

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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## Above The Board

### L.A.S.A. again discussed

Most of Monday night's school board meeting was again taken up trying to clear the air on the LASA controversy. Board member Martin Fox made a motion to terminate the Board's relationship with Rod Smith as consultant to LASA even though he is now working only when called upon by the Board. By a roll call vote the proposal was defeated by a 6-1 margin, with Martin Fox voting against the proposal. The rest of the Board felt it was still necessary to have Mr. Smith available when and if needed.

Several citizens also addressed the Board concerning LASA. Joe Barnella, representing the Runciman/Riverside P.T.O. asked questions concerning the benefits from the program for the elementary schools and if athletic costs to the Board were draining funds away from elementary programs. The Board responded that all groups were encouraged to participate so that eventually all students will benefit from LASA. The Board also feels that overhead costs for athletics, beyond funds raised by LASA, are minimal and

are no different than overhead costs throughout the system.

Chuck Lippert expressed concern that the program has been treated unfairly in the media. He also told the Board and the audience that it was time to put aside differences and get on about the task, together, to provide the necessary funds for programs for the students of our district.

Superintendent Kelly reported to the Board that the Middle School staff and students have committed the funds raised through magazine sales and other activities to purchase a new copy machine. They were commended for their efforts.

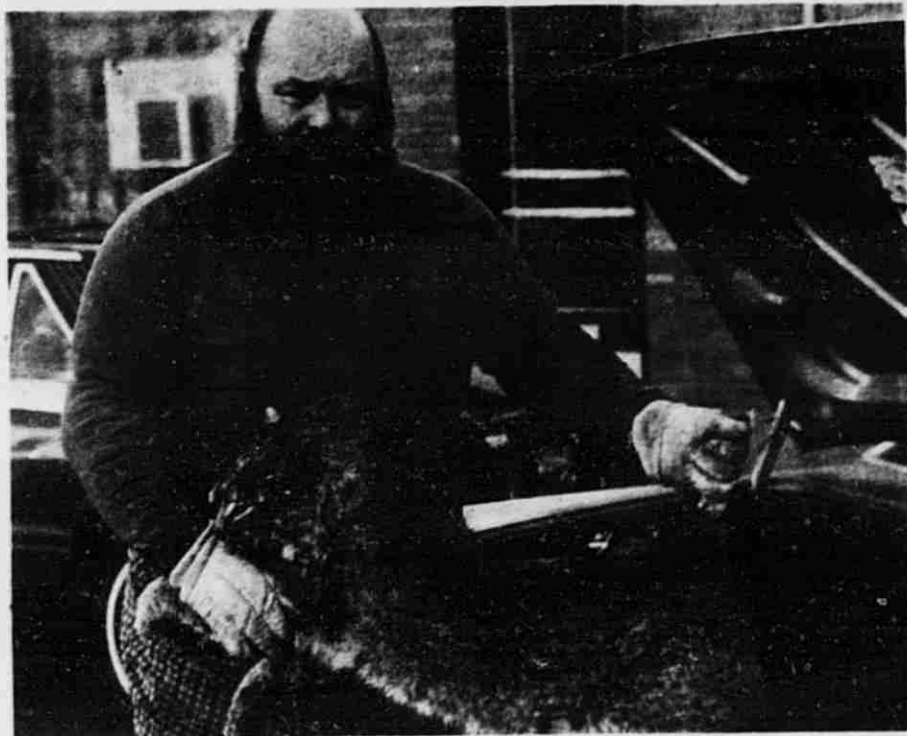
Assistant Superintendent, George Jacob, reported to the Board the results of the Positive School Action Committee. The committee's efforts in 1980-81 resulted in a 20 percent reduction in teacher absenteeism. The school's commitment is to return 80 percent of the savings to the buildings to enhance the student programs in their areas.

Other actions included the purchase of six typewriters for the High School, adoption of a resolution opposing MASB's decision to move their convention from Grand Rapids because of Jan VanAndel's stand on the voucher for non-public school tuition, and a closed session concerning 1982 teacher negotiation strategy.

Superintendent Kelly reported to the Board that the program piloted jointly by the school and city hiring a reserve police officer two hours a day, has very effectively cut down the problems where students and non-students gather to smoke just off the school property. It is felt that one of the most significant improvements is the removal of the opportunity to readily supply drugs to students by non-students. The success of the efforts has resulted in the commitment to continue the program on a permanent basis.

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## Bobcat found in area



Donald Eickhoff and rare bobcat

A county road crew brought in a large adult male bobcat somewhat worse for wear and quite far from his usual range.

DNR Wildlife Pathologist Tom Cooley from the Rose Lake lab said they are very rare in this area. Cooley said, "They're usually from Houghton Lake on north, in the older forest areas, and all across the U.P."

It was found Thursday morning on I-96 near Snow Ave., by a guard rail crew of Don Eickhoff, Lowell; Don Gillhood, Ada; and Peter Novak of Grand Rapids.

The DNR froze the carcass, awaiting an autopsy to determine age, sex, weight, diet, presence of parasites and physical condition. The hide will be returned to Grand Rapids for mounting and the skeleton given to Michigan State University.

Cooley would not speculate on what the long-tailed cat was doing or which direction he was headed, but, he admitted, "It is getting close to breeding season."

"It seemed to be working its way south. We've had some bobcats here in the past; and we've had possible reports of bobcats in the Thumb area," Cooley said.

by Chuck Neller

**Appointments not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open 5 days Lowell, 897-7506.**



### LEDGER CLOSED OVER HOLIDAYS

It's that time of year again and the Grand Valley Ledger will be closed over the holidays so that our staff can enjoy a well deserved vacation. Our deadline for the issue to be mailed Wednesday, December 23 is Friday, December 18 at noon. There will be no Ledger published for the week of December 28th, so don't climb all over your mailman when your paper doesn't show up. "Thanks" and "Happy Holidays".

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

With both Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Fridays this year, many area businesses are closing the following Saturdays so as to give their employees a four day holiday. The Lowell State Savings Bank is one of these businesses and they have a couple of ads in this issue spelling out their holiday hours in detail. Watch this and next week's Ledger for notices of businesses that will be closed special hours over the holidays.

### GET A PIC WITH ST. NICK

Don't forget, tonight is the first of only two opportunities that you will have this year to have your child's picture taken with Santa Claus. Santa will be in the Rivertown Mall, 109 W. Main, Lowell from 6:30 through 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16 and again on Saturday, December 19 from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 for a professional 5 x 7 color picture in a folder by Modern Photographics of Lowell.

### LOST IN THE MAILS

The Superintendent's Office of Lowell Area Schools received several complaints from Alto residents who did not receive the last Lowell Area Schools Newsletter. The problem was tracked down and it seems that the newsletters are lost somewhere in the U.S. Postal System. Those wishing a copy of the newsletter are asked to please contact the Superintendent's Office at 897-8415.

## New World String Quartet here in January

If you are looking for a last minute stocking stuffer, consider a ticket to the second concert of the Lowell Area Arts Council's Lowell Series. This concert will be performed January 30 at the First Congregational Church

by the very popular New World String Quartet.

Although this will be the quartet's third concert for the Arts Council, it will be the first including new quartet member Robert Dan. A reception following the concert will allow the audience a chance to greet quartet members.

At \$6 a ticket, this concert provides an excellent idea for that hard-to-find Christmas gift. Stop in and buy a ticket from Dolores Dey at That Special Place or write the Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell. Send checks and tickets will be returned immediately. High school students or younger can also be treated to this concert at a special student price of \$3 a ticket.

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### Library doings

Nothing to do over the Christmas vacation? Children ages 6 and up are invited to attend a "Film Festival" at the YMCA Monday, December 21. The program will begin at 2 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. Laurel and Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Bugs Bunny and other films will be featured. This program is sponsored by the Lowell Branch Library, a member of the Kent County Library System.

While the children are at the movie or when you are downtown for some last minute shopping, stop at the Lowell Branch Library. A good selection of used books will be on sale Monday, December 21st from 12:30 to 5:30. You're sure to find some real bargains.

## Accident claims another life

The accident at M-21 and Parnell Rd. shortly before Lowell's Christmas Parade claimed another life Thursday.

Steven Smith, 28, of 637 Dickinson S.E., died at Butterworth Hospital of massive internal injuries. He was a fourth year medical student at Michigan State University. The first victim, Donald Alan Sandin, 28, of 2565 Grove in Muskegon, was pronounced dead at the scene. Sandin's car, going west on Fulton St., crossed the centerline and struck Smith's headon. Kent County Medical Examiner Ramon Lang said Sandin apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

The vehicle behind Smith's, unable to stop, slammed the rear of his. The driver, Linda Kay Falsetta, 24, of Saranac, was not injured.

Post offices in Lowell, Ada, and Alto will be closing at noon December 24, and December 31.

