they would form a quite different pattern."

Teske points out that the astronauts who landed on the moon did not go far enough to cause any apparent changes in the way the constellations look.

"Because of the relative motions of the stars, their familiar patterns will be unrecognizable many years from now, even when seen from earth."

Teske adds that "until fairly recently the traditional pictures of heroes, horses, bears and demons on the sky were in common use in designating the constellations and the stars in them. But their boundaries were drawn in different ways by different astronomers. "Sometimes, when the

boundaries on different star maps disagreed, confusion arose as to which constellation certain stars belonged.

"In 1930," he says, "the International Astronomical Union defined the boundaries of the constellations to end the confusion, following as closely as possible the traditional outlines of most star patterns. At the same time, their names were certified."

"There are 88 'official' constellations. Many of them lie in the southern part of the sky that was not visible to ancient peoples around the Mediterranean Sea," Teske notes.

"Those southern constellations were 'made up' only several hundred years ago, when astronomers first began to study the skies south of the equator. For this reason there are no tales from classical times concerning the southern star patterns, and they have none of the rich history of those in the north."

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1980: Looking back...

The First United Methodist Church celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding. Forty-six ministers have served over its 125 years and those who are still living returned to take part in special worship services.

City officials received the unofficial 1980 census report for Lowell which show the population increased by 12.3 percent since the last census in 1970.

Lowell's Fourth of July celebration was bigger and better than ever before. Crowd estimators figured that between 10,000 and

12,000 people were at Recreation Park throughout the day and evening.

Tom Heintzleman resigned from the Lowell Board of Education in order to pursue studies in law at the University of Houston School of Law in Houston, Texas.

Showboat Week 1980 featured entertainers Tammy Wynette the first three nights and The Lettermen the last three nights. Appearing with Wynette and the Lettermen were comedians Joe Conti and Jim Teter with his presidential dummies.

Forrest "Bucky" Buck marked his 45th year with the Lowell Showboat. He has been on every Showboat ever built and is the official historian for the non-profit corporation. Bucky also celebrated his 72nd birthday during Showboat Week.

Fr. Harold Feltman celebrated his 25th anniversary at St. Anthony's Church in Saranac. Fr. Feltman came to Saranac in 1970 and also serves as Chaplain for the Ionia Michigan prisons.

Rob Yeiter was honored in a Court of Honor by Scout Troop 102 of Lowell for

earning Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Bringing in the first load of summer wheat to be processed at King Milling Co. on Monday, July 21 was James S. Cowles and his grandson Ed M. Cowles of Whites Bridge Rd., Belding.

Root-Lowell Corp. was honored by the American Legion for their continuing concern in employing older persons and veterans.

Magr. Hugh Michael Beahap, formerly of Lowell, died July 21 at the age of 60. He had been suffering from cancer for two years.

Larry O'Mara, manager of Bergy Brothers was presented the Big H Feeds CCC Award from Honeggers & Co. of Illinois.

Dr. Frank Schmidt, an osteopathic physician and surgeon, opened private practice in Saranac at the end of June.

Saranac's pharmacist Louis Koss sold their business and retired after serving the community for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs retired from the Lowell Library after 18 years and three months. She was honored by the City

Council for her dedication and by the members of the Library Board; She was feted at an Open House at the Library for the community.

AUGUST

The Roger Wilcox family hosted an exchange student from Japan, Takayuki Koike during the summer through the Japanese LABO-4-H teen exchange program.

In a unanimous vote, the Lowell Board of Education members appointed Linda Beers to replace Tom Heintzleman who resigned.

Kent County 4-Hers had use of a new area for showing and judging during the annual 4-H Fair.

Phil Schreur won a regional championship in the high-power rifle competition and qualified for competition by invitation in the National Rifle Association's National Rifle and Pistol Championships.

The largest number of artists and craftsmen ever selected, 50, were included in the annual Fallasburg Fall Festival sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Kristi Marsteiner and Tammy Nagy represented the Lowell American Legion Auxiliary Clark Ellis Post 152 at the Girls State program held at Central Michigan University.

Arnith Stahl was appointed new Manufacturing Manager at Root-Lowell Inc.

Heavy rains brought down limbs and the power was out briefly but the city escaped heavy damage in a late August storm.

DeAnn Eddy of Saranac won a place in the 1980 Scholastic Kodak Photo Awards in New York City with a wrestling photo, "A Painful Pin".

SEPTEMBER

With the opening of another school year, St. Patrick's School of Ada marked its 75th year of offering a Catholic education to Parnell area children.

The Alto Lions put together the first annual Alto Fall Festival. The day-long event featured food and games with a parade.

The Fallasburg Park Cubs baseball team held a reunion at the Park with their wives. The Cubs were an active team from 1920 until shortly after the war.

Rev. Don Beuge, assistant pastor of the Lowell United Methodist Church and pastor of the Vergennes Methodist Church, accepted a new position as pastor of two churches in Northern Michigan at Mesick and Henrietta.

Four YCMA Leaders Club members attended a special training school. They were: Phillip Beachler, Tom Caldwell, Jeremy Barber and Tim Carliss.

Vandals smashed into the star's dressing room on the Lowell Showboat and did approximately \$2,900 worth of damage.

Bob Kammers, Lowell businessman, was honored by the YMCA Leaders Club with a Service To The Community Award for his many involvements in local youth activities.

Chris Wingeier was chosen for the National FFA Chorus and was slated to perform in mid-November during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO.

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Good Tidings



Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love all around this Christmas!

State Savings Bank

414 East Main — Lowell

Plan to avoid the long distance rush

Thousands of Michigan residents will extend holiday greetings by phone this year as a record 1.75 million long distance calls are expected to be made on Christmas Day.

Michigan Bell predicts that state residents will place more than 1.1 million calls within the state and nearly 650,000 calls to places outside the state, according to Robert Thole, local Michigan Bell community relations manager.

Michigan Bell customers can save time and money by dialing long distance calls direct and taking advantage of discount holiday rates which will be in effect on Christmas day. Overseas calls to 74 foreign countries can also be dialed direct.

Nationwide, the Bell System predicts that 21 million long distance calls will be made on Christmas Day, up 1.3 million from last year's record total.

Throughout the country, telephone companies will add temporary circuits and reroute calls when necessary to accommodate the increased calling.

"As with all your Christmas activities," said Thole, "the key is to plan in advance. Christmas is our busiest day of the year, so we're advising our customers to plan their calls during the less busy hours."

"To avoid the rush, Christmas well-wishers should place their calls before 10 a.m. or between 3 and 6 p.m. on Christmas Day," he said. "Calls will have a better chance of going through the first time during those hours."

"But to really avoid delays," he added, "make your holiday calls before 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. And get any numbers you need from Directory Assistance before the heavy volume begins."

Due to heavy long distance calling, some callers may encounter busy circuits on the first try, particularly when calling densely populated areas in the South and West. If a call does not go through the first time, callers

should wait a few minutes before trying again.

Blues, blahs, call it what you will. It's holiday depression. For many, all the extra good cheer in others could trigger less lighthearted thoughts in themselves, particularly if problems seem to be continuously piling higher and there's no sign of relief. How can anybody have a good holiday with problems like that? For a mental health perspective on holiday depression and how to avoid it or get out of it, contact Jo Kells, P.R. Chairperson, or Dr. Grey Larison, psychologist, at Kent Oaks Hospital, 3-3450.

Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



Winter storms, while their effects are similar, do fall into specific classifications. The Alberta Clipper, the Panhandler, the Pacific and the Gulf cyclones are among those which affect us in Michigan.

Alberta Clippers are so named because they originate in Alberta and "clip" the northern states. From Alberta, they usually move southeast to the Great Lakes. Their moisture comes from the Pacific. These storms are not usually responsible for dumping big snows, but have a bad habit of suddenly gaining in strength upon reaching the Lakes, resulting in a lot of wind and a lot of headaches for forecasters. The worst of this type in recent years occurred April 5, 1979, bringing blizzard conditions to northern Michigan.

Our biggest snowstorms are usually Panhandlers. They form on the eastern slopes of the Rockies, often organizing near the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles. The ones that move from there up the Ohio Valley are usually our worst, because that places us north of the low and right in the heavy snow band. Panhandlers usually have warm air and southerly winds out ahead, which helps to draw up Gulf moisture. Combined with a supply of cold air from Canada, these storms can be very intense and very wet. Everyone remembers the blizzards of January 26, 1978. That was a Panhandler, and the most intense storm to ever hit Michigan.

Next week we'll talk about other winter storm types. When we get our next one, try and decide into what category it fits.



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

NOEL

Do we wish you good cheer and happy Christmas days ahead? You hit the nail right on the head!

HAHN'S HARDWARE
207 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7501

Greetings

Merry Christmas to all our friends. May your toes always be toasty warm!

ANDERSON SHOE STORE
209 E. Main • Lowell • 897-5614

Happy Holidays

Evergreen, ever bright, are the hopes and joys on Christmas night.

Wesco
— Lowell —
427 E. Main

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

CHART FOR RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE WHO MAY SOMETIMES DRIVE AFTER DRINKING!

Drinks	APPROXIMATE BLOOD ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE								Influenced
	Body Weight in Pounds								
1	04	03	03	02	02	02	02	02	Rarely
2	08	06	05	05	04	04	03	03	Possibly
3	11	09	08	07	06	06	05	05	
4	15	12	11	09	08	08	07	06	Definitely
5	19	16	14	13	11	10	09	08	
6	23	19	16	14	13	12	11	10	
7	26	22	19	16	15	13	12	11	
8	30	25	21	19	17	15	14	13	
9	34	28	24	21	19	17	15	14	
10	38	31	27	23	21	19	17	16	

Subtract 0.1% for each 40 minutes of drinking
One Drink is 1 oz of 100 proof liquor or 12 oz of beer

Distributed by the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association

Know your limits!

Drinking and driving don't mix. It's been said many times before, but at no time does it apply more than during the holidays.

Each year during Christmas and New Years, more otherwise responsible people are arrested and jailed for drunken-driving than any other time of year.

Embarrassment and even tragedy can be avoided by those who take the time to learn their safe limit for driving.

The "Know Your Limits" campaign, launched in 1980 by the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association and Secretary of State Richard Austin, provided more than 200,000 "Know Your Limits" cards to Michigan residents.

These charts provide a guide for motorists which indicate the relationship between the number of drinks which can be consumed by a normal adult and the safe limit for driving.

A person operating an automobile is considered by law to be under the influence of alcohol when the percent of alcohol in the blood is above the .10 level. The weight of the adult determines the number of drinks that may be consumed and still remain within this limit.

Those who are attending holiday parties and celebrations away from home this season can refer to the chart to determine their safe limit and stay within it when they must drive.



Let us help you look your best... feel your brightest... for the great holidays ahead!

CURTIS DRY CLEANERS

1004 W. Main St. — Lowell

Phone 897-9809

1980: Looking back...

Dr. Stanley Forkner was appointed new pastor of the Vergennes United Methodist Church. He is a resident of Grand Rapids. Jeffrey LeDuc was hired as new Director of Music for the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman Club hosted the first annual Michigan Bow Hunters Bear-Deer Silhouette Shoot at their club, 11400 Foreman Rd. in mid-September. Named to head the Lowell campaign of the United Way Fund Drive were Roger Roberts and Leonard Jackson. An Open House was held to celebrate the official opening of the new Public Works building and Fire Station #2 on South Hudson St.

Lowell Red Arrows varsity team captured the VFW "Floating Trophy" for the third time in as many years with a win over the Ionia Bulldogs. The trophy is sponsored jointly by the VFW posts in Lowell and Ionia. Rev. Beulah Poe of Lowell was appointed Associate Pastor of the Lowell-United Methodist Church. The Lowell Senior High Band proudly exhibited their new uniforms at the first home football game of the season. The uniforms were purchased through a fund drive spearheaded by the Lowell Music Boosters and with help from the Board of Education. The Tom Desser family of Ada was featured on the CBS TV show "30 minutes." Tom and Jane Desser and their 16 children showed how a large family copes with runaway inflation and changing attitudes. Alone Together marked its first anniversary as an organization in Lowell. The group was formed by a number of widowed and divorced women to help in adjusting to singleness. Representatives of the Lowell VFW congratulated the softball team they sponsored for winning the Class A Championship of their division of the Lowell YCMA Softball League. The team also came in second at the Lakewood Softball Invitational. The American Die Casting Institute recognized Attwood Corp. for its outstanding safety record. C. J. Christoff & Sons, Inc. completed the first phase of an ambitious landscaping project at their new plant on Foreman Rd.

Another successful Fallasburg Fall Festival drew an estimated 25,000 people during the two day event. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council for the last three years, the event began 12 years ago through the efforts of the West Michigan Historical Society. The original handmade quilt was won by local resident Perry Beachum.

OCTOBER
The Harold Zeigler Ford dealership was selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and received Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award. The LHS Golf team finished their regular season tied with Fremont for first place with an excellent record of 6-1. Three of the Red Arrow members were named All Conference: Scott Abel, first in all conference with 102 points; Andy Rogers second with 100 points; and Jon Vezino fourth with 97 1/2 points. A vest-pocket park was started on Main Street between Monroe and Washington Sts. with work donated by the Lowell Area Jaycees. A caboose was donated to the city by the Chessie System and will be used as a visitor center during civic functions. It was put in place by city crews.

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season's best



Wishing you a happy Christmas.

PETROLEUM SUPPLIERS

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NOEL



PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO MEN

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306 E. Main, Lowell

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The First Savings N.O.W. Account is coming. As of December 31, First Savings will pay 5% interest on your checking account funds. What's more if you maintain a balance of \$300 or more, you pay no service charge. But regardless of the amount of your balance First Savings will pay you 5 1/4% interest every day on your N.O.W. Account funds.

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One item per account only. Offer good while supplies last. Transfers from existing accounts not eligible.

Chimney fire can be prevented

In scores of American households this winter, the snug atmosphere around the family's wood-burning stove will be broken by a thundering roar, a shaking, red-hot stove pipe and immediate danger to family and belongings.

A chimney fire! It usually results from the build up of a sooty substance called creosote inside the chimney. "When a chimney fire occurs, three actions are crucial," advised Donald Mann, fire safety engineer for Aetna Life & Casualty. "Call the fire department. Close all air inlets and dampers. And don't throw water on a hot stove. That could crack the stove and cause a second fire."

Chimney fires, according to Mann, are only one of the risks of using or installing a wood-burning stove improperly. "There are a lot of mistakes the inexperienced stove owner can make," Mann said. "Like disposing of ashes in paper bags, or other combustible containers, putting your stove on an

unprotected wood floor, using a stove pipe that's too small or cheaply constructed—those things might not cause a fire right away, but they probably will eventually. The risk is serious."

If you have a wood-burning stove—or are thinking about buying one—it's essential to consider proper installation. Check with local building authorities before putting in your stove, even if this is not required in your town. You will probably get cost—and time-saving advice on materials, space requirements, suppliers and workmanship. And arrange for an inspection after your stove is installed.

Your chimney should be inspected before installing your stove and annually thereafter. If you are buying a factory-built chimney, be sure it has recognized testing laboratory approval. If you are connecting to an existing fireplace chimney, you must seal off the chimney below the stove pipe's point of entry to prevent toxic gases from coming into the room.

Mann added that it's dangerous to connect more than one heating device to a single flue.

As for chimney maintenance, remember that creosote residue accumulates on a relatively cool chimney lining and, when ignited, causes an extremely dangerous fire. To prevent creosote build-up, maintain a moderate fire—hot enough to prevent a cool flue liner, but not so hot that it ignites creosote already formed.