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# Obituaries

**CARPENTER** — Mrs. Frances E. Carpenter, aged 74, widow of Maxwell A. Carpenter, passed away Saturday morning in Glenwood Nursing Home, Lamont. Surviving are her son, Keith M. Carpenter of Spring Lake; two daughters, Mrs. William (Pearl) Rooda of East Lansing and Mrs. Edgar (Joyce) O'Krent of St. Petersburg, FL; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; a sister, Mrs. Katherine M. Hoffmeyer of Lowell; a sister-in-

law, Mrs. Florence Carpenter of Grand Rapids. There were no services. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 933 Cherry SE.

**GATES** — Mrs. Emogene F. Gates, widow of Ernest, aged 78, of 3259 Honeycreek NE., Ada, passed away Monday morning, Dec. 14, 1981 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Mrs. Gates was a School Teacher in the Kent Intermediate School District and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell. Survivors include her children, Maurice "Pete" and Betsy Pullen of Rockford, James and Eleanor Pullen of Ada; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; her sisters, Mrs. William (Iris) Westveld, Mrs. Irah Main, Mrs. Viola Peters, Mrs. Wayne (Mildred) Brewer all of Cannons-

burg, Mrs. Melvin (Margaret) Sweiger of Grand Rapids; a brother, Boyd Houlihan of Cannonsburg; nieces and nephews. The Mass of the Resurrection was offered Wednesday morning 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell, with the Rev. Ernest Bernott as Celebrant. Interment Fairplains Cemetery.

**RYDER** — Gertrude E. Ryder, aged 85, of Lowell passed away Dec. 13, 1981. She is survived by her husband, Frank; two daughters, Mrs. Godfrey (Geraldine) VanderWerff of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Bernadette Pniewski of Redford; one sister, Sr. Mary Clenent, Curtin Providence Order St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana; 11 grandchildren. Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, with Rev. Thomas Schiller, Celebrant. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Smart food management for singles

The singles lifestyle is here to stay. According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, nearly 17 million Americans now live alone, compared with fewer than 11 million less than 10 years ago.

Today one-third of all major food shoppers are men, and about 38 percent of them live alone. Single senior citizens now number more than 6 million. Both men and women live alone due to later marriage, divorce or by choice and shop for one.

As a group they have special requirements: small or single-serving packages; economical alternatives for using leftovers; ideas for preventing waste; convenience items that save considerable time and effort.

If you're a single person battling the budget and the menu plan, here are a few pointers.

Learn when to think big and when to think small. Larger sizes usually cost less per serving, but they don't

save money if food is wasted. Buy only what you can use and store easily, but don't always opt for the smaller item.

When you shop and cook, be creative and plan ahead. In making out a shopping list, plan to get two or three meals from one cut of meat. Remember too that the entire you cooked for dinner last night can become today's hot lunch with the help of a vacuum bottle.

If you're making soups, stews, casseroles or chili, you can save on the cost of ingredients, and on time and energy by making larger quantities and freezing several portions for later. Don't forget leftovers. Meats, poultry and fish can be cubed, frozen and later thawed for delicious additions to salads and main dishes.

If smaller meals and more snacking are your style, make them work for you. Plan snacks rather than nibbling haphazardly. Choose nutritious foods like cheese, nuts, yogurt, fresh fruits and crisp vegetables. Try snack combinations like cheese spread on celery or apple slices; carrot sticks and cauliflowerettes dipped into reduced calorie salad dressing; or a mini-pizza made with an English muffin, tomato sauce, shredded cheese and your favorite toppings.

Smart shopping, proper storage, creative cooking and flexibility are the keys to success for singles struggling with the challenges of food management.



A bright new note for parties is to present a hot dip, set in a chafing dish or on a hot-tray.

## Tips on weight loss

Overeating is the major cause of overweight, but physical inactivity contributes greatly to the problem.

An overweight, sedentary young woman will remain overweight on a diet of only 1,800 calories.

If she has an extra 125 calories (one doughnut) every day, she will gain 13 pounds in a year!

A major part of her problem is low energy expenditure. To actually lose weight and keep it off, more exercise is essential, not only to lose pounds but also for improved vitality and physical fitness.

There is a growing awareness that a sedentary way of life can contribute to degenerative disease of the arteries and to obesity and its potential complications — most notably, diabetes. There is a growing preference for a healthy-physically fit appearance. Emphasis is on condition. Body skin and hair that are in good condition are widely regarded as necessary for good looks.

You may feel too lazy to get started on a physical fitness program, but it's probably lack of exercise that makes you feel that way!

You may think of yourself as active or energetic because you are always busy — too busy to take time out for vigorous exercise. Some of the busiest people in the world have found time for jogging, tennis, or morning calisthenics. So can you.

If you are over 30 or are unaccustomed to vigorous exercise, consult with your physician before starting a program.

Moderate speed walking or bicycling burns 200 to 220 calories an hour. Golf and bowling, along with heavy housework and brisk walking, consume 250 to 300 calories each hour. Volleyball, skating, jogging, dancing, tennis and moderate swimming expend 350 to 400 calories an hour. Strenuous competitive sports such as running, fast swimming and rowing burn up 600 or more calories for each hour of participation.

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# Church News

## Masonic Lodge installs new officers

Lowell Lodge No. 90 F.&A.M. kicked off the 1982 season Tuesday, December 8 with an installation ceremony at the Lowell Masonic Temple. Many visitors from Phoenicia Lodge No. 531 Detroit, Hastings Lodge No. 52 and Clarksville Lodge No. 451, came for the event.

Officers installed were: Worshipful Master, David W. Miller; Senior Warden, Cecil H. DeRushia; Junior Warden, Herbert A. Holcomb; Treasurer, Carl L. Jackson; Secretary, Forrest L. Buck; Chaplin, Tilden Y. Pinckney; Senior Deacon, John A. Cromartie; Junior

Deacon, Peter J. Osborne; Senior Steward, Gould O. Rivette; Junior Steward, F. John Ludwig Jr.; Marshal, Major M. Bogert; Tiler, Bobbie Adams.  
Degree work will start at once and all degree teams are urged to prepare for a very active season.

## Ordained to ministry

Daniel J. Gauw, former resident of the Murray Lake area was ordained to the ministry November 22 at the Northview Bible Church, Kearney, Missouri which he has pastored for the past 2 years.

He is a graduate of Lowell High School (1960), Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music and received his Master of Arts degree in Biblical studies at Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri this past May.

Dan, his wife Nancy (Nauta) have 4 children; Martha, Brenda, Danny and Beth. Their parents are Paul and Gerri Nauta, and John and Jean Gauw, all of Lowell.



The hare is larger, heavier and longer in the ear than the rabbit.

## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city (Proverbs 16:32).

Day after day we are forced to put up with irritations of one sort or another. Perhaps it is a neighbor who never fails to burn her papers just when you have your clean clothes on the line. Darrel always lets the screen door slam the moment you've succeeded in getting his baby sister to sleep. Hubby insists on grunting and pointing instead of asking politely for the food he wishes to have passed to him. Irritations? Yes, there are many, and they are always with us.

Christians, how do we cope with irritations? Do we allow them to overpower us, or do we master them?

If we give too much attention to the irritations which come to annoy us, we are asking for trouble. Like a sore that is constantly scratched, infection will soon set in and difficulty will follow. We need to ask God for grace and strength to help us overlook these petty trails. He can give us the divine assistance we need to accept those things we cannot change, to refrain from scratching the sore, and "let the wound heal."

Prayer: O Lord, give me grace for the irritations which come daily. Provide the strength to overlook those things which annoy me. Grant me the patience I need to "let the wound heal." Amen.

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;

I cannot bear these burdens alone.

In my distress he kindly will help me;

He ever loves and cares for His own.

E.A. HOFFMAN

Christmas Eve Services at **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** 2700 East Fulton Street. Rev. Dr. James G. Cobb, Pastor. 5:00 P.M. - Family and Children's Service. 10:45 P.M. - Sacrament of Holy Communion and Carols by Candlelight.

All Are Welcome!

## Cong. has Lumenaria Set

The First Congregational and St. Mary's Catholic Churches are joining efforts again this year to present their Live Nativity in Richards Park.

A large production is being planned which will be for public viewing on Wednesday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m.

A "Lumenaria" will light the path from St. Mary's Church down Spring Street to Richards Park, to symbolize the route taken by Mary and Joseph in their search for a place for the impending birth of the Savior.

The lumenaria is a traditional part of the Christmas celebration south of the border. Lighted candles are placed in containers along a specific route to signify the lighting of the Christ Child's way into our world. The flickering candles are also the symbol of the Light of the World.

The silent procession will begin at St. Mary's and journey to Richards Park to the manger scene, there will be animals, Shepherds, Angels and Wise Men. There will be readings from Scripture, Music, Drama and Carol Singing.

The pageant is presented by the combined youth groups of the two churches and refreshments will be served in the dining room of the Congregational Church afterwards.

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

## ATTEND SERVICES

Table with columns for various churches including Missionary Church, Whitnevillie Church, ADA Community Reformed Church, Bethany Bible Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Each entry lists services, times, and contact information.

# Coming Events...

Wednesday, Dec. 16; 6 P.M. the Kent County Council of the VFW will have a Christmas Party at the Lowell VFW Post 8303 on E. Main St. All VFW members welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 17; Lowell Middle School 7th and 8th bands Christmas Concert.