Burn only dry, well-seasoned hardwood. (Green wood produces large amounts of creosote and is especially dangerous in an "air-tight" stove; trash is highly flammable and will produce a sudden, hot fire.) Above all, never start a fire with gasoline, kerosene or other flammable liquids. And don't use artificial logs in your stove. The gases generated could cause an explosion.

However conscientious you are in day-to-day habits, it's still necessary to have your chimney inspected each

fall for creosote.

Although the precaution may seem obvious, Fuller said many people fail to keep clothing, log hoops and other combustible materials at least three feet away from the stove. Parents should also remember that a wood-burning stove does not look "hot" to a small child. Mark off an area surrounding the stove which is "off limits" to small fry.

The white crust on the soil in household pots and terrariums is made of various salts that are dissolved in the water you use to water your plants. Fertilizing frequently may also contribute to the buildup. To get rid of the crust, simply scrape off the top layer of soil. Add more soil if necessary. To keep the crust from forming, water plants with distilled water, rain water or melted snow. Pour in enough water that some runs out the bottom of each pot. Leach pots occasionally to remove accumulated fertilizer salts. Set them in a sink or hold them over a bucket and pour water through them as fast as the soil can take it. Use at least five times as much water as the pot would hold if it had no soil in it.

Save the ashes from your wood-burning stove or fireplace. Ashes contain small amounts of valuable trace elements, as well as some potash (potassium). Spread the ashes evenly over the garden area before you plow in the spring.

Survival kit makes practical gift

If you're still concerned about last-minute holiday gifts, consider giving the "Winter Survival Kit". Designed for use by stranded motorists, most of the items needed for the kit are reasonably priced and easily available.

Items included in the kit can be packed into an empty three-pound coffee can. The coffee can, besides serving the stove which is "off limits" to small fry.

The kit should be kept in the passenger compartment. A collision could make the trunk inaccessible. Other items such as a complete first aid kit, fire extinguisher, flares, booster cables, shovel, heavy clothing, blanket, sleeping bag and sand may be kept in the trunk but should be brought inside the car if severe weather appears imminent.

Among items suggested for placement in the can are: Work gloves, mittens, scarf or face mask and stocking cap tied around the can with a string. A flashlight, spare batteries, candles and matches or disposable light-

er. A clean bright red or orange cloth for signal banner, or for first aid purposes.


Small sharp knife, can opener, safety pins and spoon. Facial tissue or paper towels. Four dimes taped to the inside top of the container for phone calls. Any high calorie food such as canned stews, honey, chocolate, raisins, candy bars or dried foods. Coffee, tea or powdered soup are other possibilities.

Rubber Stamps & Engraved Signs Made to order, 897-9261.

YOUR WISHES

The holiday brings no greater pleasure than a chance to express our sincere thanks for your trust and patronage.

May all your Christmas dreams come true, and our friendship be as lasting as the endearing traditions of Christmas.



NAPA Lowell Automotive
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897-6411

Glad Tidings of Joy to everyone
Bonnie Margaret,
Connie Joanie
Doris Myer's
Beauty Shop
— Lowell —

CHRISTMAS CHEER
Deck the halls... carol and rejoice... it's Christmas!



Gary's Country Meats
205 E. Main — Lowell

This Week's Dry Cleaning

Special Winter Jackets \$389
Good thru Tuesday, Dec. 30th

Sport Jackets \$209
Good Thru Tuesday, Jan. 6th

CURTIS DRY CLEANERS
1004 W. Main St. — Lowell
Phone 897-9809

1980: Looking back.

Doc and Darlene Westcott reopened Keiser's Kitchen restaurant. The business had been closed for several months.

The 1980 Homecoming Queen for LHS was Tammy Nagy. Senior defenseman for the Arrows Dan Phillips was chosen Homecoming King.

The Lowell Women's Club was awarded for having the greatest gain in membership in the West Central District of Michigan.

After serving two years and ten months of his four year term, Councilman David Carter resigned from the Lowell City Council on November 4, 1980 marked the tragic anniversary of the day 53 American citizens were taken hostage by Iranian revolutionists. The VFW Auxiliary urged citizens to remember the plight of the hostages by displaying a "yellow ribbon".

A mid-October fire at Her-

bruck's Poultry Farm near Saranac did an estimated \$150,000 damage. No one was injured in the blaze.

The State Savings Bank of Lowell remodeled its branch office at 1425 W. Main St. The facility was built twelve years ago and increased use of the branch brought the additional drive up windows.

Don Rocheleau, president and general manager of Attwood Corporation, was elected a director of the National Association of Marine Products & Services.

Qualifying for state competition from the Lowell Girls' Cross Country team were: Marilyn Flanagan, Bonnie Peters, Ann Rivers, Sue Schoenborn and Kathie Dey. The team placed third in the Regionals.

NOVEMBER

Store manager Jan Tausig announced that Lowell's Ben Franklin store would be closing its doors permanently at the end of January.

Publisher Roger Brown's Cozy Corner column caused plenty of comment when he ran a series of photos of himself that had been under consideration for use at the top of his non-syndicated sometimes weekly column.

Saranac citizens honored Dr. Milton E. Slagh in recognition of his 40 years of service to the community.

Voter turnout for the Presidential election was as high locally as anyone remembers, nearly 80 percent.

Cumberland Manor Resident Home on Fulton St. just west of Lowell was sold by owner-builder John Ramjet to Arlin Maas of Grand Rapids.

A newly-formed handbell choir made its debut at Cascade Christian Church late in November. Nearly two dozen youths and adults were involved in two bell choirs directed by Mrs. Holly Brandsma and Mrs. Nan Christoff.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're happy to be of service and thankful for the opportunity to extend a battery of good wishes for holiday happiness to you all.

Powell's Shell—Car Wash
—Lowell—

Greetings



West's Apparel

Phone 897-7577

119 West Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331



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

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if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

Recently I heard from two angry women who think there is nothing worse than movie theaters showing commercials to captive audiences that pay \$4 per ticket to be captured. The women are wrong. Something worse is coming.

A New York firm is currently producing filmed commercials to be shown on TV monitors at supermarket checkout counters. It will soon be possible for grocery captives in several select cities, including Detroit, to half fill a cart with \$100 worth of food and then be urged, electronically, to go back into the aisles and spend \$10 more.

These closed-circuit commercials will include a product banned from home TV since 1971—cigarettes. In these confusing times, with so many products making conflicting claims, what the food-buying public needs is point-of-purchase advertising telling the surest way to buy cancer.

Only 10-second commercials will be shown, one right after another, with no pauses for entertainment. This is too bad. If feature films were shown in my neighborhood supermarket, customers could see "Gone With the Wind" in its entirety while waiting in the express line.

Naturally, there are some malcontents who charge that such advertising exploits an imprisoned audience. This charge was eloquently denied by an executive of On-Line Media Inc., the warm-hearted company which is bringing TV ads and the products they advertise closer together, with nothing in-between except trapped customers.

"I don't think it's really exploiting... If you don't want to watch it, don't look at it," he said.

Why should he care? A three-second chicken soup ad costs Campbell's 60 cents for each 1,000 customer transactions per week. If you patronize the store, you add to On-Line's income, even if you never look at the TV monitors and hate chicken soup.

Obviously, from the advertiser's viewpoint, checkout counters aren't the most effective location for the TV monitors. Customers are loath to give up places in checkout lines to go back and get chicken soup. On-Line's idea is that people exposed to the commercials will buy the soup the next time they're in the store. But this theory ignores the ever-present danger that haunts all advertisers: Reacting customers may be run over by trucks or otherwise die before they get a chance to buy the right brand of chicken soup.

It is only a matter of time before On-Line changes its name to On-Everywhere. The supermarket commercials will be shown in every department plus the parking lot. In fact, I foresee the day when TV monitors will be attached to every supermarket cart, thus making them less desirable to steal. No one will want to wheel a chicken soup commercial down the street.