7:30 P.M. in the Cafetorium.

DEC. 21: A Christmas vacation movie treat at the YMCA. Children ages 6 and up are invited to attend from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Branch Library. No charge.

DEC. 21: A used book sale at the Lowell Branch Library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stop and get some real bargains.

TUES., DEC. 29: Alto Branch Library will be showing 3 movies on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 29, 2 p.m. to

entertain area children during their holiday break. The show will begin with "The Dancing Princess", a delightful fairy tale, next will be a new film "Best Horse" and finally, a very funny short film called "The Juggling Movie". The total program is about 1 hour in length. There is no charge. The library is located on Linfield Ave. in Alto and you may call 868-6038 if you would like more information. Alto Branch Library is a member of Kent County Library System.



## cozy corner

Roger Brown

I've had a problem for the last three or four months that may sound pretty insignificant to most, but I don't mind saying that I'm getting darned sick of it. What's my problem you ask? A wart on the ring finger of my right hand. The thing is on the side of the second knuckle and is not only irritating, when shaking hands with someone it is down right painful. I realize that a wart is probably not the best subject in the world to write a newspaper column about, but for this week at least it's the best I can come up with. Besides, it ties in with the frog column I did a few weeks ago.

I'm of the opinion that a person should be near death before visiting the doctor. So, to take up a doctor's valuable time with a common wart is completely out of the question. Besides, I've heard it hurts like the dickens to have a wart burned off or whatever it is they do to get rid of them. So I resorted to home remedies.

The first thing I tried was a professional wart removing compound that I bought at the drug store. I used it religiously and it did a great job of removing the skin all the way around the wart, but the wart remained none the worse for wear. In fact, I think it took nourishment and grew on the stuff.

By the time I gave up my first method I had received tips from several people on how to remove my wart. I tried some of the least painful ones first. I tried twisting a piece of chalk into it which was supposed to dry it up. I concluded that chalk works only on blackboards and pool cues and gave that up.

Next came the vitamin E treatments. I soaked the pad of a band-aid with vitamin E lotion and put it over the wart day after day. At first I thought this was working, the wart got soft and wasn't as painful. Never the less, it stayed on and on and on and the only progress I could actually account for was that I now had a soft wart instead of a hard one.

I quit the vitamin E and let it dry out. When it got hard again I sanded it down with an emery board. It was still there and it still hurt, but at least it didn't stick out and bug me to death. It grew back in a couple of days and I decided I couldn't go through life sanding down the side of my finger, so I resorted to the last straw.

One person had told me that I had to take a pair of tweezers and pull the roots of the wart. Quite Spartan to say the least. My wife would have nothing to do with the program, so I had to attack it wielding the tweezers in my left hand.

I quit when I couldn't stand the pain any longer and I couldn't account for a single root pulled.

I'm now out of home remedies. If I hear of some more from you readers I'll try them, but don't wait too long because I'm actually contemplating going to the doctor.

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## A Christmas Gas Saver

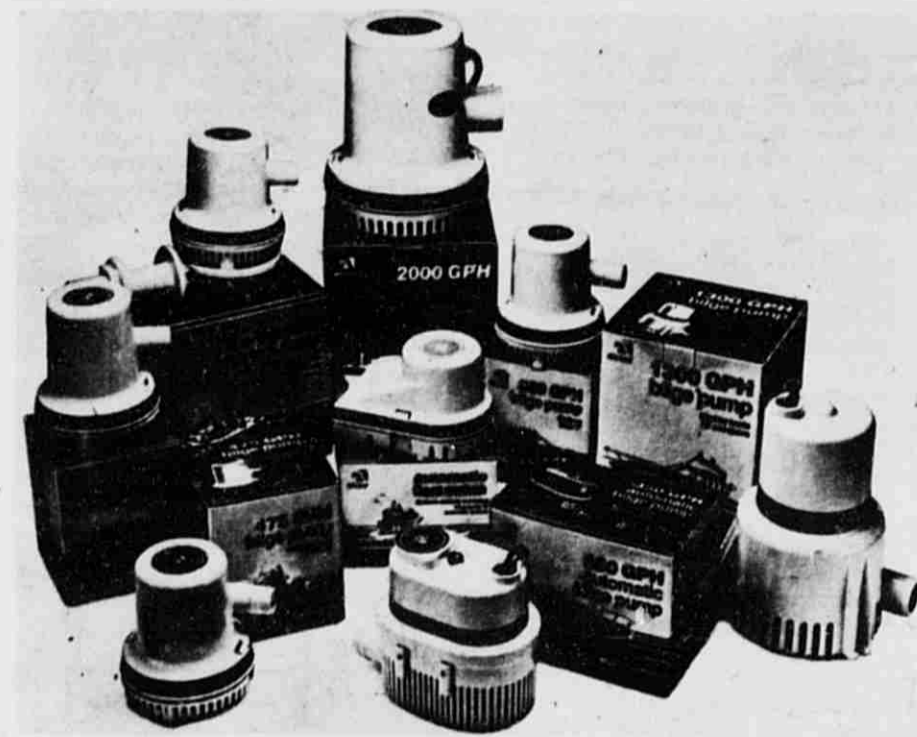
Our downtown shopping community offers savings before you get to our stores. Every store is within walking distance of public transportation, so you don't have to drive and you save expensive gallons of gas. No aggravating traffic hassles to shatter your nerves and a comfortable, friendly atmosphere in which to do your Christmas shopping. We'll get you into the Christmas spirit and help you hold a sensible Christmas shopping budget.

### Shop LOWELL First!

To help stimulate marine accessory sales for retailers and to make shopping easier for consumers, Attwood Corporation has introduced unique color-coded packaging for its bilge pump line. The new merchandising system covers the most complete pump line in the industry, with each package color-coded by pump size. The package also includes information about selecting the proper size pump for different size boats.

Consumers have traditionally chosen bilge pumps according to price," said Phil Globig, Attwood vice president of marine sales. "But getting the right pump size is important for boating safety, so our new packaging includes the gallons-per-hour rating, a photo of the pump, usage suggestions and other information to help consumers make the right choice." Each package shows a drawing of the type of boat for which the pump is appropriate.

"Our packaging is also designed to give retailers a selling edge when they display our entire bilge pump line," said Globig. "When the boxes are stacked on shelves, they form rows of colors that really attract attention. It's a unique array that stands out."



Globig adds that the new packaging is one way Attwood is making a push for more aftermarket sales. "Because we offer the broadest line of boating accessories in the industry, we can help marine dealers build sales with many types of replacement or add-on items. Dealers also need the best possible selling tools right now; our packaging and consumer literature highlight unique product features to help stimulate inventory turns," he said.

Attwood is the world's largest manufacturer of marine accessories. For further information on Attwood bilge pumps or other marine products, write to Attwood Corporation, Box A, Lowell, Mich. 49331. Or call (616) 897-9241.



According to the Times of London, thieves who ransacked the offices of Games and Puzzles, a British publication, bagged several hundred thousand pounds in cold cash. All of it, however, was in play money.

## Christmas Arrangements



### FRESH TO SILK

Poinsettias  
Roping  
and Wreaths

Plants-  
Oyalias, Cyclamen, & Mums  
Holly Plants, Norfolk Pines

## Ball Floral

517 East Main Lowell - 897-7150

### Vergennes Club holds benefit

The Vergennes Co-operative Club held a successful Bake sale last Saturday morning for the benefit of the Lowell Area Schools Association. Co-chairpersons for the event were Carol Harper and Mary Teft.

The Vergennes Club has served the community around Vergennes Township since 1914, supporting such worthwhile organizations as the Cancer Society, the United Way, and the YMCA. Some recent projects include a flag and flagpole installed at the Vergennes Township Hall and the 'Welcome to Vergennes Township' sign which can be seen on Lincoln Lake, just north of Lowell.

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### WINTER GARDENING

The wind may be howling the snow into drifts outside... but it's already garden planning time in hundreds of thousands of American homes. And, whether your winter is snowy or mild, with the cost of store-bought produce as high as it is today, we thought you'd like to learn a few tips from Jack Roland Coggins of Raymond, Nebraska. Mr. Coggins claims, "I garden seriously... so seriously that I've learned to grow ten times more vegetables in my organic produce plot than most other gardeners can raise on the same size patch."

What is Jack's secret? Number one, he plants jumbo varieties of most of the vegetables he cultivates. "When you harvest 20-pound cabbages, 50-pound squash, 40-pound watermelons, and 2-1/2-pound onions," says Jack, "your yield adds up fast!"

Number two, Coggins concentrates on heavy producers when he plants fruits and vegetables that aren't available in giant size. "In general," he advises, "if the word prolific appears on a seed pack, I know I've got a winner even before I begin putting in my garden."

And, number three, Jack "double crops" most of his produce patch. "Fertile, organically rich land will usually grow two or more crops during a single season, if you know how to start a second planting while the first is still ripening. Early beans, for instance, can be followed, on the same ground, by celery, corn, carrots, or beets."