Will commercials in supermarkets be worse than commercials in movie theaters? Mary Ellen Mayer and Nayalya Smerigan might want to answer that question. They're the women who were so dismayed to learn that the United Artists theaters in the Detroit area show commercials poorly disguised as entertainment. When the pitch for a car or a camera or whatever is revealed, the audience regularly groans. I've heard it many times. But Mayer and Smerigan did more than groan, they complained to the manager, and his reaction was interesting.

He totally agreed with them. He said he'd received many complaints, and he encouraged the two women to circulate a protest petition. Not incidentally, most United Artists theaters charge \$4 admission, which certainly indicates that the advertising profits aren't passed on to ticket buyers.

I won't reveal the location of this manager, for fear he'll lose his job. But if he ever does need new employment, I hope he takes over my neighborhood supermarket. He sounds like the sort of sensible manager who wouldn't force customers to watch chicken soup commercials while holding them prisoner inside the soup can.

Solve two problems at once

What could be more efficient than solving two problems with one solution? Consider overgrown landscape evergreens, for instance. When a cedar tree planted too near the house interferes with window washing and hanging storms and blocks the sunlight to a south window, the solution is obvious. A fir tree whose branches are rubbing against the house or a yew that has overgrown a sidewalk also require pruning.

"Pruning these plants to solve the problems their growth has created also gives you the raw materials for holiday decorating," suggests Joe Cox, Extension landscape architecture specialist at Michigan State University. "You solve the problem of what to do for holiday greens while you open up your cluttered landscape."

Except for pines, most landscape evergreens can be pruned now, he points out. Cedar, fir, Taxus (yew), spruce, hemlock and juniper, plus broadleaved evergreens like Holly, can be used for wreaths, swags, door or wall hangings, mantle displays and centerpieces.

Schuelke conducts study



Michael Schuelke of Lowell, a senior in chemical engineering at Michigan Technological University, weighs a test sample dried in a vacuum dryer experiment in the three-story-high Unit Operations Lab (UO Lab) on the Tech campus. The eight-hour lab course runs throughout the academic year, giving students the opportunity to conduct some 27 different experiments utilizing the equipment at nine stations.

Free booklet for publicity chairmen

In conjunction with the Michigan Press Association, a publication for local publicity chairpersons is now available from the Grand Valley Ledger.

As a goodwill gesture and to make our job easier, the publicity person for local clubs, churches or school groups may pick up a copy free at the Ledger during business hours.

The booklet contains the basics for better publicity, tips on writing a news release, hints for usable photographs and answers to many questions.

The Ledger hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday. The office will open after vacation on Monday, January 5.

Pet care info is free

The Humane Society of Kent County has a supply of "Pet Care Bulletins", prepared by the John Ball Park Zoo at the request of the Society, on the proper care of household pets other than cats and dogs and so-called "exotic" pets.

Although the Humane Society generally discourages people from acquiring exotic pets, it also recognizes that some people will continue to buy them.

Persons may pick up a bulletin at the Humane Society at 1890 Bristol, NW, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Humane Society of Kent County, 1890 Bristol, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

HOUSE CALL



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Director

Ebenezer Scrooge wouldn't care what kind of Christmas you have. Let the tree and house burn down. It would be all the same to him.

He wouldn't care what kind of Christmas tree you buy. If you want a fire hazard with dry needles already dropping before you get it home, buy it. If you want a safe, moist, fresh-cut tree with needles that bend but don't drop, get that one. And whether you let your tree dry out at home or keep it safely immersed in water would be of no consequence to Scrooge.

He wouldn't care if you draped the Christmas tree lights without checking the cord and filling the empty bulb sockets. The fact that the empty tree light sockets make the remaining lights burn more hotly and become a fire hazard would make no difference to Scrooge.

The same thing applies to extension cords. Use any old thing, according to him, no matter how dangerously frayed it is; and if you don't plug the prongs tightly into the wall socket, the prongs get hot and could cause a shock. Scrooge wouldn't care.

He would be so mean spirited that he wouldn't caution you not to put electric lights on metal trees, and not to place metal ornaments near tree lights. If you want to risk having an electrically charged Christmas tree, that would be all right with Scrooge.

He'd probably snort with disdain as you stuff armloads of Christmas wrappings into the fireplace, causing the flame to become so hot that it starts a chimney fire or worse, flames leaping across the roof. If you didn't check your chimney and have the soot and other debris cleaned out, he'd say you deserved it, when smoke fills your rooms.

And wouldn't he say "serves you right" if candles on windowsills cause curtains to catch fire, or topple to the floor as someone brushes past them? Christmas! Humbug! That would be the Scrooge philosophy.

But that was the old Scrooge. Since he peered into Christmas Future, he has changed. Now he says to choose a moist tree, check the lights and cords, don't stuff the fireplace, and be cautious of burning candles. He even echoes Tiny Tim: God bless you, everyone. Since his strange encounter with the third kind, Scrooge cares!

BLESSINGS TO ALL



...the Spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love...

Ivan K Blough Contractor
"Builder of Lowell Showboat"

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1980: Looking back...

Katha Dey, Lowell High School Junior, took high honors at the State Track Meet at the beginning of November.

Karl Kloosterman and Dan Phillips, Lowell Rod Arrows, were named to the Tri-River All-Conference football team.

Four Saranac Redskins were included on the Tri-Central Athletic Association's All-Conference team: Jim Hardy, Dan Demman, Mark Haskins and John Gisting.

Former Lowell residents Chad Walter and his wife and family received the Cultural Exchange Award at the Michigan International Awards Program at Michigan State University.

Winners of the 5th annual First Buck Contest in Lowell were the father and son duo of Philip and Les Kline with a 7 point buck taken before 8 a.m. on opening day.

Members of the Missionary Church of Lowell have chosen the site of their future church building located on 8 acres on Settlemore Rd. just west of the Eastgate addition.

Saranac girls' basketball team finished their season with a 14-3 overall, 11-3 TCAA record for second place in the league.

Students at St. Mary's School were given several new calculators for classroom use from First Security Bank of Lowell.

George Lessens, Lowell native, joined the WZZM TV Channel 13 news and weather staff.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Lowell Board of Education voted to cut \$184,000 from this year's operational budget and to lay off five half-time teacher aides. The cuts were required because of drastically reduced state aid revenues.

The lengthy process involved in getting a new bridge built at the division St. site of the old bridge moved a step closer to being finished when the City was notified that their Environmental Impact Statement was accepted with minor changes.

Gary Roth, a Lowell native, was promoted to the position of Senior Loan Officer with the Federal Land Bank Association of Grand Rapids.

Saranac's Board of Education voted further budget cuts of \$16,000. Approximately \$200,000 had already been slashed from the budget several months ago.

Beth Beachum was included in the Tri-River Conference Top 10 in girls basketball. She scored 208 points in league play and averaged 14.9 per game.

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DECEMBER

Winter weather made a brief appearance with some snow and treacherous driving only to be followed by warm weather and a melt.

Santa Claus was welcomed with the largest Christmas parade ever.

A joint news release from the Kent County Prosecutor's office and the local police warned of the illegality of a "money game" currently sweeping Western Michigan.

Two huge cranes hauled the 50-ton 125 foot covered bridge into position across the Thornapple River. Final work on the roof and flooring was finished in time to allow dedication and reopening ceremonies to take place late in the month.

The Lowell Schools bowed to increasing food prices and hiked the price of hot lunches to 60c for elementary students, 65c for middle schoolers and \$1.10 for adults. New prices will be in effect on January 5, 1981, when students return from Christmas vacation.

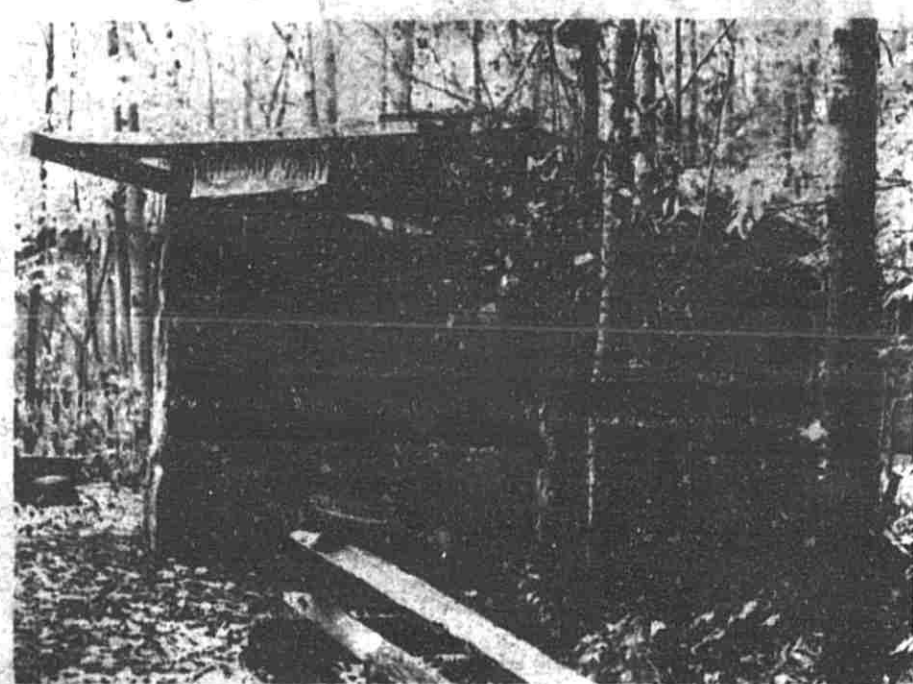
Lowell entertainers "Alive & Well" released their first album to very good reviews.

Saranac's Martha Smith and Deb Stuart were honored with inclusion on the TCAA Top 10 girls' basketball team. Barb Sney received Honorable Mention.

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Nature Center searches for sugar shack



Blandford Nature Center's present sugar shack (above) is proving to be inadequate for the Center's wide ranging Sugar Bush Program each March. Blandford is looking for a larger structure that they can rebuild on their property.

The Blandford Nature Center of the Grand Rapids Public Museum is looking for a sugar shack. Blandford has been demonstrating the process of making maple syrup in a small "lean-to" adjacent to their Interpretive Building for the past 13 years.

What is needed is a structure roughly 12 feet by 18 feet in size. According to Dr. Mary Jane Dockery, Curator in charge of Nature Center, a new sugar shack would "improve tremendously the

quality of our annual Sugar Bush Program." She added that currently there are specific problems with smoke, group control, quality of the finished product and the ability to accurately show the sugar making process. All these could be solved with a more suitable structure.

"Obviously," said Dr. Dockery "it would be great to find an operating sugar shanty with all the equipment, however, we would be pleased with any type of

older building."

In exchange for a suitable building, the Nature Center staff would tear it down and remove it from its present site. If you have a structure of comparable size and style on your property that you would like removed or know where one could be found, please call or write Dr. Dockery at Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, phone (616) 453-6192.

HOLIDAY CACTI BRIGHTEN SEASON

When is a Christmas cactus not a Christmas cactus? Most of the time.

"Most of the cacti sold as Christmas cacti are really Thanksgiving cacti," explains Royal Heins, MSU assistant professor of horticulture. "Botanically, the true Christmas cactus is Schlumbergera bridgesii. The Thanksgiving cactus is Schlumbergera truncata. But it's usually S. truncata that we see being sold around the holidays." Both plants, however, have beautiful flowers.

Both species of cactus originated in Brazil, where they grow as epiphytes in plant debris trapped among tree branches or on decaying humus on the ground. The bloom naturally during the holiday season—hence, their connection with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Greenhouse growers of holiday cacti bring them into

flower by exposing them to temperatures between 50 and 59 degrees F and the natural short days of fall-flowering can be precisely controlled by exposing plants to nine hours of light and 15 hours of darkness for 20 to 25 days. If temperatures are held between 50 and 59 degrees, the cacti begin to form flower buds regardless of day length. Temperatures lower than 50 degrees inhibit flower formation, and temperatures over 60 degrees delay flowering by several weeks. Flower buds fall off the plants at temperatures over 100 degrees.

Christmas Around The World

The custom of giving presents goes back a long way—to the ancient Romans who distributed gifts during their midwinter festival.

In some countries, such as Italy and Spain, gifts aren't given out on Christmas Day, but on January 6—the Eve of Epiphany. In some northern European countries, presents are distributed on December 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas.

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Still no snow! Bare ground is disappointing for the hunters but the lack of snow benefits the ice fisherman. Ice forms faster without snow and many of our lakes are now in the "first ice" stages.

Panfish are hitting the usual tear drops and wax worms combination quite well wherever the ice is thick enough to support fishermen. We should know a little more about "hot spots" after this weekend.

Caution—Still receiving reports of unsafe ice but it is getting better each day. Fishermen should not stand close together and should

test the ice ahead of them with a spud. Do not use snowmobiles yet.

Rabbits and grouse are fairly plentiful; hunters are used to snow-type hunting this time of year. Bow hunters report good sightings of deer but would also prefer snow for better deer spotting visibility. Put-take pheasant releases will continue until December 31 when the season ends.

Remember—your 1980 fishing license and your 1979 and 1980 sportsman license are good through March 31, 1981.

Is There A Santa Claus? We happily reprint the most famous editorial ever written on the subject and wish you a Merry Christmas

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is not Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon 115 West 95th Street Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great uni-

verse of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest

men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood. "Is There a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon, put to the Editor of THE SUN in September, 1897. Her letter turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church to answer. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial "Is There a Santa Claus?"

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Have a dye-namite Christmas

Deck the halls with lots of color! This Christmas season it's easy to add a personal touch to the holiday by making your own decorations.

Tiny flower baskets made from natural colored straw can be tinted in your favorite color to hang on your tree. Trimmed with ribbon and filled with dried flowers or candy, these little baskets add a colorful touch to the festivities. Larger wicker baskets dyed in coordinating shades, can be used under the tree to hold gifts. When exchanging gifts with friends

or relatives, these baskets are a pretty way to carry the presents in their house.

It's easy to plan the color scheme you want this holiday by using a box or bottle of Rit Dye. Dip the baskets into a hot concentrated dye solution of your favorite color. You can even experiment and mix two colors together to create a new and exciting shade.

Another easy decorating idea comes from using white pipe cleaners dipped in a dye solution and then shaped into a variety of holiday designs. Snowflakes, stars and San-

ta's elves can be created and hung as tree or window decorations. When added to wrapped gifts, they put the finishing touch on your presents.

How about adding a little pizzazz to your Christmas stockings that you'll be sure he'll notice. Ombre a pair of white cotton knee socks in several different shades, or solid dye a pair and decorate them with sequins and trim. You can also paint your name on your socks with dye to ensure that Santa knows which stocking is yours. This year, why not leave a striped pair with Santa's name on them as a special gift just for him?

Microwave hotline

Whether you're one of the millions of homemakers already cooking with a microwave oven or just considering purchasing one for your home, you probably have questions about the capabilities, features and techniques of this new cooking method. Now there's a central help source for consumers offering comprehensive information on microwave cooking—The Microwave Information Center of Campbell Soup Company.

Consumers confronted with any completely new method of cooking need to be informed about how to use it effectively and efficiently.

If you have any questions, or wish to receive additional material on microwave cooking, send your name and address to: The Microwave Information Center, Box 56B, Campbell Place, Camden, N.J. 08101.

Rejoice

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Holiday gifts — at a tax deduction?