So let it blow outside! This is the season to sit by the fire, flip through a good seed catalog or two... and dream of Jack Roland Coggins-sized yields!

Of course, you could also follow the advice of John C. Huckans, who does more than dream. "If you haven't started this year's garden yet, it's high time you began," he says. And John, who raises bountiful harvests on a small city lot in upstate New York, knows what he's talking about.

"Instead of waiting for the traditional beginning of the gardening season—which falls around Memorial Day in my area—I started a few tomato plants in flower pots one January. I don't have any fancy equipment for indoor gardening, but the vines seemed to grow quite well when simply placed in a large, southern bay window."

"By mid-March, the plants were 15 inches tall and starting to bloom. I actually began picking vine-ripened tomatoes, indoors, in April... and harvested my first ripe outdoor tomatoes on May 16. (This was about two weeks before most of my neighbors even set their plants outside!)"

Start a garden next month? You'd better believe it's a good idea... even if you live as far north as upstate New York!

And while those tomatoes are growing in your south-facing window, it'll also be a good time to make sure your gardening equipment is in top running order. Take advantage of the less busy season to oil, sharpen, and otherwise care for your tools, clean up your greenhouse, and—in general—take care of the myriad little chores that you won't have time for later in the year.

For FREE additional information on winter gardening or on THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS magazine, send your name and address to Doing MORE... With LESS!... care of this paper. Ask for Reprint No. 638 "Jerusalem Artichokes" N4145

### Attwood employee attends seminar

Delbert Caniff, operator of the wastewater treatment facilities at Attwood Corporation in Lowell, recently joined more than 25 other industrial and municipal wastewater treatment operators at a seminar conducted by staff members of Williams & Works, consulting engineers. The workshop was held at the Williams & Works' seminar facilities in Grand Rapids.

The program was developed to enable each operator to take advantage of the most efficient and cost-effective methods and procedures in the day-to-day management of individual wastewater treatment facilities. Some of those attending the seminar will utilize the training to pass the license examinations required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Topics on the program included: the characteristics of industrial wastewater, an overview of the treatment processes in common use, with particular emphasis on industrial applications, a refresher on operational mechanics, laboratory analyses, and maintenance programs. Discussions were also held on methods of sludge conditioning and disposal.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	5,173	Demand Deposits	\$12,222
Interest Bearing Deposits with other Banks	4,594	Savings Deposits	21,005
U.S. Government	9,202	Time Deposits	44,909
State & Municipal	10,836		
Federal Agencies & Other	5,548	Accrued Expenses & Other	4,137
Total Investments	25,586	Capitalized Lease Payable	375
		Federal Funds Purchased	600
Commercial Loans	17,179	Total Liabilities	83,248
Installment Loans	13,866		
Mortgage Loans	21,533	Common Stock	1,262
Total Loans	52,578	Surplus	2,500
Less: Unearned Interest	920	Retained Earnings	3,553
Reserve for Loan Losses	430	Total Shareholders' Equity	7,315
Total Net Loans	49,228	TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$90,563
Property & Equipment	1,756		
Other Real Estate	517		
Accrued Interest & Other	2,709	Capital to Asset Ratio - 1981	8.08
TOTAL ASSETS	\$90,563	Capital to Asset Ratio - 1980	8.00

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### Facts and Figures about Depositor Protection at FSB

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# Area Sports...

## Saranac Redskins game

The Saranac Redskins put some real suspense into their basketball, but did not return with a win Friday night. Tony Dunkelberger broke a 29-29 tie for Maple Valley

just as the halftime buzzer sounded. M-V held Saranac to only 11 points in the second half, finishing up 72-40. Saranac is now 0-4. Saranac Coach Terry Abel

said the team moved the ball well but could not beat the press. "We have to put four quarters together," he said. High point man for Saranac was senior Pat Allen with 11 points. Senior Duane Butcher and junior Ryan Murphy each racked up 10.

Murphy led in rebounds for the Redskins with 14. Joe Vorheis fielded 5. Dan Fielding and Butcher grabbed 4. Don Leslie got 4 plus 4 assists and three steals. Allen made off with the ball 5 times.

The Lowell Red Arrows traveled to Coopersville Friday night and came away with a Tri-River Conference victory 44-40. It was the first road game of the season for Lowell.

It looked like Lowell was going to put the game away early when they jumped off to a 10-4 lead with Greg Malone hitting consistently from outside. But Coopersville rallied back to narrow the gap 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. Lowell was

unable to penetrate Coopersville's tight 1-3-1 zone defense and trailed at half time 20-18. Coopersville held Lowell's leading scorer, Phil Beachler, to just 2 points in the first half.

In the second half Lowell went to a press to try and change the tempo of the game. The press consistently forced Coopersville to turn the ball over, however, Lowell was committing their share of turnovers also. The third quarter ended with Coopersville on top 31-30.

In the fourth quarter the Red Arrows came to life. Jason Barber hit three quick field goals and Phil Beachler scored 6 of his game high 14

points to give the victory to the Red Arrows. A crucial point came in the fourth quarter when 23 seconds were left on the clock. With Lowell leading 42-40, junior Tim Carless went to the line and dropped in a very important free throw. "That was a big point in a clutch situation," said Coach Akers. "We need that kind of help coming off our bench if we're going to be successful."

The victory evened Lowell's Tri-River mark at 1-1. The Red Arrows travel to Fremont this Friday for another important conference game.

The fans were tremendous, he felt. To take a quote from another coach recently, Akers said, "The fans were our 6 ft. 5 in. man in the middle."

Phil Beachler led Lowell with 22 points and Greg Malone had 19. Duke Burdette contributed 6 points and 7 rebounds.

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## "This Week In Outdoor Michigan"

Lake trout and steelhead are being taken in fair numbers when weather permits off the piers on Lake Michigan. Days with mild to moderate wind conditions are few this time of year.

Water level conditions in the Grand River remain quite high for river wading. Steelheaders are presently fishing from shore or in boats. Success has been poor to fair.

Perch and walleye fishing has been fair to good in Muskegon Lake. Perch fish-

ing has been fair to good in Mona Lake and White Lake, Muskegon County.

No safe ice has yet formed in District 9 waters. Inland fishing has been almost nil as a result. Winter anglers are anxiously awaiting ice cover.

### HUNTING INFORMATION

Muskegon State Game Area has received its last delivery of eleven wild turkeys, live trapped from Region II. The release is an attempt to establish a flock of wild birds in the Muskegon game area. The next area to receive turkeys is Montcalm County where 30 birds will be released on two State Game Areas.

So far, there hasn't been any tracking snow for the muzzleloader deer season which is now in progress through December 13. Bow and arrow deer season is also open and will be in effect until January 1, 1982.

The almond is a member of the same family as the apple, peach and cherry. It developed into a nut instead of a fruit. At some time its pit was found to be good to eat.

ALMONDS

## Lowell loses heartbreaker to Lakewood

Paul Durkee hit a 30 foot jump shot as time ran out to give the Lakewood Vikings a 57-55 victory over the Lowell Red Arrows. Lakewood was the pre-season favorite to rule the Tri-River.

Both teams played excellent defense and showed a lot of patience on offense in the first quarter. The first quarter ended with Lakewood on top 14-12. In the second quarter with Phil Beachler and Greg Malone leading the way, Lowell took the lead 27-25 at intermission.

The lead changed hands several times in the 3rd and 4th quarters, setting the stage for Durkee's game winning shot. With 7 seconds left in the game Lakewood had the ball out of bounds with the score tied at 55 all. They had difficulty getting the ball to the mid-court line, but there they found Durkee. He took three dribbles and shot the ball to the basket for 2 points and the game. Durkee finished with 5 points.

Akers credited his kids for playing an outstanding ball game at both ends of the court. "We can really be proud of these kids the way they played. Lakewood was much bigger than we were but our guys hung in there."

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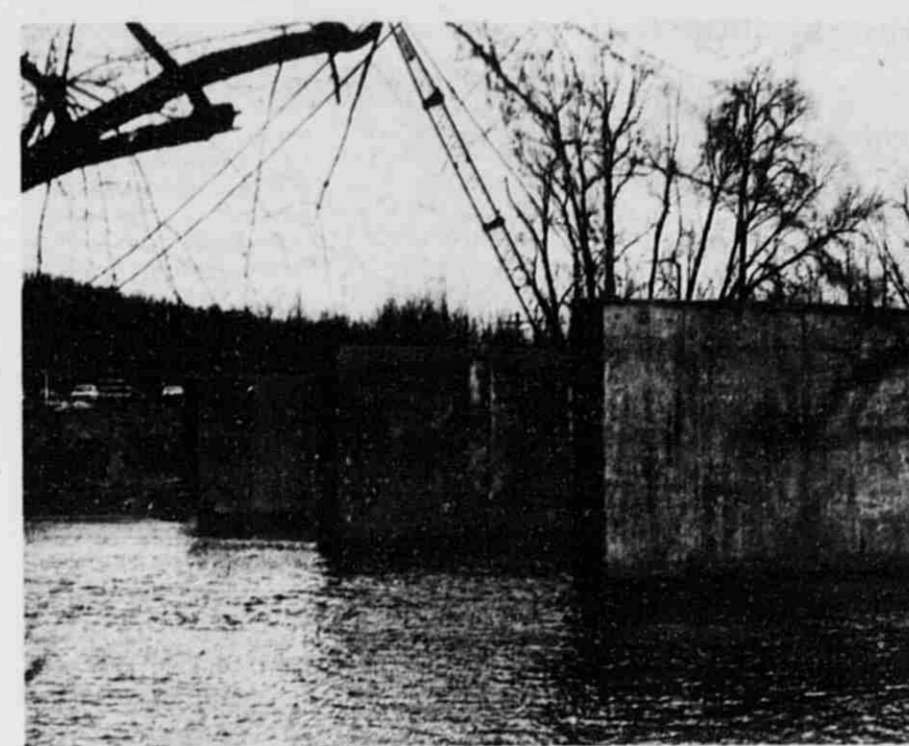
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## Here's your picture Jim!



In response to Jim Hall's "Letter to the Editor" of last week, here's a photo of Lowell's new bridge over the Grand River at Division Street. There is a fourth pylon being constructed that would appear to the right of these and is the closest to the north bank. There you go Jim, as far as we're concerned it's not much to look at yet, but "whatever blows your hair back!"

### No on helmet law repeal

The Michigan House of Representatives in action earlier this month, has given a clear indication that it favors the continued use of motorcycle safety helmets.

After nearly an hour of debate on HB 4659, a proposal to prohibit local laws requiring helmet use, the House chamber voted 68 to 36 to defeat the bill, and also moved to defer any further consideration of this measure or its companion bill (HB 4660) for an indefinite period. Although both measures remain on the House agenda,

any additional action on either measure is not expected for some time to come, probably not before the end of the year. Proponents would need to come up with another twenty yes votes in order to secure a favorable vote on the issue (56 votes are required for passage).

Representative Tom Anderson (D-Southgate) sponsor of the state's original motorcycle helmet law, indicated he had kept a close watch on the law and its effects over the years, was pleased with the results and

saw no reason to repeal or modify the measure. Mr. Anderson was joined by several of his colleagues in speaking in favor of retaining the present requirement.

Several legislators, including the bill's sponsor, Representative Steve Andrews (R-Wolverine) generally indicated that the present law violated cyclists' rights and was not an appropriate area for government intervention.

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# Society Notes

## Women's Club Christmas Party

Friendly rivalry was in the air at the Lowell Women's Club last Wednesday as members bid against each other for baked goods from their own kitchens. Auctioneer Priscilla Lussmyer kept things at a lively pace until the last gaily wrapped package of goodies was sold, netting the club over 80 dollars.

The Lowell Senior High Choir, directed by Paul Balaam, delighted the audience with their Christmas music, ranging from medieval carols to American Spirituals. The 55 ladies then joined the

70-voice choir in singing nearly a dozen traditional Christmas carols, filling Schneider Manor with the spirit of the season.

Further singing was involved when members acknowledged the December birthdays of Olive Bieri, Ruth Jones, Zona Postma and Jean Wittenbach with the usual Happy Birthday song.

Guests for the day included Ann Batistella, Marguerite Beeman, Phyllis Moberg, Iva Pullen and Emma Smith.

Edith Roth gave a most interesting mini-report on bi-lingual education and the

### Happy Birthday...

**DECEMBER:** Doris Abel.  
**DECEMBER 16:** Carla Shores, Russ Breckon, Marilyn Keim, Ivan Graham, Helen Thompson, Klaas Kwant, John C. Osmorinski.  
**DECEMBER 17:** Kim Hale, Mark DeForest, Scott Behnke, Cheryl Treglia.  
**DECEMBER 18:** Debbie Thomet, Ron Krebs, Thomas Harper, Ronda Lake.  
**DECEMBER 19:** Cal Mott, Bruce Walter.  
**DECEMBER 20:** Karla Kehoe, Donna Blochet, Kelli DesJarden.  
**DECEMBER 21:** Bill Grummet, Chuck Schroder, Courtney Arnett, Tim Vandusen.

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## Ferris honor list

Nearly 2,090 Ferris State College students are included on the academic honors list for the recently completed fall quarter here. Dr. Donald A. Priebe, vice president for academic affairs, has announced.

To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.25 grade point average in at least 14 quarter hours of graded work; a 4.00 is all A's.

Among the students from Lowell were Dale R. Bieri, Ruth A. Reagan and Sheila M. Smith along with Beverly A. Ripley from Alto. From Ada were John G. Anderson (4.00), William W. Crosby and Marilyn K. Samuels.

## In the service

Navy Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Charles M. Gochenour, son of Cecil C. and Norma L. Gochenour of 12138 Bowes Road, Lowell, Mich. has reported for duty aboard the submarine USS Dace, homeported in New London, Conn.

A 1979 graduate of Lowell High School, he joined the Navy in August 1979.

## Births Letters...

**Dear Roger,**

Hey — here's a word for all to hear. Of something great this time of year.

I mean the many Christmas lights, in doors and windows -shining bright -warm and friendly -in the night.

The message that they bring to me. Is some Christmas person with joy and glee

**Put 'em up there for me to see.**

And, so, whether this is true or nay, I say "thank you" anyway!

May your Christmas be more bright, because you shared your Christmas lights.

Merry Christmas to you and all kind people of good will.

From another faithful reader ....

## Off the blotter

Susan Polzin was involved in an accident at Main and Hudson Friday evening when her vehicle was backed into by another vehicle driven by a 16 year old juvenile.

Taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday evening was R.J. Patrode of Lowell. He will be arraigned on the charges Monday in 63rd District Court.

Arrested by Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept. Deputies Thursday evening was Paul Richie of Grand Rapids in connection with several breaking and enterings in Ottawa County. Richie also confessed to the larceny of 2 tires and wheels and a battery from Thome's Chevrolet on Thursday evening, 3rd of December.

Curing popcorn is simply drying the ears until the kernels are of popping quality. Popcorn should be harvested after the stalks are brown and dry, the husks are dry and the kernels are hard. After husking, hang the ears in mesh bags in a warm, dry, well ventilated area for two to three weeks. Test a few kernels occasionally for popping ability. When you're satisfied the popcorn is dry enough, rub one ear against another to remove the kernels. Store the kernels in jars in the refrigerator or some other spot that offers low temperatures and high humidity.



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## Kent County dog sled races

With the first winter snow fall, sled dog teams eagerly take to the trails in what is becoming one of the fastest growing winter sports in the country. And, many people are finding out it's just as much fun for spectators as it is for the "mushers".



Mike Jamison of Midland will again be racing at Johnson Park, January 9 and 10 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
Photo by Paul Overreiner

Michiganites can get a first hand look on January 9 and 10, when the Kent County Road and Park Commission and Tuffy Dog Food present the Mid Union Sled Haulers (M.U.S.H.) at Johnson Park, Wilson Avenue and 28th Street in Walker.

The Kent County Dog Sled Race will offer a variety of events sure to excite and thrill those who attend. There will be three classes of dog sled racing (3-, 5- and 7-dog teams) plus two classes of weight pulling, a kiddies race, and ski jogging (where a dog pulls a person on cross country skis).

Action begins at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. After all events on Sunday, trophies will be awarded at that time. For more information, call 451-2724.

## Ledger Deadline

To help us meet our deadlines, 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.

## County to have new bridges

C-Way Construction Co. of Spring Lake is the apparent low bidder of 13 at \$397,538 for a new bridge on Crahen Ave. over railroad tracks just north of M-21, Grand Rapids Township, reports James Porritt, manager of the Kent County Road Commission.

And in another bridge project — this one in Cascade Township — bids will be opened Jan. 20 by the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing for a new Cascade road span over the Thornapple River, estimated at \$1,555,000, he adds.

In each job, the MDT is acting as the go-between between the United States government and the road commission because federal funds are involved, says Charles K. Brooks, district highway engineer for the Grand Rapids office of the MDT.

The new Crahen Ave. bridge will replace the narrow, two-lane humpback span built in 1915, and it will be 41 feet wide and 134 feet long. The railroad, Grand Trunk & Western, owned the bridge but sold it earlier to the road commission for \$1. Porritt says.

The new span will have two lanes and concrete shoulders, bringing it up to present day standards. Approaches to the new bridge will be lengthened north and south of the railroad tracks to eliminate the humpback. In-

stallation of drainage structures will be part of the project.

Detour will be by the East Beltline and Bradford St. NE. Completion date is next Sept. 1.

The Cascade Rd. span in the village of Cascade was built in 1919 with two lanes, but was widened to four lanes in 1929. Cascade Rd. is former US16.

The bridge was repaired by the road commission in June of 1978, costing about \$15,000. The repairs included work on the deck, the north concrete railing and sidewalk.

It takes 12 to 14 months to build the structure if there are no delays and during that time, one lane will be open to traffic, Porritt says. The new bridge will be made of concrete as will be Crahen Ave. span.

In both projects, the federal government will pay 80 per cent of the cost and the MDT and road commission 10 per cent each.