As you draw up your holiday gift list, remember the tax advantages of giving cash, stock or property either to your family or to a charity. Gifts to employees can also qualify for a tax break.

A gift to your secretary may be considered a business gift and the value of this holiday present plus any other gifts made to this person during the year may be deducted, but only up to \$25. To deduct the cost of a gift on your federal income tax return, keep records of each business gift. Record how much it cost, when it was given, the reason for giving the gift, who received it and that person's business relationship to you, plus a description of the gift.

When distributing specialty items such as a calendar with your company name, costing less than four dollars each, you can deduct the cost for these items as business gifts. This cost is not includ-

ed in the \$25 per person gift limit, so you can give a business associate a \$25 present plus a specialty item. If you send out holiday greeting cards imprinted with your company name, this is also tax deductible.

By owning your own business and giving each of the employees a cash bonus the total amount of the bonuses may be deducted. As an employee receiving such a bonus, it must be reported as income on your tax return.

Nominal holiday gifts like a turkey or ham don't have to be reported. Also, you can give a cash gift of up to \$3,000 to as many individuals as you wish during each calendar year without filing a gift tax return. If your spouse joins in the giving, the amount of each gift can be increased to \$6,000. After exceeding this amount to one individual, you will be required to file a gift tax return.

When you give a family member a gift of stock he or she pays no tax upon receipt of the stock. Upon sale of the stock, however, gain or loss is figured on the price you paid for the shares. As an example, by giving your niece 100 shares of stock for which you paid \$30 a share, when she sells the stock its current market value is \$35 a share, but she figures her gain or loss on your cost of \$30 per share.

When contributing to a charity, it must be to or for the use of the organization itself for it to be tax deductible. When you donate books or quilts to a charity to sell at its holiday bazaar, you may deduct the fair market value of the items. If you donate the goods to a bazaar organized by a person outside the charity who then donated a percentage of the proceeds to the charity, then you may not take a deduction.

Elderly need less calories

Nutrient requirements of elderly adults are basically those of younger adults, but fewer calories are needed.

Foods high in proteins, minerals and vitamins should be chosen by older people so that the reduced food intake will provide the needed nutrients. Such factors as decreased activity, chronic illness, decreased sensitivity to taste and smell, loss or impairment of teeth, and inadequate income may affect the eating habits of an older adult. Some elderly people simply do not eat enough; calorie and nutrient intakes are too low to maintain health.

Many older people reduce intake of meat without increasing consumption of other protein-rich foods. Calcium and iron intakes are sometimes too low. Milk, cheese, or yogurt should be regular features of the diet of older individuals, because they are excellent sources of protein and calcium. Iron needs can be met by using

lean meats, egg yolks, green leafy vegetables, and whole-grain or enriched breads and cereals. Fruits and vegetables are needed each day, for their vitamin C, vitamin A and fiber content.

Those concerned about the cost of food find that there are many ways to obtain foods high in nutrients and low in cost.

For example, canned evaporated milk and nonfat dry milk have the same protein and calcium value as that of fresh fluid milk, and frequently can be substituted for fresh milk in cooking and baking.

The large packages of non-perishable items like sugar, flour, and rice are generally less expensive per pound than are the small packages, and do not lose nutritive value during storage of several months.

Low-cost cuts of meat and fish are as high in nutritive value as are the more expensive items. Thrifty buys are usually available on stew

meats, pot roasts, liver, variety meats, and fresh fish in season.



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Family fun at tree-cutting farms

Each December, millions of Americans set out on a treasure hunt, a search for the perfect Christmas tree to be the center of their holiday festivities.

Though a hike through the forest is no longer the tradition it used to be, the artificial tree has yet to replace the live spruce, balsam, scotch pine or douglas fir. The demand for live trees continues to increase, and selection has simply been made easier. Christmas tree farms have sprung up all over the western part of our state. Retail lots and choose-and-cut operations make the purchase of the tree an enjoyable family outing.

According to Mel Koelling, MSU Extension forestry specialist, ample moisture during the growing season, last year's mild winter and this year's cool autumn weather have made the 1980 Christmas tree crop better than average.

Koelling noted that Michigan is one of the nation's leading Christmas tree producers, with over four million trees harvested annually. Harvest may begin as early as mid-October. The trees

are baled and stored in cool, shaded areas until they are ready to be transported to their destination. In late November, they are sent all over the U.S.

To get the most enjoyment out of your tree, Koelling recommends a set of simple guidelines: Choose the freshest tree possible. Check the needles for dryness, and feel the stump to see if the sticky resin covers the bottom. If so, the tree is probably fairly fresh.

Make a fresh cut on the base of the stump when you get it home. Removing a 1-inch disk from the trunk will improve water uptake. Place the tree in a stand with a large water capacity and check it frequently to make sure the water reaches the bottom of the stump. Some trees will absorb a half-gallon of water a day.

Place the tree in a cool area, away from the fireplace or heating vents. This reduces the fire hazard and extends the life of the tree.

"Regardless of how good the tree is when you get it, what you do with it when you get it home is important to your enjoyment of it," Koelling says.

"With proper care, a tree that is freshly cut a few weeks before Christmas can be expected to maintain its appearance and pleasing fragrance throughout the holiday season."

Michigan products are great gift

With only few shopping days until Christmas and some special people left on your list who seem to have everything, now's the time to rediscover all the good things growing in Michigan. An imaginative food gift is an excellent way to say, "I'm thinking of you!"

Some helpful suggestions to get the ol' thinking process going are to fill decorative canisters with some Michigan dry goods such as popcorn, dry beans and sugar; wrap a set of four soup mugs to complement an array of canned or homemade Michigan soups such as celery, cream of potato, vegetable, or onion.

For a busy host or hostess on your list, a party pack of fine Michigan wines, a tray of cheeses and crackers, or a useful wicker basket of Michigan fruit may be appropriate.

For a close friend or relative, stock an ice chest (very useful during summer months, too) with a variety of Michigan cold cuts, meats, poultry, cheeses or dairy products. An attractive bow can be added to the chest just before delivery and perishables will not spoil.

Christmas tree has ancient roots

Selecting and decorating the Christmas tree is an American family tradition that has roots all the way back to the mystery plays of the 11th through the 15th centuries.

The mystery plays were performed in the churches. One of the most popular was the Paradise play, which portrayed the creation of man, the sin of Adam and Eve, and the explosion from Eden.

"The Garden of Eden was represented by gaily decorated fir trees," relates Harold Davidson, Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University. "These paradise trees were then surrounded by a large ring of lighted candles. Inside this ring the Paradise play was performed."

In the 15th century, church authorities in Germany suspended all mystery plays in

churches. The people then took the Paradise tree into their homes.

At this same time in history, it was the custom to celebrate the birth of Christ by lighting candles on Dec. 24. The candles were often placed on a pyramid-shaped stand decorated with glass balls and other brightly colored objects, including holly berries. The candles, the decorations and the Paradise tree were eventually combined to form what we know now as the Christmas tree.

The tradition of the Christmas tree came to this country with the Hessian mercenaries that fought with the British during the Revolutionary War. The custom gradually spread so that, by the end of the 18th century, it was firmly established throughout the young nation.

Today, Michigan produces about 4 million Christmas

trees a year. Michigan families can choose and cut their own pine, fir, spruce or Douglas fir at a pick-your-own Christmas tree plantation or select a pre-cut tree at a garden center, nursery or community Christmas tree sale. In other parts of the country, the Christmas tree may be a holly, a palm or even an oak.

For safety's sake, candles have given way to electric lights, but the tree still occupies a prominent space in the home, serving as a focus for holiday activities and a link with history, tradition and the world of plants.

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Santa's annual visit highlights Christmas joy

The jovial, genial figure of Santa Claus has had many names and many origins throughout history. For over 1,700 years a Santa-figure has been said to visit in most regions of the globe and certainly no Christmas would be complete without the tradition of this cheery gift-giver.

The American Santa has his origin in the person of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia, Asia Minor. Nicholas lived in the early part of the Fourth century and was known for his good deeds and gifts for the

needy. After his death, he became the symbol of goodness in Christian history. Numerous trades and professions took the kindly bishop as their patron and soon his role expanded to that of gift-giver. When Dutch settlers brought the legend of Saint Nicholas to America, the name "San Nicholas" then became Santa Claus.

Two centuries later, Clement Moore's poem, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," made Santa's popularity soar, and changed his appearance. Originally thought to resemble the gaunt Saint Nicholas, Moore's work describes Santa as the small and stocky character we know today—a bearded man with sleigh and reindeer, bringing gifts and good cheer to all.

What about the reindeer? It is thought that Saint Nicholas traveled through the cold, northern regions on the wings of the rapid North Wind. In these colder, sparser areas, reindeer are the sole means of transportation. Hence, Santa's association with sleigh and his eight antlered friends. Today, the legend of Santa remains alive as children place treats and stockings out on Christmas Eve with the belief that Santa will reward them if they have been good during the preceding year.

Place houseplants near south windows whenever possible, so they can make the most of what natural light there is available. Turn them occasionally so they grow evenly. Do not place plants directly on cold window sills. The roots may be chilled or even frozen—especially if drapes or blinds are closed between the plant and the heated room at night—and foliage may be damaged if it touches the cold window glass.

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Weed is health threat

"Marijuana smoking constitutes the greatest single new threat to the health of our lungs in the United States," says an article in the September issue of the American Lung Association Bulletin.

"In the next ten years, the potential exists for an enormous worsening of the respiratory health of Americans, unless we do something about it now," says Robert L. Dupont, M.D., author of the article. Dr. Dupont is the former director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

While most new drugs are considered dangerous until proven safe, for marijuana, the assumption has been the reverse, says Dr. Dupont. It has been assumed to be safe until proven harmful.

Dupont points out that marijuana smoke contains more tar and known cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke. He presents the findings from a study showing that a single marijuana cigar-

ette smoked for 15 minutes produces as high a level of carbon monoxide in the blood as do 10 to 20 tobacco cigarettes smoked in the course of a day.

"The most bizarre thing that strikes me about young people is that so many are concerned about pollution, worried about the environment, believers in eating natural foods, crusaders against the problems of nuclear energy—and yet they continue to smoke marijuana cigarettes," Dr. Dupont says. "There is a growing body of information about health risks, and we need to get that across."

Henry Ford Museum is separate from the Village and adjacent to it. In 14 acres under one roof, it contains Decorative Arts Galleries, a Street of Early American Shops and a Hall of Technology. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Don't let burglars ruin your holiday

One of the more obvious ways to invite a burglar into your home during the Christmas season is to leave your doors unlocked.

While the holidays are a time of party-planning and gift-giving, professional burglars know they are a time when people spend afternoons and evenings away from home.

Take the short extra time to make your home as safe as possible from burglars. Nothing can make a home completely safe, but a few extra steps can make the burglary harder, which acts as a deterrent.

Nothing makes a burglar's work easier than an open or unlocked garage door. Here are some tips to help protect homes from burglars: Check the identification of any unknown person before allowing them into your home. More than one thief has gained access to a home by

pretending to collect for a worthwhile cause or to deliver packages.

Arrange for a neighbor to collect Christmas cards and other mail if you plan to visit relatives or friends for a few days during the holiday season. Lock your home and garage while going shopping, even if you will be away for only a short period. Lock purchases in the trunk, or put them out of sight if left in the car, when you are shopping.

Locks should be used on items in the garage such as food freezers, tool boxes, bicycles and lawnmowers if the garage door cannot be locked. Dead-bolt lock should be installed on door connecting the garage with the house. Covers should be placed over garage window to keep persons from seeing inside. An empty garage could signal a thief that no one is home.

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Grand Valley Ledger Pressman

have a **HAPPY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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Christmas for the birds?

The feathered friends on your holiday gift list would like nothing more than to find their favorite foods in your backyard this winter. The secret of attracting wild birds to your feeding stations is to provide the foods they like best and to put them in the right places.

Just as some birds would rather eat suet than nuts, many birds prefer to eat on the ground rather than from hanging feeders.

Ground Feeders include blue jays, sparrows, juncos, quail, mourning doves, pheasants, chickadees, and house finches. Their favorite foods are sunflower seeds, cracked corn (inexpensive, but will also attract starlings, grackles, and pigeons), wild bird seed mix, and peanuts.

Feeders can be split fire-place logs (flatside up), hub-caps (for food or water), garbage can lids, trays, shallow pans, or birdbath tops for water).

Tabletop or Window Feeders include cardinals, goldfinches, grosbeaks, chickadees, house finches, red-

polls, purple finches, mockingbirds, and jays. Their favorite foods are sunflower seeds, shelled peanuts, wild bird seed mix, raisins, and currants.

Feeders can be trays placed on picnic tables, benches, or stumps, or attached to windowsills. Hanging or High Post Feeders include cardinals, chickadees, goldfinches, and other finches, pine siskins, redpolls, titmice, and nuthatches. Their favorite foods are niger or thistle seeds, sunflower seeds, wild bird seed mix, and peanut hearts or other nutmeats.

Feeders can be plastic tube feeders, round or square post feeders (some shaped like little houses), or recycled milk cartons, detergent, or bleach bottles, which have been cut open for easy access.

Trunk Feeders include chickadees, woodpeckers, nuthatches, and many seed-eating birds. Their favorite foods are suet or suet cakes, which can be mixed with peanut butter, seeds, and

other treats.

Feeders can be wire mesh holders, plastic mesh bags (used for onions, oranges, etc.) or log holders.

"Don't be discouraged if the birds don't come flocking into your yard the first day you put out food," advises Ranger Rick. "Sometimes it takes a while for the birds in your area to discover your feeders. Once they've found them, they'll keep coming back so long as there is food for them."

Feeders should be kept clean and checked every day. Don't put out large amounts of food that could spoil or attract rats or mice. Remember that besides food and water, birds need cover. "Most birds seem to feel more comfortable eating at feeders near trees or bushes where they can perch and hide from hawks or neighborhood cats."

It's always nice to wake up on a frosty winter morning and see a perky chickadee feeding in your backyard. And it's a perfect way to wish wildlife a "Happy Holiday."

Tax help for the elderly

One of the most unique and helpful volunteer programs in Kent County is the Property Tax Assistance Program. The program provides trained volunteer tax assistants to help the elderly and handicapped fill out their property tax and home heating rebate forms. The program has been coordinated since 1974 by the Voluntary Action Center in cooperation with the Michigan Department of the Treasury and Senior Neighbors, Inc.

Tax assistance is available at local senior centers, Kent CAP complexes, and the lobby of the State Office Building. Persons who are homebound and unable to get to a site should contact their nearest senior center or call Voluntary Action Center at 459-3447. Volunteers will be available to assist homebound elderly and handicapped persons.

To make the job of the volunteer tax assistant easier, homeowners and renters should make sure that they have the following necessary information. If you own your own home, you should know

the State Equalized Value, your total household income for the year, the amount of property taxes you paid, and the amount you paid out in health insurance premiums (other than Medicare). If you rent, you should know the total amount of rent you paid for the year, and the name and address of your landlord. Home heating credit is also available for homeowners and renters whose income qualifies them. For home heating credit, you need to know: the approximate amount of the yearly fuel bill you pay.

Property tax rebate forms and home heating credit forms can be filled out at the same time. Eligibility for property tax rebates for senior citizens is: 1) A person has to be 65 or over by Dec. 31st of the year they are applying for; 2) or be a surviving spouse of a person who was 65 at time of death; 3) have lived in Michigan at least 6 months of the year; 4) live in housing for which property tax or a service fee in lieu of taxes is paid. Property tax rebates are also available to disabled veterans and their widows, to blind persons, paraplegics, quadriplegics, hemiplegics, and totally-disabled persons.