Dave Barnes

## Council Proceedings

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of the  
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of the  
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting of Monday, November 16, 1981.  
The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Dean Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmembers, Christiansen, Fonger, Maatman, and Collins. School Representative Burdette.  
Absent: Councilman Schneider.  
IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Maatman that the absence of Councilman Schneider be excused, supported by Councilman Fonger.  
Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Minutes of the November 2 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Fonger.  
Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Fonger that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Maatman.  
Yes: Councilmen, Fonger, Maatman and Collins.  
No: None.  
Absent: Councilman Schneider.

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS**  
**General Fund** ..... \$21,415.02  
**Sewer Fund** ..... 2,209.41  
**Water Fund** ..... 565.62  
**Equipment Fund** ..... 1,932.66

Mayor Collins introduced Mr. Virgil Biggs and Mr. Steve Thompson from Biggs, Hall and Hauseman, the City's auditing firm. Mr. Thompson stated that all the work is done, and they are now in the process of compiling all the information on new forms required by the State. He also noted that with increased revenues and decreased expenditures over the past fiscal year, that the City is in a very good financial state. A preliminary report has been given to the City Manager and the Treasurer, and the detailed and completed report will be submitted shortly.

Mayor Collins questioned the additional cost of the audit this year stating that he understood that once the program was set up, the audit would take less time and preparation in future years. Mr. Biggs replied that that was true, however, because of the new forms and reporting that must go to the State, it is again starting the new procedure for the first time. Next year it will be much easier, and hopefully, less costly.

Mr. Biggs then went over in detail the report for Lowell Light and Power, explaining the new structure of their accounting procedures and that at last, everything is now on the computer and easier to work with. He also went over how the total cost to produce power is determined.

Council then discussed 1981-82 season salt bids. The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen for adoption, supported by Councilman Maatman.

WHEREAS, the city of Lowell is interested in purchasing salt for use on City streets during the upcoming winter; and  
 WHEREAS, the following bids have been received and tabulated:

Morton Salt Co. .... \$22.94 per ton  
 Dorstar Industries, Inc. .... No Bid  
 International Salt Co. .... 24.63 per ton  
 Cargil Salt Co. .... No Bid

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the low bid of \$22.94 per ton by Morton Salt Co., is hereby accepted.  
 Carried.

Manager Quada then headed a discussion on the necessary pre-treatment plan for the new waste water treatment system which must be submitted to the D.N.R. He stated that all non-domestic industrial plants except Attwood Brass Corp. are connected to the City's system. The main thing being worked into the system is protection for the system in case of accidental chemical spills which could possibly "overkill" bacteria used in the system. Attwood has their own system with lagoon, which is then let into the Flat River.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Maatman.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan requires the completion of an Industrial Pre-Treatment Plan; and  
 WHEREAS, said plan is eligible under the Wastewater program; and  
 WHEREAS, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, the City's engineering consultants are qualified to prepare and submit said plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Lowell and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber for the preparation of a Pre-Treatment Plan for submission to the Department of Natural Resources at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.  
 Carried.

There was no Citizen input or suggestions.  
 Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada announced that the Emergency Medical Training program has started. 18 people from the City and three from Alto are involved. Three organizations have contributed enough monies to fund the entire cost of the program for all 18 of the City's people, at \$277 per person, which is greatly appreciated.

Under Council comments, Councilman Fonger asked when the cutoff date would be on the City's leaf burning policy.

Manager Quada replied that the last date would be November 30. This year persons wishing to burn leaves were directed to call the Assistant Fire Chief, Frank Martin for permission to burn, which has worked well. That way if there was a call on a fire he could tell immediately if it was a controlled burn of leaves, thus alleviating several fire runs.

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

Approved:  
Dean E. Collins, Mayor  
Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

## PROCEEDINGS

of the  
Kent County Board Of Commissioners  
DECEMBER 11, 1981 MEETING  
Continuation of Recessed Meeting of December 2, 1981

December 11, 1981

The Kent County Board of Commissioners met to continue the recessed meeting of December 2, 1981.  
 Chairman Ehlers called the meeting to order.  
 Roll called.  
 Present: Blakeslee, Boerema, Butth, Byington, DeKraker, Froman, Galney, Johnson, Kuhn, Labrecque, Lantiga, Marsh, Mazurkiewicz, Northouse, Sevensma, Sietsma, Smolenski, Chairman - 18.  
 Absent: Popel, Somerville, Wahlfeld - 3 (all explained).  
 Quorum present.  
 Commissioner Marsh gave the invocation.  
 Those present united in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
 Chairman Ehlers introduced and welcomed the newly appointed Drain Commissioner, Barry Bittreck, who will take office on January 1, 1982.  
 Commissioner Smolenski introduced his daughter, Emily.  
 Resolution No. 12-81-250, amending the Tax Certificate for Rockford Public School District, was presented: (All have received copies.)

### RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER DE KRAKER

WHEREAS, Resolution 10-81-2085 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on October 30, 1981, and  
 WHEREAS, said Resolution certified assessment rolls of governmental jurisdictions and directed that the millages therein provided be spread on the respective township, village and city rolls, and  
 WHEREAS, the Rockford Public School District voters approved an additional 1.7000 mills on December 10, 1981 with said vote being certified by the Board of Canvassers of the County of Kent on December 11, 1981, and

WHEREAS, this affects the City of Rockford and the townships of Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Grattan, Oakfield and Plainfield by increasing the total maximum millage rate from 30.0800 mills to 31.7800 mills for the Rockford Public School District.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 10-81-2085 be and is hereby changed from 30.0800 mills to a maximum of 31.7800 mills for the Rockford Public School District's total operating millage in the City of Rockford and the townships of Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Grattan, Oakfield and Plainfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be directed to sign the amended tax certificates for the above-named governmental units.

Commissioner DeKraker moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Galney.  
 Motion carried by the following vote:  
 Yes: Blakeslee, Boerema, Butth, Byington, DeKraker, Froman, Galney, Johnson, Kuhn, Labrecque, Lantiga, Marsh, Mazurkiewicz, Northouse, Sevensma, Sietsma, Smolenski, Chairman - 18.  
 Nays: None.  
 Commissioner DeKraker moved to adjourn to Thursday, December 17, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting and Monday, January 4, 1982 at 9:00 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Marsh.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

Date: *Kenneth J. Ehlers* *Miriam J. DeKraker*  
 Chairman Mayor

## County opens new X-Country ski trails

Provin Trails Park, with 45 acres, at Four-Mile Rd. and Bird Ave., just west of the East Beltline NE, is open for cross-country skiing for the first time, reports Craig Buckley, planner for the Kent County Road and Park Commission.

This new park has 1.7 miles of trails for cross-country skiing, bringing the total mileage of such trails in Kent County to 24.7, he says, adding that an updated brochure, with maps of the parks and trails, is available to cross-country skiing enthusiasts.

The brochure worked up by the planning department of the KCRPC may be obtained at no cost from such organizations, agencies and businesses as the West Michigan Tourist Association, Grand Rapids, Department of Natural Resources in the State Building, Grand Rapids, Chamber of Commerce of Grand Rapids Area, sports shops, L.E. Kaufman clubhouse at Palmer Park SW and township offices as well as from the KCRPC, 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids.

The Provin land was deeded to the City of Grand Rapids by the owners in the Thirties. The KCRPC earlier

this year was given a 40-year lease for \$1 by the city, says Buckley. The park has a connecting trail to the Robinette Orchard cross-country ski trails which have been in existence for several years, he adds.