Property tax assistance will be offered in Lowell by appointment only, beginning December 2 at the Lowell Community Center, 1076 3 Grand River Dr. SE, Lowell (897-8485).

Redskins dumped

Saranac still couldn't get it together last Friday night as they took a thrashing from Montabella, 77-23.

Montabella is now 1-3 overall and 1-2 in TCAA. They marked 20 points against the Redskins in both the first and second periods. They outscored Saranac in the last two periods, 15-6 and 22-14.

Tom Hardy and Brian Simpson were the only Redskins to score in double figures with 10 points apiece.

Letters

Dear Mr. Brown, I agree with Jim Hall that your picture needed changing, but the new one is even worse.

Maybe you need one with a Texas hat because of the tall tales you tell. John Winer, Arlington, Texas

NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

"Native Americans noting that the new settlers celebrated Christmas with much feasting called it the "Big Eating." They also used the term "Kissing Day" because of the French custom of kissing one another when they exchanged gifts.

The Indians readily embraced the custom of the Christmas tree because many Indian tribes already worshipped the evergreen as the "ever-living" tree.

LEDGER DEADLINE

To help us meet our dead lines, please take note of the following guidelines for submitted material, including pictures.

All news copy should be in the Ledger office by 5 p.m. on Mondays. The material should be type-written or written legibly. Either way, we ask that you provide space between the lines to make room for possible editing.

Wedding stories should be submitted within six weeks after the ceremony.

We prefer black and white photos. Color photos, because they don't reproduce as well, will be accepted only if they are of exceptional quality.

The deadline for classified ads (want ads) is Monday at 5 p.m. Display advertising deadline is also Monday at 5 p.m.

The Ledger is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Thursday afternoons. A story can be submitted after hours through the mail slot in our front door.

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This Advent message brought to you by The First Congregational Church of Lowell Hudson and Spring Streets

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RG&NW—Told you it would work but chickens on chains are a bit much!—Grenlin.

TO THE AVERY FAMILY—Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We send our love —DMKDRDUF&SAM.

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BELDING ANNEX — Whadda family. One eats candles, one kills mites with an appetite enhancer, one skates on her knees . . . Sure makes friendship one big giggle.—Laff A. Minuts.

ATTENTION FAMILY—North, south and east: Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and see ya soon.—Lowell Branch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS — To Chayne & Chan. Hope Santa is good to you.—Love Grandma Maggie & Grandpa Mac.

MERRY CHRISTMAS—To Rog, Di, Kay, Dave, Scott, Mark & U. Frank.—Maggie.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO — Stukes, Flake and Bales—From Blough Woman.

DEAR SNOW BUNNIES — It's bitter cold but no snow. Swans still here! Miss you both. See you in the Spring! —Kase, Ray, Matt & Andy.

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The Loyal Order of the Moose Civic Affairs Committee wish to thank all Lowell business people for merchandise and money gifts to help fill Christmas baskets for the needy. Merry Christmas.
A. J. Zengri
Chairman, Civic Affairs.

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I wish to thank everyone for the visits, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to Rev. Jerry Bates.
Roy Thompson

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1980: Looking back...

Fran Borup, Assistant Vice President of First Security Bank was appointed Branch Manager of the bank's Saranac office.

Nancy Wood, Chief Deputy Clerk and Director of Elections for the City of Lowell was elected President of the Kent County Clerks Association.

Rev. Paul Dollaske, pastor of Alton Bible Church, has accepted a call to serve the Plano Bible Church in Plano, Illinois. He had been pastor here for seven and a half years.

Mary Louise Dodge of Saranac has published her second book, "Sticks and Stones", the story of a family who shares its home with a poltergeist.

The Lowell Lions Club announced that their club will take charge of the Sesquicentennial Ball to be held during the city-wide celebration of its 150th birthday in July of 1981.

After 23 typewritten pages looking back over a very busy year for Lowell, Saranac, Ada and Alto, I am amazed that the year was one of so

many accomplishments for so many people in our corner of Michigan. Individuals brought home honors which had to rub off on the committees which produced them. Cities, schools, businesses and industries were forced to bite the economic bullet and did so with a grim determination to make the best out a rough financial year. Civic groups and churches redoubled their efforts to give aid and encouragement to the deserving and helped the areas to grow in the process.

The rough spots in the year were hard to take but the sturdy stock of the inhabitants somehow came to the fore and hard times were eased, a covered bridge rebuilt, band uniforms bought, parks upgraded and so many other constructive projects completed.

The urge to make 1980 as a black one must have crossed a good many folks' minds but, looking back and taking into account a year full of good things, 1980 should rightfully stay on the record books—Kathie Whitney Quada.

Schneider to fill Council seat



Phil Schneider

Lowell City Council appointed Lowell businessman Phil Schneider to the Council at its last meeting held December 15. Schneider will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of David Carter. One year of his term remains.

Schneider served on the Lowell City Council from April of 1963 through April of 1968. He has owned the Speerstra Agency on Main Street for 20 years.

Schneider and his wife Marion reside at 950 Riverside Dr.



John Lasby of Lowell struck a parked car on Main St. near Amity St. last Tuesday evening.

A parked vehicle owned by Michael Stevens was struck by a hit and run driver on Main near West St. last Saturday morning. The accident remains under investigation.

Sandra Smith was uninjured when the vehicle she was driving struck a parked car on Main near Riverside Dr. on Saturday morning. A partially frosted window caused a vision obstruction.

Gail Heikkinen of Wyoming struck the utility pole at Main and Hudson Sts. early Saturday morning. Her car windows were almost completely frosted over.

Rosa Sees collided with Kevin Willison of Saranac at Main and West St. on Friday afternoon when Sees failed to observe the Willison vehicle and made a left turn onto Main in front of him.

Tina Zywicki was injured when she made a left turn off Main near Washington near the path of a car driven by Matthew Kilduff of Ionia. He was also injured. The accident occurred Saturday morning.

Doris Russell and her passenger Vicki Allan were both injured Friday evening when a deer ran into the path of her vehicle on Burroughs Rd. Russell swerved to avoid the deer and struck a tree. Both women were transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Apprehended and lodged in the Kent County Jail for breaking and entering was Albert Sonet of Lowell on Friday morning. Sheriff's deputies arrested Sonet on Cascade Rd. shortly after he had allegedly broken into Dean's Gas Station. Several items were reported missing from the station. About an hour prior to that incident, Sonet was observed exiting the Admiral gas station in Lowell by Lowell officers. He allegedly had made an unsuccessful attempt to break into the station, although there was no evidence of actual entry or anything stolen in Lowell. A description of the vehicle put out by Lowell officers led to Sonet's arrest.

Book for RR buffs by area man

Lowell rated about five paragraphs in a definitive new 459-page book on the exciting era of steam locomotives in American railroading. The book was written by Charles R. Foss of Byron Center and took four years of research and writing.

Title of the book is "Evening Before the Diesel" and traces the history of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, which was the last Class I American railroad to move passenger trains with steam locomotives.

Foss is a second generation railroad man and has worked 18 years for three different railroads.

Some time ago, Foss contacted the Grand Valley Ledger and Modern Photographics looking for information

and photos on the railroad history of the line between Ionia and Grand Rapids. Both Roger Brown of the Ledger and Jim Maatman of Modern are listed in the author's acknowledgements.

The book was published and introduced this month and contains 600 photos, 12 color prints, 4 maps, 100 scale drawings, 99 tables and documents a unique period of railroad industry. A photo of the station in Saranac is included.

The impressive book sells for \$44.95 and is carried in book stores and hobby shops throughout the country. In our area, one distributor is Ray L. Nawrot, HOBBY WORLD, 1049 28th St. S.W., Wyoming, MI.



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