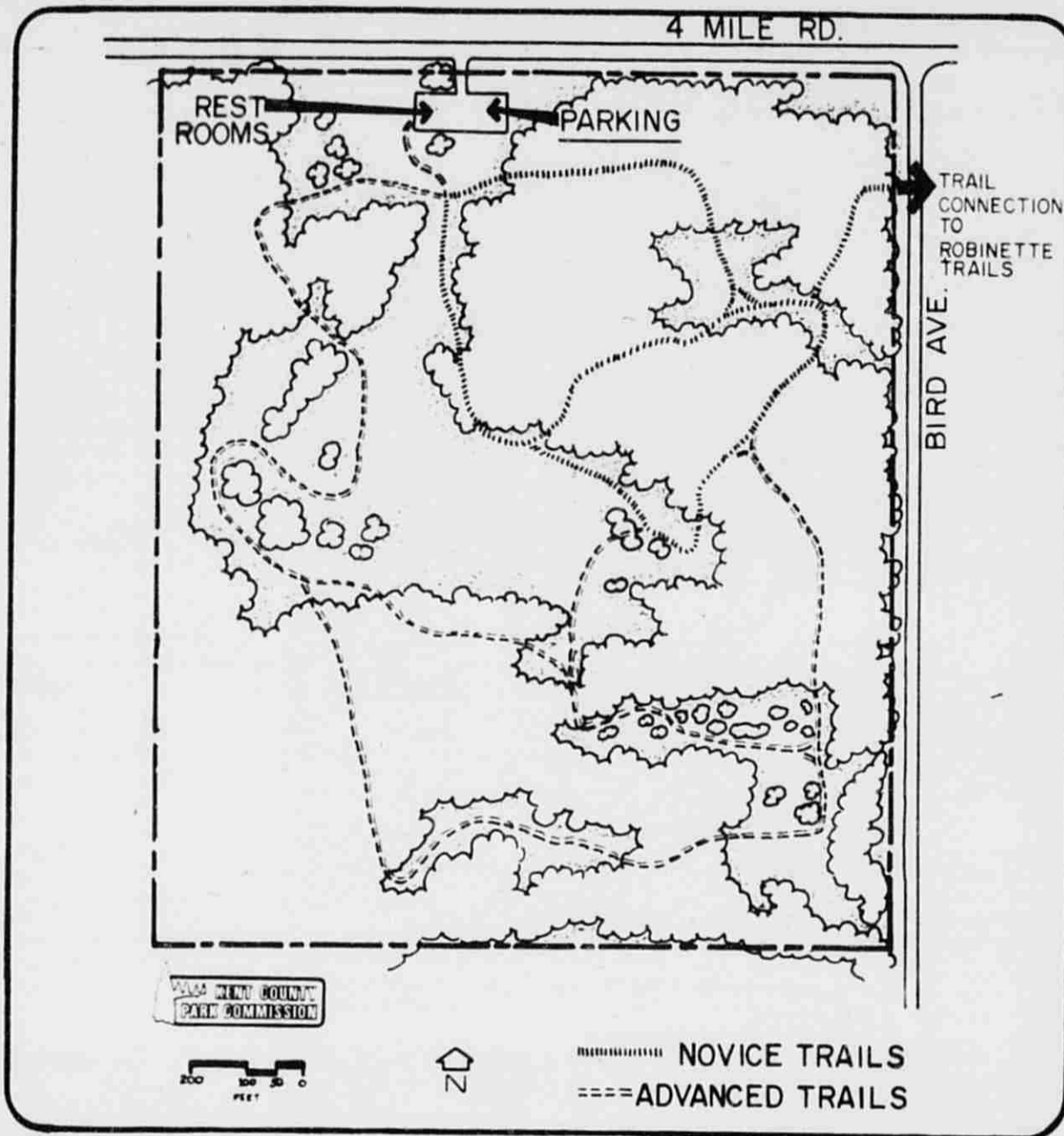
Other parks that have cross-country ski trails are L.E. Kaufman Golf Course at Palmer Park, five miles; Seidman Park at Honey Creek Ave. and Conservation Rd., Ada Township, four miles; Egypt Valley from Seidman Park to Townsend Park NE, eight miles; Coit Ave. Park on Bailey Dr. near Coit Ave. and along the Grand River NE, six miles.

A Sierra Club crew earlier this year cleared brush to form the trails in Provin Park and the KCRPC built a gravel offstreet parking area. The KCRPC and Grand Rapids Township shared the \$20,000 cost of improving Provin Trails Parks, says Buckley.

Also, with the free brochure is a folder with scenic pictures in alphabetical order, pinpointing the facilities at each park.

The ski trails are open during the cold weather season and are used for hiking in the warm weather season.

by Dave Barnes



## Legal Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
KENT

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION  
Case No: 81-44872-DM  
BEVERLY JEAN BURNS,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
TERRY BURNS, SR.,  
Defendant,

At a session of said Court held in the Circuit Courtrooms in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of December, 1981.

Present: HONORABLE  
ROBERT A. BENSON  
Circuit Judge

In this cause an action was filed on the 7th day of August, 1981, by Beverly Jean Burns, Plaintiff, against Terry Burns, Sr., Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendant, Terry Burns, Sr., answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 3rd day of February, 1982.

Failure to comply with this Order will result in a default judgment against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

Robert A. Benson  
Circuit Judge  
Examined, Countersigned & Entered: Ealry M. Lyons  
Deputy County Clerk

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY,  
Ealry M. Lyons  
Deputy County Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY  
OF KENT

File No. 81-45594-DM

HOWARD RAYMOND  
HIGGINS  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
VINIE MAE HIGGINS  
Defendant.

ORDER TO ANSWER  
At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice Building in the City of Grand Rapids, on the 17th day of November, 1981.

On October 27, 1981, an action was filed by Howard Raymond Higgins, Plaintiff, against Vinie Mae Higgins, Defendant, in this court for an absolute divorce, an equitable division of the property of the parties, and for such other relief as the Court may deem equitable in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, VINIE MAE HIGGINS, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before December 23, 1981. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this Court.

WOODROW A. YARED  
Circuit Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY  
Donna Sangard  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Kent  
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Child: Nichol Scott Sytkowski  
Hearing: Jan. 7, 1982 at 9:30 a.m.  
Petitioner: Cindy Hagerup

Dated: December 9, 1981

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

JOHN P. STIVETEE  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Child: Genarilus & Tamara Ruck  
Hearing: Jan. 7, 1982 at 11:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Diane O'Brien

Child: Christine Balger  
Hearing: Jan. 7, 1982 at 4:00 p.m.  
Petitioner: Thomas Brown

Child: Anticka Erdman  
Hearing: Jan. 11, 1982 at 2:30 p.m.  
Petitioner: Leon Hale

Dated: December 9, 1981

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## Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



We're in the winter storm season now and it's a good time to review the safety measures which should be taken in order to prepare for these dangerous storms.

Many types of foul weather can contribute to the danger. Freezing rain, snow, wind, and bitterly cold air are all hazards in one form or another.

But you can take steps to minimize the danger and discomfort of winter storms if one is forecast for your area. At home, make sure food (especially canned) and heating fuel are in good supply. Have a battery powered radio or TV set available for storm information. If you must go outdoors to shovel snow or for any other reason, dress warmly in layered clothing. Cover the head and use mittens on the hands. Take it easy on the shoveling — many deaths occur each winter due to heart attacks brought on by overexertion.

Prepare your car now for winter, it's not too late. Carry a winter storm kit that includes candles, matches, blankets, canned food and a first-aid kit. If you become stuck in open country, stay in your car and run the engine occasionally for heat, making sure that you are getting fresh air and that the tailpipe is not plugged. Wait for aid. Do not get out and walk, because it is easy to get lost in a blizzard, and often fatal.

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# Search for Lowell's History continues

The search for bits of Lowell's history goes on! As our Sesquicentennial year draws to a close, people still are sharing memories of earlier days, and pictures and stories are still welcomed by the "History committee" for the archives. An appropriate museum home may someday be developed for these records; in the

meantime they are to be placed in the Lowell Library. The latest acquisition consists of a number of early pictures and school annuals which belonged to the late Beatrice VanDyke Foreman. Among them is a whole series of shots taken in 1901, when Lowell's municipal dam, near Smyrna, went out in a flood and, only five years

old, had to be rebuilt. (At least this is my conjecture. If anyone thinks this is a different dam, let me know! -- Betty Coons.) Also, it is not too late to obtain copies of **Lowell: 100 Years of History, 1831-1931** and **Lowell: 50 Years of History, 1931-1981** for your own shelves or as Christmas gifts for friends or family.

They are on sale, at \$6.00 per volume, \$10.00 per set, at The Grand Valley Ledger, Lippert's, City Hall, That Special Place, The Buyer's Guide, State Savings Bank, and Lowell Savings and Loan. They may be ordered by mail, for \$7.00 or \$11.00, from the Sesquicentennial Committee at 215 W. Main St., Lowell, 49331.



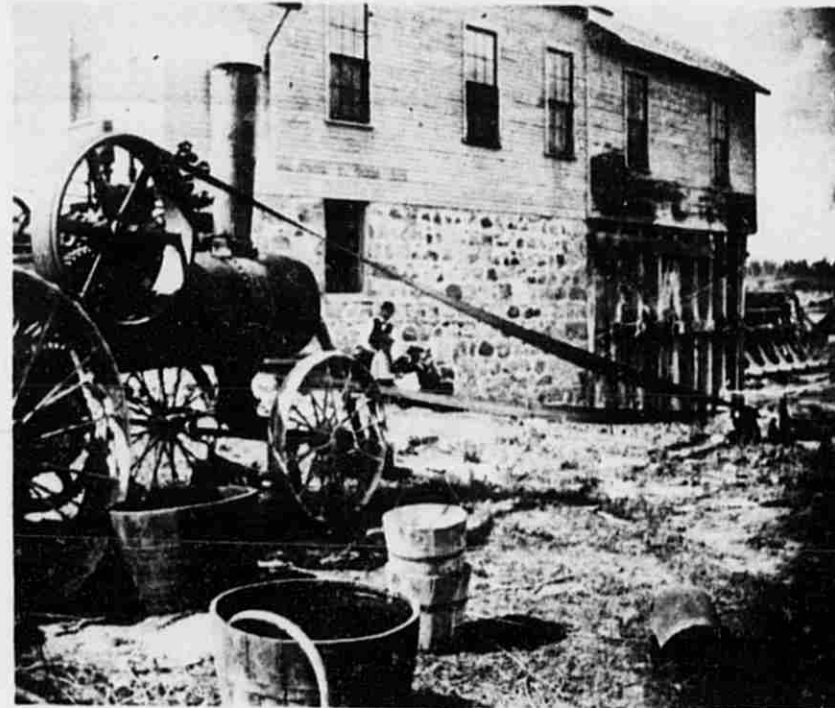
Rudolph Van Dyke, village president, and DeHaan search for the pump.



July 5, below the dam



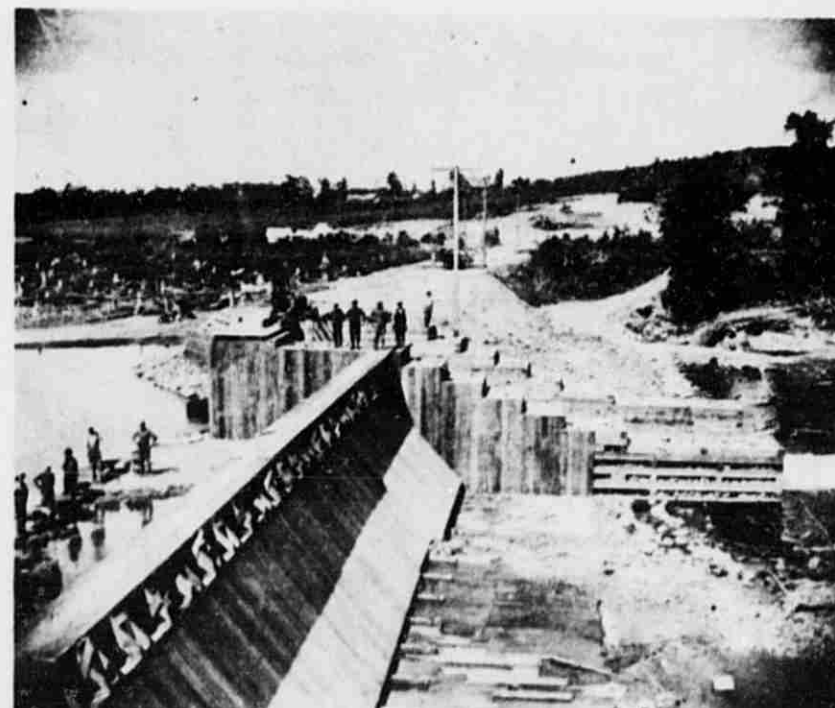
Stone gang on the lower crib (arrow points to Gene Carr)



Pumping out the coffer dam



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Civic Affairs Chairman A.J. Zengri p6

We'd like to thank our relatives and friends for all their prayers and support during the illness and passing of my wife, mother and grandmother. A special thanks to Dr. Gerard, and Dr. Davis, and the staff of Kent Community Hospital. A special thanks also to Rev. Bates for his words of comfort. May God bless you all. Gordon Sharpe and family

Lost & Found?

LOST — One male gray and white cat with white flea collar. Answers to Killer or Durk. Scared away by two schnauzers. Corner of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake Road. Reward offered. Please call 897-6449.

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In Memoriam

FRED BOWDEN  
"From Clouds of Cotton"  
by Elaine Starkweather  
The days have come and gone...  
How many, I'm not sure.  
Often, I'm awake at dawn,  
As time melts into a blur.

Sometimes I still think you'll call;  
Or stop by to talk awhile.  
The little things;  
I miss them all.  
But, gee, I miss your smile.

Time might dull my heavy heart.  
But, my love will never fade.  
You'll always be a major part  
Of what my life was made.  
It's your birthday month;  
just days away.  
And Christmas soon will follow.

I'm sure God knows it's hard to celebrate  
When our lives still seem so hollow.

But, Freddie,  
Happy Birthday.  
May God hold you to his breast.  
It's hard to have you gone away;  
For me... and all the rest.  
Yet, my comfort lies in knowing  
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Those days went the way of the V-8 car. Many Americans are now working to reduce skyrocketing home fuel bills by heating only occupied rooms.

A number of devices, ranging from woodstoves to portable electric and kerosene heaters are available on the market to do just that. Kerosene heaters, in particular, are enjoying a growing popularity due to advancements in design, materials and performance, and the

passage in most states of legislation permitting their use in dwelling.

"If used correctly, the heaters pose a limited hazard. The danger comes from improper or careless use," says Erwin Fuller, superintendent of fire protection engineering at Aetna Life & Casualty. "Proper use and maintenance are imperative; the heaters require constant attention by someone thoroughly familiar with them and their use."

According to Fuller, it is essential that kerosene heater operators never use any fuel other than kerosene and that the heaters be placed at least three feet from furni-

ture and other combustible materials.

Other tips from Fuller include: Discuss the size of the room you want to heat and select the properly sized unit. Have a salesperson demonstrate how to use it.

Check with the local fire marshal and building inspector regarding the use of the heaters and the storage of kerosene.

Consider placing a non-combustible barrier around the heater to keep children and pets away from the hot surfaces.

Always have good ventilation where the heater is used. Provide adequate air flow through the area for

combustion and the safe removal of the poisonous gases produced by the heater.

Use only high quality, low-sulfur clear kerosene. Don't store the fuel for more than a month or so.

Kerosene should be stored in clearly marked containers and not near a heat source or in the sunlight. Make sure the heater is UL (Underwriters Laboratories) labeled. Refuel the heater outdoors, using a pump to avoid spillage.

Check to make sure the flame is out after turning off the heater.

According to National Fire Data Center estimates, portable liquid-fueled heaters were responsible for 540 residential fires in 1977, 620 in 1978, and 740 in 1979. The total resulting property damage was about \$10.3 million, with \$5.6 million of the damage in 1979 alone. Most of the fires occurred in either the family room, living room or TV room, the NFDC added.

"Kerosene heaters appear to be an effective way to help reduce home fuel bills, and the recent approvals for use in many states will result in their widespread use," says Aetna's Fuller. "Like many other energy saving devices and practices, the kerosene heaters increase the hazards in the building where they are used. This means they must be used with care -- more care than we normally use in connection with other household appliances."

# if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

What's new with babies? Michigan has a judge who says it's better for an 11-year-old girl to have a baby than an abortion. That's new. I don't remember ever before hearing of such an incredible judge.

But what's new, and pleasant, with babies? Well, I recently learned that babies now suck milk out of bottomless bottles. That was new to me.

Two-week-old Emily came calling. She spent a lot of time on my pool table, which offers the flat surface required for the proper care and changing of a baby. Dedicated pool players might well blanch at the thought of what Emily was in a position to do to green felt. But my wife and children don't like to climb mountains for adventure, so they risk their lives by continually threatening the health of my most prized possession, the world's only pool table bigger than the elevator that moved it to the 26th floor of an apartment building.

For instance, my wife sews a lot and she cuts out dress patterns on the pool table. My son disarrays a lot and he thinks the pool table is a clothes closet. And now my newest grandchild, who leaks a lot, blocks both side pockets with diapers. If such desecrations of the temple had occurred 40 years ago in Curley Peloso's Poolroom, Curley would have called the cops.

People who see nothing untoward about a pool table Bathinette cleverly point out that all pool tables, including mine, come equipped with baby talcum which players put on their hands so the cue stick will slide smoothly. Sure. And because cue tips are used to clean infants' ears, it is reasonable to shoot eight ball in a maternity ward.

It is also reasonable, as my wife explained, to manufacture baby bottles with no bottoms. The baby's formula is made and warmed in a little plastic bag which is put inside the bottomless bottle, attached to the nipple end. There is a bottom to the bag, Dummy, so the bottle doesn't need a bottom.

This doesn't make sense to me. The plastic bags are disposable, the same as the diapers blocking my side pockets. After each feeding, the bag is thrown away. But baby bottles with bottoms can be used forever. This is one more example of how our Kleenex civilization encourages waste.

And if Emily is going to drink from a bag, why the charade of putting it in a fake bottle? Who are we trying to kid, the baby or ourselves? When the day comes that a bartender hands me a bag of beer, will it be packaged inside a bottomless bottle for the sake of nostalgia?

Happily, some things are still the way they were. Adults still can't go to bed without first peeking in at the baby. As I looked at Emily, sleeping on my pool table, and tried to will her awake so I could pick her up and ask her why she wasn't asleep, I thought about my oldest granddaughter, Michele.

Michele is 11, the same age as the Kalamazoo girl who was raped and must give birth to a child because the incredible judge refused to order an abortion. It was only a few days ago that Emily was unborn, and I could feel her kick by putting my hand on her mother's stomach. Anyone who has felt such a kick can never think lightly about abortion. That's why I will never understand those people and organizations who fight birth control.

But it's much easier for me to approve abortion than to visualize the horror of my 11-year-old granddaughter giving birth to a baby. She is still a baby herself. Michele's not small enough to sleep in a basket on my pool table when she visits, but she is still small enough that I can't go to bed without first checking to see she is OK, and touching her warm cheek.

Sorry. This was intended to be a light column about how bottomless baby bottles don't make sense on my pool table, but I can't think about children without also thinking of the incredible judge and what happened in Kalamazoo. That really doesn't make sense.

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